

Tyne & Wear Committee Meeting – 15th February 2019

Present – Sarah Jane, Liz W, Liz B, Cat W, Linda H, Mark S, Deb P, Helen E, Kerry L, Fiona Holden (NDO).

Minutes

Agenda Point	Discussions / Notes	Actions
1. Apologies	Charlotte, Katie, Rachel C.	
2. Actions from last meeting	<p>Golden Globes – everyone to think of possible nominees and to encourage clubs to nominate. There will also be the Regions Awards which are different. Closing date is soon. Again committee members to consider nominees or mentioning directly to clubs. Liz W. will look through members to see who is appropriate for a long service award and forward to Region.</p> <p>Regional Round Up Magazine – <i>not sure what this was? Was it something we had to contribute to?</i></p>	All
3. Affiliations / MyNet	<p>Taster Rate – the committee agreed not to add on any county charge to the England Netball Taster Rate Affiliation fee.</p> <p>Membership – update from Rachel C, via Liz W. The plan is to replace My Net from the new season, a version will be rolled out for testing from May/June. The new system will work via individual affiliation so each adult and junior will have to go in personally and affiliate, there will be no option for Secretary's to affiliate a block of people. The other thing that Rachel highlighted was that Secretary's will create the Club on the new system and then players will be able to select it and affiliate to it, however when creating the Club the Secretary will be able to choose which county they affiliate to!</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">This is a massive change for clubs – particularly for clubs with juniors and we need to communicate this as soon as we can so clubs can prepare.</p> <p>There was no indication how second affiliations would work so it may be that we end up going back to the way we used to do it last year, which would be a shame but....</p>	
4. Budget	<p>County in a healthy position. Most Spring League Fees are in, Liz W. and Linda to compare lists of outstanding fees. Cheque from Region for NDO income being passed over to Linda. Cheque will be for £4130. See later Item for further discussion. Total received in Affiliation Income so far this year is £4,920.70</p>	
5. Officiating	<p>More umpires have been involved in the Winter League, 61 as compared with 56 in the Spring. This is the highest number we have ever had actively officiating so hopefully the introduction of the new rule is helping. There are still a small number of umpires doing a lot of umpiring which needs to be addressed once we have more qualified umpires.</p> <p>There may be a shortage of umpires for Division 1 & 2 in the Spring season due to injuries and pregnancies, etc.. We have one C+ umpire – Kim Pearson, who</p>	

	<p>would be capable with a mentor of doing Division 2. Agreed to encourage Kim to do some Division 2 and progress.</p> <p>Make the Game Live – a further event will be held alongside the world cup, 16th and 19th July. Helen to advertise.</p>	HE
6. Competition	<p>There have been a couple of league issues and issues raised on team sheets, all fairly minor, over the course of the season. Cat as Competition Referee is dealing with the issues so spreading the competition workload. Also Helen is picking up the umpiring issues. In terms of lessons learned then a lot falls under game management, with umpires in lower divisions still not applying the rules to manage the players behaviour and leaving teams/players annoyed at the end of matches. The Captains Event has helped but there is still a lack of knowledge amongst players around the application of the contact and obstruction rules.</p> <p>Spring League – Divisions and fixtures are up, we have had quite a few drop outs which made things a little complicated. 87 teams so 3 short of full.</p> <p>Rule Changes – at the next meeting need to discuss any rule changes required for the following season so anyone with thoughts please bring to next meeting or forward to Liz W.</p> <p>Joint Competition with Northumberland – we had an application to join the league from another Northumberland club who play in Northumberland but are looking for some extra and different competition. Liz W. had some informal discussions with Northumberland and both were keen to look into organising some kind of joint competition. Specifically for clubs who are just below regional level, who don't have the resource or don't want to commit to regular weekend play. Agreed that Liz W. should have some formal discussions with Northumberland about organising something and test the demand.</p> <p>Cross-County Teams – this has been raised again following an email from Lolla as Regional Chair to all County Chairs raising the problems caused to the Region by clubs affiliating and playing in county leagues that strictly speaking aren't theirs. That said we have to remember that our responsibility is to do the best for all our county clubs, players, umpires, coaches, etc. which is a wide range of abilities and needs. Whereas the Region are only concerned with a smaller number of elite players & umpires. As an autonomous body and abiding by our league rules we are free to decide who plays in our leagues. However the rule we did agree some years ago requiring teams to play in their home county leagues has now been applied to North Durham as they have proper leagues now. Therefore Vixens and Durham palatinates who are the only teams who don't do this have been clearly informed that they must to retain their place in the T&W County league. This leaves us with one geographical anomaly which is Prudhoe Netball Club. Northumberland have informally indicated that they don't have an issue with Prudhoe playing in our league and not in theirs. I will have a further discussion</p>	<p>Ongoing HE/ CW/ LW</p> <p>All</p> <p>LW & N'land</p> <p>LW</p>

