

**MINUTES of the Tyne & Wear County Netball Association**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**held on 24th July 1995, at Wallsend Town Hall**

**AGM**

**Present:** E Cuthbertson, C Barker, J Boyack-Short, B Burke, M Chambers, K Jones, G Mason, K Muir, P Scott, A Smith, M Thompson, L Vuyk, J Frater, G Irvine, J Ostell, L Tyman

Astley – K Hallam, D Andrews, J McEvoy  
Bainbridge – M Philipson, K Coppinger  
Barclays – J Carr, W Williams  
Beacon – K Percy  
Birtley – C Forster, S Edney  
Blaydon – C Lawler, C Watson, V Robson  
Burnside – W Pinkney, M Chambers, C Barker, G Irvine  
Concordia – L Bullock  
Denton Park – Cath Scorer, P Ayre  
Gateshead – S Ivers, S Borthwick  
Greencroft – L Tyman, E Herron  
Gosforth – Michelle Oddy, J Fraiter  
Killingworth – Y Kirby, J Handy  
Novos – Kerry Jones, B Burke, Pat Scott  
Nat West – S Dawson, L Chapperton  
Prudhoe – A Rutherford  
Riverside – H Quinn, H Binks  
Ryton – L Wigham, C Sharp  
Seaton Burn – L Cappocci  
Seatonians – A Hardy, Liz Vuyk  
Springs – K Sparham, J Simmons  
Taxes – J Wood, H McDougall  
Tynemouth – C Black, L Jamieson, G Messeng  
Wallsend – Janice Boyack-Short, F Bridgewood, C Telford  
Willington – Sylvia Pankhurst, Dawn White, S Clark  
Winlaton – E Cuthbertson

**Apologies**

M Barrett, L Thompson, V Trainor, L Booth, J Fernhough.

**Minutes of 1994 AGM** - were agreed and signed by the Chairperson.

**Matters Arising** – G Cuthbertson should read E Cuthbertson.

**Reports**

**Honorary Secretary**

There are 27 clubs and 2 junior leagues registered with AENA. 503 adult players are registered. Under 16 membership increased from 50 to 74. In addition there are 41 second claim players an increase of 8. The committee have met on 9 occasions and attendance numbers averaged 57%. County trials were held in July and September with moderate response. They competed successfully in Division 6 of the English Counties League. Fundraising needs to have a higher profile in the coming season. Wallsend, Novos and Seatonians represented us in the Superleague. Wallsend won through to the PPP Clubs Knockout Tournament at Wembley. Wallsend and Seatonians are forward in September to the Regional Round of next years Knockout Tournament. 9 T&W players were selected for the Regional Squad. In November an International was held England v South Africa at Gateshead. T&W players and officials helped stage the event. Wallsend reach the semi-finals of the National Clubs Tournament. The Anthony Nolan Bone Marrow Trust held a tournament where players were sponsored. Gateshead were the winners and represented us in the final in Blackpool. As tournaments have not been well supported constructive suggestions and criticisms were welcomed. The merger of AENA and ESNA on 1<sup>st</sup> September 1994 has gone smoothly. Finding good netball facilities is still a problem we have used Kenton Comprehensive for tournaments outdoors. Killingworth Middle for the summer was used but the courts are deteriorating.

**Honorary Treasurer**

Balance of £1080.03 in Current Account and £7147.73 in Deposit Account as at 17/7/95. Other cheques and payments still to be taken off up to 31/8/95.

## **Reports from Section Secretaries**

### **Senior Coach Report**

Trials started off well with mature players coming back. Practices were well attended. Unfortunately it ended in disaster through injuries, personal commitments, etc.. The first and second teams gained promotion to the next divisions. The Regional tournament depleted through injuries, they played well and beat Humberside and lost to Yorkshire. We did not do ourselves justice as a squad. The new coach is Yvonne Hoyland.

### **Junior Coach Report**

19 players selected for Under 21, but there was a withdrawal of several players for personal reasons, work commitments, etc.. The fixture list was very thin. North East and All England Inter Counties Championships was climax to the season. Disappointing North East Championships but 19<sup>th</sup> place in All England Championships.

