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**YASS TOUCH ASSOCIATION INC.**

**ANUAL**

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, August 26th, 2020**

**Club Room – Walker Park – 6.30 pm**

1. **Apologies**

Lisa Dunley, Simone Puckett, Emma Luckie, Laura Wise, Jack Hall, Bob Monkley.

1. **Present**

Cal Kemp, Kaitlin Kemp, Ben Wylie, Marnie Pack , Alarna Pack, Sam Pack, Jemma Ryan ,Greg Smith, , Matt Darmody, Billie Beck , Narelle Bullman, Kirby Jones ,Fergus Jones , Louise Hill , Will Collins , Kerry Hall, Naomi Jamison

1. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**
2. **Matters Arising**

Appointing Committee Members for 2020

**President** Kaitlin Kemp

**Vice President** Narelle Bullman

**Treasurer** Greg Smith and Benjamin Wylie.

**Secretary** Kirby Jones

**Referee Advisor** Matt Darmody

**Junior Touch Directors-** Billy Beck, Sam Pack, Jemma Ryan

**Rep Development-**Callan Kemp, Marnie Pack, Billy Beck

**Senior Touch** TBD

**Covid Official's** Rotation Roster of Committee Members

**General Members**

Kerrie Hall, Jack Hall, Louise Hill , Naomi Jamison , Fergus Jones ,

Bob Monkley, Will Collins ,

1. **Treasurers Report**

Finance Report Current bank balance as at 26 August 2020

$ 43,597.00

1. **Junior Touch**

The committee discussed the format for Juniors, that the junior competition will be run in almost the same format as 2019 with a few changes to the timeslots with the 4 to 8 year’s old playing shorter games.

There is need for more changes to be made to this competition with the Covid restrictions to come into play and the starting time/ duration and finishing time.

1. **Senior Touch**

This is one big change for this competition due to the Covid restrictions. The committee have to come to the conclusion that each senior team will play 2 back to back games following the method play 1 game of 20 minutes, with a 5 or 10 minute rest then play another game of 20 and leave. This allows as a change to control the play leave method that is engaged by the government.

This will be the same for the next hour time slot. However, each week the teams that play in the first hour timeslot will move to the second timeslot. This process will be on rotation for the duration of the season, unless restrictions change with limited notice.

The running of this competition along with Covid safety officers will be on a weekly rotation of all committee member.

# After communications with NSW touch the above has been discussed as players are unable to stay on the playing fields in-between games like what normally happens.

1. **General Business**

**Knockout-**

Narelle raised the idea of cancelling the Annual Yass Touch Knockout due Covid 19 restrictions. The Committee discussed a range of different strategies that we might be able to consider instead of cancelling the whole event months out from the weekend of the 23rd and 24th of January. The following ideas were discussed such as: Minimise costs, cut sponsor shirts, prize money. If restrictions are limited to just NSW or our regions close to Yass we discussed that we might be able to complete just a one day competition format or include junior teams to further build on their skills before the possible Junior State Cup in Wagga at the end of February.

In conclusion Greg will talk with NSW touch to discuss what the restrictions and how it might affect the running of the competition and when they may suggest to cancel the tournament. The results and a few different plans will be brought to the Yass Touch Knockout meeting on the 9th of September at 5.30pm

**Junior Rep-**

Following on discussions from the last general meeting. The committee have chosen to make trials for all teams on the same day. The date selected is Friday 18th of September at 5pm. With teams been selected by coaches, and committee members.

Expressions of interest will be completed online through google forms. This provides the development team and Junior touch team with a list of all contacts for each player. In addition, provides expressions of interest for coaches and more helpers for the competition and rep teams.

#This is going to be further discussed at the next meeting in great detail.

**Next meeting-**

**9th of September 5.30pm for Touch knockout**

**6.30pm for Touch competition**

* Discuss in greater detail Rep Trial night
* Start times for Wednesday night competitions
* Courses
* Ideas about referee course for the players in the age groups of 14 years and above to filter through in growing our junior competition over the next few years in helpers on junior comp nights.