



Good Shepherd Netball Club

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General Committee Meeting – 24th May 2022

Attendees: Lisa Abbey, Chris Dimopoulos, Lucy Bidese, Vanessa Lawless, Linda Lay, Madeline Barbis, Lianna Barbis, Julie Gifford, Ruby Gifford, Jodie Wyllie

Apologies: Terri Klein, Joanne Hall, Zoe Gifford, Jo Rhee, Cindy Monty, Kevin Monty, Lauren Carbone, Joanne Clifford

Acceptance of minutes from previous meeting: moved Chris, seconded Lucy

Agenda items:

1. President's report (Lisa Abbey)
 - End of season fast approaching and planning for next season has begun
 - Lisa investigating new Child Safety Standards
 - Please be mindful that those on the committee, team managers and coaches require a Working With Children's Check. If you haven't provided a copy of yours, please send to the club asap
 - Could all team managers/coaches/members please familiarise themselves with the code of conduct. Nobody should be approaching umpires – if there is an issue during the game the coach or TM should find the court supervisor (wears a green jacket). Could TMs please reiterate this message to parents
 - Rush HQ end of season celebration invite extended to all teams

2. Registrar's report (Lucy Bidese)
 - An email to gauge interest in joining GSNC was put out to all Good Shepherd families recently, following multiple enquiries from prospective families during the autumn season
 - There will possibly be two new teams for spring season – a grade 3/4 team and a grade 5/6 team. Coaches from the Puppies are willing to help coach new teams – further discussions to be had
 - Lucy to put comms out to older players who may be interested in coaching

- If any of the older teams would like to change their name, Lucy needs to know now
3. Treasurer's report (Chris Dimopolous)
- Finances quite healthy
 - The term deposit of \$14K will come to term shortly
 - Everyday account approx. \$33K
 - Above balances allow the committee to proceed with end of season Rush HQ function

4. Brief report on the season so far from coaches/team managers ('around the room')

- a. **Puppies** – message from Lauren Carbone – The Puppies are doing a fantastic job. Week in, week out, they are improving their understanding of the game, and their skills are getting better with each practice and game. As a team we celebrate every goal, win, draw and loss and no matter the outcome the coaches are proud of the girls' efforts, and they are also proud of themselves and always looking forward to the next game. Our focus as coaches is not to win every game but for the girls to understand the game better and really focus on where they think they could have improved from each game and get them thinking about what they think they could have done differently in the last games.

Our defensive players have done an amazing job all season and our attacking players have improved dramatically, and we are just proud of the efforts of the girls. Coming into a team that have never played netball together, not really understanding the game or the rules, I think the puppies have done such a wonderful job over the course of this season.

Our team scored their first goal in week 2 of the season and the players and the crowd went wild. We have a very big cheer squad, so the girls certainly feel the love each week. We have won 2 games, 9-0 and 19-0, and drawn 2 games and we are currently sitting 5th on the ladder. Kev and I are both very proud coaches and are both looking forward to next season.

- b. **Starlings** – message from Jo Rhee – The Starlings are going really well and their improvement and understanding of the game is evident each week. Most of all the girls are having a lot of fun and enjoy playing with one another as a team. We're currently 3rd on the ladder.
- c. **Fillies** – Going well; some players are not focusing/behaving as well as they could be at training/game days. Going to try a more strict approach.
- d. **Cygnets** – no representative present.
- e. **Foals** – message from Jo Clifford – The Foals are having a fantastic season. While it was initially a big jump from U11 to U13s, the girls have really picked up the pace of their game to match it with the older age group and have worked hard to improve on their skills in training. The girls are showing great sportsmanship, always encouraging each other and listening well to our coaches. We are currently sitting on top of the ladder and are very excited to be playing our first finals in a few weeks.

A big thank you to our dedicated coaches Carla and Caitlin and to the parents for their ongoing support.

- f. **Puggles** – Have recruited a player recently, two players leaving, however two more are coming through. Currently in section 1 and have moved to section 2; this is a much better grade and have been winning more games. The girls would like to change their name, potentially to Fury.
 - g. **Bullets** – Doing ok, wont make finals, sitting about 5th on the ladder. Covid impacted play; 4 games were missed.
 - h. **Lightning** – Doing ok, had 8 players at the beginning of the season, lost one but gained one too. Currently sitting third on the ladder. Covid and influenza impacted a number of players.
 - i. **Thunder** – Ten players with seven playing regularly, some more committed than others and there's a risk of the team disbanding. Ruby is considering taking a step back. Possibly in the wrong division.
 - j. **Storm** – message from Zoe Gifford – The team is going very well and depending on next week's match may make finals.
 - k. **Gems** – must register through the club if this team is wanting to play under GSNC/wear GSNC uniform.
5. Working with children's checks – committee/coaches/team managers – message from Jo Clifford – there are still some outstanding WWCCs to be collected. Could all coaches/TMs and committee member who haven't yet done so please forward a copy of your card to the club's email address.
6. Reshuffling of equipment bags – 7 spare equipment bags ready to go. If teams would like any extra equipment etc please contact Equipment Coordinator Mark Ngau through the club.
7. Other business
- a. Zoe Gifford is Coaches Coordinator and is happy to be contacted by phone or email if any of the coaches would like assistance.
 - b. Cindy Monty is happy to work on the website if there is anything anyone would like updated.
 - c. Team managers and coaches are entitled to a GSNC hoodie. Please contact Uniform Coordinator Jo Rhee through the club.
8. Proposed date for next general meeting – TBC, prior to end of year presentation night

Meeting close: 8.45pm