### **Umpiring Secretary**

Invitation for a meeting sent out to qualified and unqualified umpires. 22 umpires attended which was well worthwhile. Support was appreciated from those umpiring squad practices, county matches at home and away. 11 Beginners attended course. 7 attended C award and 9 attended B award. Applications for test: Beginners 10 received, C 7 received, B nil received. 6 qualified for Beginners award, 6 qualified for C award. Course for B umpires to train for A award cancelled due to lack of response. Requests for umpires to operate at PDP, trials, regional trials, tournaments have been met.

### **Tournaments Secretary**

5 teams entered Antony Nolan Trust Fund Tournament – total raised £341.79. 23 teams entered Junior Winter Tournament, 9 U12, 7 U14, 5 U15. 2 teams withdrew. U12 winners Hetton, U14 winners Wallsend, U16 winners Seatonians. Winter tournament 10 teams entered – Winners Seatonians. Lower League Tournament cancelled. Upper League 7 teams entered – winners Wallsend. Junior summer didn't run, Seatonians will run this in future. Overall poor response to tournaments. Ideas pass to committee for consideration.

### **Coaching Secretary**

Basic skills course 18 attended Gateshead, 10 Longbenton, 11 Newburn.

October 94 – 10 people attended preliminary course on test preparation

April 95 – 18 people attended Level 1 coaching at Lightfoot

May 95 – 12 people attended Level 1 coaching at Willington

Playdays organised – Gateshead 56, Dunston 30, Lightfoot 27, Beacon ladies 38, Wallsend 28. Total of 179 children. Champion Coaching at Gateshead and Dunston held 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> July. Information emphasised to pass on to club members from club secretaries. Now have 12 Level 1 new coaches and 2 Level 2 new coaches. 20 new leaders from the University of Northumbria. Working with 3 people for preliminary coaching, 3 for intermediate and 1 for advanced.

### **Development Secretary**

Highlight of year were the Playdays. Out of 4,000 goody bags from AENA, T&W used 1600, which shows the response. Past year new teams joined league and did well.

### **League Secretary**

Senior League – 56 teams entered Winter League, 7 divisions of 8 teams each. 59 teams entered Summer League, 5 divisions of 10 and 1 of 9.

Junior League – Winter League U16 – 7 teams, U14 – 7 teams, U12 – 4 teams. Summer League U16 – 8 teams, U14 – 8 teams and U12 – 4 teams.

### **Publicity Secretary**

Major events.

1. International at Gateshead England v South Africa
2. National Playdays

### 3. World Championships in Birmingham

Each event covered by local press, national TV and satellite.

#### **Proposed amendments to the Constitution.**

Amendments to the Constitution were circulated. The suggested alterations to the Constitution were accepted.

#### **Election of Officers**

The following person were returned unopposed:

Chairman – Eileen Cuthbertson	Vice-Chairman – Janice Boyack-Short
Secretary – Pat Scott	Affiliations Secretary – K Jones
League Secretary – Gill Mason	Umpiring Secretary – M Thompson
Match Secretary – Margaret Barrett	

#### **Resignations were received from the following:**

G Irvine – Treasurer  
L Thompson – Coaching Secretary  
D Bryson – Minuting Secretary  
L Tyman – Development Secretary  
A Smith – Tournament Secretary  
J Ostell – Publicity Secretary  
J Frater – Committee Member

#### **Nominations were received for the vacant posts as follows:**

C Barker – Minuting Secretary  
L Vuyk – Development Secretary  
These were elected onto the committee

Due to several resignations the following persons were elected to fill the vacant positions:

Treasurer – K Muir	Proposed J Frater	Seconded M Oddy
Tournament – D Cuthbertson	Proposed J Elliott	Seconded A Smith
Committee Member – F Bridgewood	Proposed J Boyack	Seconded C Telford
Committee Member – A Smith	Proposed E Cuthbertson	Seconded J Ostell

The Chairman asked the club representatives to go back to their clubs for nominations for Coaching and Publicity Secretaries.

#### **Chairman's Remarks**

The Chairperson thanked all for their attendance and attention. The meeting closed at 8.07pm.