	<p>with Northumberland and perhaps we should formalise this agreement between the two counties.</p> <p>To complicate matters the new Affiliations system will allow clubs to select which county they affiliate to – we need to discuss this at next meeting.</p>	Next meeting item
7. Performance Update	Squads are progressing well, Deborah is about to start the process of recruiting the county coaches for the new season.	DP
8. Junior Competition	There have been some queries raised about the lack of results for the junior league on the website. Liz W. to email Charlotte, Liz B and SJ offered to assist Charlotte if needed.	LW, CS
9. Coaching	<p>Mark presented the results from the Survey, pretty good number of replies. Mark would like to organise a series of Coaching CPD events. Agreed that he should prepare a timetable of events with costings which can be reviewed before the next meeting and either agreed or discussed at next meeting. Some concerns were expressed that coaching was being done by coaches with no qualifications, no safeguarding training and no DBS.</p> <p>Also looking to buddy up experienced coaches with newly qualified to provide support and mentoring.</p> <p>Coach Grants have been awarded to Jeanette Shipley and Caitlyn Avery.</p>	MS
10. CAPS	<p>CAPS – there was a discussion about CAPS and it was agreed that:</p> <p>It is a very paper heavy complicated process which often clubs don't see the benefit of so it would be hard to enforce it on all clubs taking part in the league.</p> <p>Any club with junior players should have it to ensure they are complying with safeguarding, DBS, etc.. which is particularly important when juniors are involved.</p> <p>It is part of our NDO's remit to help clubs with CAPS submissions, so we should review our clubs and task our NDO appropriately.</p> <p>Could we maybe help clubs with some of the costs, for example running a first aid course and helping with costs?</p> <p>The Region intend to apply CAPS as a requirement for entry into all Regional competitions which is appropriate as Regional competition normally lead to national ones where CAPS is a requirement. As a county it might not be appropriate to apply this to all our clubs.</p>	Need to decide who is leading on this
11. World Cup Plans	Sub group is looking at possibilities for screening the semis and finals and running a social event alongside. Also looking to run a monthly quiz question on the facebook page and give away prizes. Agreed for Cat to look at buying world cup merchandise as prizes. Agreed that anyone who could (Debs, SJ) to contact England Players to see if we could get signed things.	CW / KL
12. Matters arising	Kerry, Linda and Liz B have reached their 3 years. So we have to advertise these	

	<p>posts along with the vacant Publicity post and seek appointments at the AGM. Linda and Liz B expressed a willingness to continue in post if there were no volunteers. Kerry is stepping down as Chair but is happy to remain involved with the committee in some form.</p> <p>If anyone else is planning to step down early please can you inform SJ asap as we are looking to advertise the vacancies soon to give plenty of time for volunteers to think about getting involved.</p> <p>Website Security – Paul spotted a potential hack on our website last week. He has proposed that we pay for SSL, it's a one off £80 fee, this will give extra security. You will notice a padlock symbol in the address line when you access the site on your browser.</p> <p>Lavanda – Beauty Salon in Blue Flames. They are keen to get involved with us, with a view to us advertising their services with our members, maybe offering a discount and/or some free prizes.</p>	<p>All / SJ</p> <p>LW</p> <p>LW</p>
13. AOB	<p>NDO Money – previously all NDO financial work was done by the Region through their bank account. The Region have now decided that this isn't appropriate and are handing out the money to the relevant Counties. T&W are set to receive a cheque for £4,130. There was a discussion about this money, and it was agreed that Fiona should document where this money had come from, if some came from grants then we need to be sure that it is spent appropriately. And then there should be some discussion about how it is spent. It wasn't clear who had the authority to decide how the money was spent – NDO or the County? However it was agreed that a process of approval needed to be in place to cover both parties and provide clear governance.</p>	LH / FH
NDCC	<p>We have a new NDCC in Leah Kennedy. The NDCC is not a 'County' role like the NDO although the three areas she covers are the three areas which match T&W – North Tyneside, Newcastle, Gateshead. Attending county committee meetings isn't part of Leah's role but we should be able to ask her for a brief written report – maybe quarterly so we know what she is doing, which areas she is working in so we can co-ordinate our efforts with hers.</p>	? who is following this up?
Next Meeting	Friday 7 th June at 6.30 at Sarah-Janes.	