

E G M Tuesday 14th March 6.45pm at Five Rivers

Apologies- F. Dawe, S Hill, R Staples, C Barrett

Val's Report

Just a few words to tell you why we are here and how we have got to this point.

Firstly, some background for those who are new to us this season,

Babs and I started a junior club back in the early 80's which was sponsored by the Salisbury Adult league for a couple of years, we used the small gym at Sarum Academy we only had one U12's team at the beginning, we then changed our name to Blue Jays and moved to Salisbury Leisure Centre when it first opened, and rest is history, as they say.

We have had many volunteers over the years that have helped develop the club and their time and effort was very much appreciated. With a club size it does take a lot organising and all our coaches, umpires and committee members are volunteers and give up their time because they love netball.

Babs and I have been with the club since the start and have tried to step back for a few years now but sadly circumstances have not allowed us to do so, when Beth left last October Babs and I took over coaching the Bees and U12's groups, which we love, but with me being Chair, Treasurer, club volunteer coordinated and coaching and Babs coaching and being Umpire Development Officer as well and we also support the teams on match days and umpire, this now has become a bit too much for us.

Ellie and Sarah who are coaching the U14's and the U17's and supporting on match days have decided that they will step away at the end of this season as they miss playing and they feel they cannot do both.

Therefore, Babs and I are retiring at the end of this season and with Ellie and Sarah leaving it leaves us without any coaches.

This is something we do with a heavy heart, Blue Jays has been a very big part of our lives for nearly 40 years, we have seen many players come and go, lots of girls have played for the county over the years and many still enjoying playing at club level in other areas, but sadly we feel now is the time to move on and enjoy our retirement in different directions.

We have been advertising for coaches for the last two years sadly with no luck.

I have spoken to Anna Young the Wilts NDO, who has provided me with a list of coaching courses coming up, Phoebe has approached Simon Woodhouse who is from WASPS, and he will put the word out for us.

I have spoken to Tracy Watts the Wilts Coaching Secretary, and she said that she may be able to support but only for short time, she is not local.

As requested by the committee I have approached Spire Reds for a possible merger, but they said no.

So that where are to date.

Proposed amendment to the constitution

10 Dissolution

- A resolution to dissolve the club can only be passed at an AGM or EGM through a majority of the membership.
- In the event of dissolution any assets of the club that remain, ~~become the property of Salisbury District Netball Association~~ **will be held in a trust fund** for the sole use of development of juniors.

Majority in favour of this amendment.

Questions brought forward to the committee-

- Is it a bigger problem than just getting more coaches?

Val - Yes we need to spread the load of the current committee members across more people. If more people join then we need certain training to be carried out such as safe guarding, DBS checks and GDPR knowledge.

- How long are the coaching courses?

Val- Level 1 is a virtual course. Level 2 is 3 weekends. You need to be working within the netball industry for 2 years and have certain qualifications such as first aid and safe guarding.

If anyone is interested, we do have details we can hand out.

A learning agreement can be signed as we will help pay for course, but you will need to stay for 2 years.

- Do you run a senior team and can they help train the younger groups?

Val-Yes, this is what we have in place and that is where our coaches have come from. They have decided they do not wish to coach anymore as they want to play.

Please could anyone with any ideas or what to help themselves come forward. They can contact Andy Thorndike Club Secretary via email.

