

Presidents Report - AGM 2020

Thank you for taking the time to review our AGM reports. I hope you and your family have had a safe and healthy time during this unusual year dealing with the COVID virus and that you and or your children are looking forward to returning to some type of basketball.

I would also like to thank everyone on the committee for their support during this strange year. While we have spent a large part of this report period in isolation and not participating in basketball, work has continued in the background on various areas and planning around a safe return to competition. A special thanks goes out to Roybn completing her one year term as secretary and also Rhonda our treasurer of 5 years.

I would also like to thank all of the individuals involved in coordinating the various age levels of the club. For the boys this includes Stef Juchno for the U8's, Andrew Weekes for U10's, Adam Green for U12's and Sharron Furssedonn helping out with our senior. For the girls I thank Brent Airs for this help with the junior girls and Tony Davidson for the senior girls. Overseeing and filling in the blanks in these age group roles has been Kirsty Ferriggi as boys co-ordinator and Jason Clemow as girls co-ordinator. A big thank you to these 2 for their 6+ years of service to the club in these roles.

I would also like to thank Tony Davidson again for volunteering as a club representative in the roles of medical submissions coordinator and grading secretary for several years now. I would also like to recognise the large amount of time Geoff Jones has volunteered for the club in multiple roles. More recently as an appeals officer and a grading secretary. Geoff has decided it is time for a well earned rest from basketball administration and we wish him and his family all the best and I am sure we will still see him around the basketball courts.

From a competition point of view it has obviously been a quiet year. Knox is still in negotiations with council over the proposed State Basketball center extension with funding being the main point of contention. As we return to competition we expect to hear more about the direction this will take and look forward to the future expansion of the facilities we have access to.

Financially Knox has indicated they have coped well with the impact COVID has had on us all. Dealing with almost 9 months of no income is hard for any association but work has continued to ensure that when the green light is given, competition can resume in a safe and fun environment. With this in mind there will be several smaller events held by Knox to raise funds to lessen the impact on the basketball community. I encourage you all to participate or get involved in these events to help restore a sense of club and community as we return from this long period of isolation.

In terms of the Basin Wildcats, I am happy to confirm we are in a strong position to return to competition when it commences. At present Knox is working through their financial plan and how they are going to handle clubs that paid for Summer 2020 rounds 12 onwards that weren't played. It looks like this will take the form of some sort of credit to clubs that we will pass on to members at future registrations. As soon as we know more we will update members on what options are available.

As for registration for the new 2021 Summer season we are still unsure what the length of this season will be. Once we have confirmation on the number of games we will be invoicing members according to whatever compensation the club can provide for the games that were missed in that Summer 2020 season. This will be a long and manual process so we ask for your patience as we work through this. We also ask for your prompt payment of registration fees when they are sent out as the club will be operating without these for some time at the start of the season.

In the Summer 2020 season we entered 65 teams. With the return from COVID isolation and late notice given to members wanting to return I am still happy to see that we have registered 55 teams for this new, short Summer 2021 season. Even though this will be a short season I am sure everyone is looking forward to their kids getting involved in team sport again but as this will be a very different season we ask again for your patience as we navigate the new rules and regulations that will start and no doubt change as this season progresses.

Finally I would like to draw everyone's attention to the committee members again, in particular the senior members who have been doing their volunteer job for 5 if not 8+ years. These are all great people that have done fantastic work to get the club to this point but we are in desperate need of new volunteers to take on these roles. Parents we need you to set the example of getting involved and making this club a great community to be involved in. It doesn't take much, most of the people you see here started their positions in U8's with very little knowledge of how the club works but all of them have brought something new and improved to the club. I am sure all of you have had an idea of something that could be done better. Stand up and join in and help make that something happen. We all look forward to working with you and ensuring this club has a bright and positive future.

Thank you

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