

ZURICH NETBALL CLUB AGM 2015 MINUTES - THURS 29th JANUARY 2015

Meeting opened at 6.45pm, Toro Bar, Zürich.

Present: Claudia Almer, Clare Borland, Juliet Button, Jo Cackett, Sophie Clutton, Konio Cotti, Anna Currie, Rebecca Earnshaw, Leah Fitzpatrick, Sarah Hannibal, Emma Houseago, Leigh McLeod, Phil Marchetti, Barbara Pfister, Grace Poh, Naime Sabadi, Rabinder Sandhu, Lara Scheidegger, Gillian Towns, Rosie Cogill, Andrea Wood

Apologies: Sharon Davies, Christine Gutgesell, Rashmi Hahn, Louise Malcolm, Vicky Malcolm, Lorna Rettig, Ellie Thorneycroft

Minutes 2014

Minutes of the 2014 AGM were approved by majority show of hands.

2014 Goals

1) **Find a new venue for the club:** This was less urgent than initially envisaged since we still had use of the school hall for the entirety of 2014. However, we did find one in Seefeld. It isn't perfect; everyone would have to wear indoor-only shoes, and tape would have to be put down/pulled up for each session, but it is in the city centre and a decent time on a Monday night (it's quite tricky to get this). It's also cheap. The hope is that once the relationship is there, we could improve the time that we use it.

2) **Host the Peppermill tournament:** This was achieved, a three-court hall was located in Meilen, and we came 1st, 3rd and 11th!

3) **Improve the level of netball we play – with two teams in Peppermill semifinals:** Achieved!

4) **Average 14 people attending each training:** Implemented new policy of cancelling training if less than 10 people signed up. Didn't record training every week but average of 13 over the weeks where this was recorded; likely to be higher since the weeks where it wasn't recorded included Peppermill training etc. Graph of attendance included in the AGM slides.

5) **Create an environment that caters to everyone:** Have a lot of new members attending, and a lot more social events (very successful) so hopefully this has been achieved.

6) **Improve communication with Netball Switzerland and the club:** More interaction on the facebook page, regular website updates (view statistics included in the AGM slides). Attended Netball Switzerland AGM. Have some members of the club who volunteered to work with them on specific projects.

If anyone would like to post at any time on our website or from our facebook account, this would be gratefully received!

2014 Overview

- Brief introduction of who/what is Swiss netball – namely the overarching netball foundation in Switzerland. They organise coaching and umpiring courses, the Peppermill, and national squad training.

- Many highlights – Sola Lauf, matches against Zug, Peppermill, Bootcamp, Social nights, May Madness, Leopard's League, lots of babies! Details on slides.

Finance

It was noted that for another year, the Club has a significant surplus of funds – Treasurer Anna Currie noted ZNC is set up as a not-for-profit club but this year the committee did not manage to spend as much as they set out to. A significant amount of this year's expenditure went on social activities (including after the Peppermill tournament, where ~40 people attended) and it would be good if next year more money was spent on netball activities. However, it has been hard to get people to be able to attend courses, for instance; they are often held at short notice in Geneva and take up a whole weekend – it would be better if the 2015 committee managed to hold any of these events here (this was echoed in the feedback received by members).

It should also be noted that the more one attends club activities, the more one gets out of one's fees, e.g. the 50% reduction for bootcamp. (*There are still spaces if anyone is interested!*)

40 people paid membership fees for 2014.

Membership Fees 2015

Anna Currie then proposed that the fees for 2015 remain at current levels (100 CHF for a year; 55 for a half year or less; first two sessions free). It was noted that if we have to start paying for a venue this will use quite a lot of club funds. Sophie Clutton seconded this, and it was accepted by majority show of hands.

ACTIONS for the new committee:

- Appoint Treasurer and ask for this year's fees as soon as possible (due date set for end of February)
- Consider ideas provided by the club for spending some of the money in 2015
 - Umpiring course run in Zurich, by Zurich Netball Club
 - Coaching course in Zurich or to send players to one run in England
 - More bootcamps or one-off fitness events
 - Pay for hall hire to set up a monthly Saturday game in German Switzerland
 - Social events
 - Helping players attend Nationalkader
 - On a netball tour somewhere sunny (Namibia / Marbella)
 - To host our own international tournament

Committee 2015

Rashmi Hahn, Rabinder Sandhu, Rebecca Earnshaw, Grace Poh and Gill Towns were voted onto the committee, Claudia Almer and Sophie Clutton were re-elected; the committee was proposed by Lara Scheidegger, seconded by Anna Currie, and accepted by a majority show of hands. Lorna Rettig volunteered to help set up some regular Saturday matches with other clubs in German Switzerland.

ACTION for the new committee:

- Appoint a president and general secretary, and communicate these to the club

ZNC Statutes

No amendments were received to the Club Statutes

Discussion about Club Development

- Training etiquette: People need to remember to cut nails and remove jewellery when attending training. There was also a reminder to accept umpire rulings, no matter what people felt about their accuracy.
- Commitment: The doodle should reflect reality. If you can't come anymore, please update it as soon as possible. People are relying on other people's attendance; Peppermill trainings could have been better in that regard. Finally, members were asked to notify the committee as soon as possible if things changed and they could no longer attend something they had committed to.

Upcoming Dates for the Diary

- **Mondays until 30th March** - Indoor Bootcamp at 8pm - places available
- **18th Feb** - Half Term / No training in Zurich
- **End Feb** – Subs due
- **Sat 21st / Sun 22nd March** - The Big Netball Weekend in Geneva (Swiss Netball event)
- **9th May** – SOLA Lauf

All Other Club Business

Awards were presented for 2014:

Most Improved – Rashmi Hahn and Rabinder Sandhu

Most Committed – Sarah Hannibal

Best Support Crew – Andrea Wood (Peppermill Cake Stall) & Leigh McLeod (Post transport for Peppermill)

All members present joined the committee in thanking Phil for her dedication to our netball cause, and presented her with a bottle of wine. A bottle of wine was also presented to Barbara Pfister, for her assistance in securing the venue for the Peppermill tournament.

Sophie Clutton also asked any members present who wished to support her running the London marathon to make a donation to the Red Cross. *Members were invited to let the committee know if they were doing anything else sporty for charity that they would like some assistance in promoting.*

Meeting closed at 7.30pm.