Tyne and Wear County Netball Association Committee Meeting

Item	Notes
Date:	Thursday 1st May 2014
Present:	Tori Brady, Ashleigh Gibson, Jan Adams, Liz Wisniewski, Lynne Booth, Leanne Weatherburn, Kerry Smith, Linda Hall, Rachel Cassidy, Charlotte Rush
1. Apologies:	Sue Borthwick, Wendy Pinkney
Start Time:	7pm @ Blue Flames Sporting Club
2. Minutes of the previous meeting, matters arising and outstanding actions:	 Agreed with the amendment of Charlotte Rush (was Waites), and LB had requested attendees to National screening now LW. Provision of a format for selection to the regional academy received from Vicky Burgess. Five candidates from T&W have been invited to NE regional invitational sessions from the recent festival performance.
Correspondence:	Non received.
Finance Report:	 Discussion regarding some queries about the accounts and financial position of the county. JA discussed the academy coaches costs for travel expenses.
Umpring Report:	 It was discussed that for the 2014/15 season central venues would be made available for all umpires to take the fitness test. Dates TBC and distributed to umpires. Non-attendance of umpires was brought to the attention of the Committee. A number of no-shows had occurred where teams had done everything in their power to provide an umpire. Currently clubs face financial and points penalties for failure to provide and umpire. LB suggested the umpiring sub group discuss this and feedback.
	 The progress on the County plan targets was discussed in detail, led by LW. The Competition and Officiating sections had been updated and the other Secretaries were asked to send their updates to LW so she could update the overall plan for the next meeting.
League Report:	 A document regarding changes to the league rules had been distributed and the content was discussed. The suggested amendments were accepted, LW to modify and provide RC with rules for Handbook.
Performance Report:	• Excel/performance was discussed. JA outlined plans for the following groups: County Academy 12-16 years Regional academy trials are being held 28 June 2014, Vicky Burgess has provided selection criteria for this trial. Trials for County Academy are Sunday 6th July 2014 6-8pm. Candidates for trials are to be either existing academy members, recommendations from the Satellite academy coach (LW and Heather Buckle) or club coach nominations. There are to be no school nominations. The expected numbers are 40-50. Training will start Sunday 31st August at Gateshead Leisure Centre 6-8pm. This will allow 15 weeks training before Christmas. Satellite academies 1 and 2 under 14 years Satellite 1 – 6-8pm Gateshead Leisure Centre Satellite 2 – 6-7.30pm Central High School Newcastle (Wed?) Trials to be held in September (TBC) for existing players in the pathway and club coach nominations. Teachers will be requested to signpost players to clubs. Club membership is required from September for all participants. Development Group under 12 years Whitley Bay High School Wed 5.30-7pm Trials for this group will take place in Sept (TBC). Club or school nominations accepted. All players must be affiliated and attending clubs. • County coaches will be encouraged to speak to club coaches regarding progress at Academies at all levels. TB noted that this is part of the role of the Excel post on the Committee. JA suggested a parents meeting to give information and stress importance of attendance and details of what the child is taking part in.

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AOB:	 The issue of vacant committee roles was raised as an item by TB and discussed. A player from Riverside NC has been accepted into the EN U19 provisional squad following trials in Sheffield. This was noted as a great achievement! The committee adopted the proposals for funding for clubs attending National events and for coach funding. ACTION - RC to advertise on the Website.
Date of next meeting:	• TBC
Meeting Closed:	8:30pm