

MINUTES of the Tyne & Wear County Netball Association
Annual General Meeting
held on 18th July 1996, at Wallsend Town Hall

AGM

Present: E Cuthbertson, C Barker, J Boyack-Short, M Chambers, K Jones, G Mason, K Muir, P Scott, A Smith, S Pankhurst, P Percy, M Thompson, L Vuyk

Astley – K Hallam, D Andrews
Bainbridge – M Philipson, J Whitfield
Barclays – Julie Carr, Alyson Brandon
Beacon – P Percy, V Reynolds
Birtley – C Forster, P Forster
Blaydon – L Spiller, C Lawler, C Watson, V Robson
Burnside – W Pinkney, M Chambers, C Barker, R Gardner
Coast – Julie Waller, L Orchard, C McAvelia
Concordia – Julia Pearson, L Bullock
Denton Park – Cath Scorer, J Purvis, P Ayre
Gateshead – Jan Adams, E Pattison, L Forster
Greencroft – L Tyman, S Scorer, E Herron, S Walford
Gosforth – Michelle Oddy, J Fraiter
I. Paints – J Bulleer, V Horrigan
Kenton – J Pottinger
Killingworth – L Foster, J Barclay
Novos – Kerry Jones, B Burke, Pat Scott
Newburn – J Jones, K Batey
Nat West – S Dawson, K Edgar
Riverside – L Booth, S Thompson, D Bryson
Seaton Burn – L Netherton, L Bullock
Seatonians – Elaine James, Liz Vuyk
Springs – V Hamilton, S Kindlesides
Taxes – L Baxter
Tynemouth – L Burtenshaw, E Bryson, K Knight, C Hall
Wallsend – Janice Boyack-Short, M Burn
Willington – Sylvia Pankhurst, Dawn White, S Clark, L Morrison
Winlaton – E Cuthbertson, A Smith, C McMaster, H Smart

Apologies

M Barrett, L Thompson, V Trainor, Northumbria Netball Club.

Minutes of 1995 AGM - were agreed and signed by the Chairperson.

Matters Arising – No matters arising

Reports

Honorary Secretary

P Scott read out her report. 28 clubs, 2 colleges and 3 junior leagues registered with the AENA. 518 adult players, an increase of 15, with 71 U16 players.

The committee met on 8 occasions. There are 15 committee members and the average attendance was 58%. A representative from North Tyneside attended 4, a players rep 2, and a rep from the Schools section attended 2 meetings. A steering group for coaching and development was set up with the intention to hold full committee meetings less frequently.

County trials were held in September with a moderate response from U21 and a poor response from adult players. More interest was shown in the second trial date. The squad practised regularly at the Lightfoot Stadium. They competed in division 5 of the England Counties League, the Inter Counties Tournament and the Regional Inter County Tournament. Travel was expensive so therefore fund raising was a high priority which resulted in almost £4000 being raised.

Tyne and Wear have taken an active part in regional and national events. The U16 team took part in the All Stars Road Show in Cumbria. Tyne and Wear has proved popular as a venue for national and international events.

T&W also supported the Anthony Nolan Bone Marrow Trust through a tournament. Killingworth were the winners and represented us in the finals.

This was the second year of the new national structure whereby the AENA and the Schools body amalgamated to form one organisation.

The pressure of finding good indoor netball facilities arose. Outdoors we used Kenton Comprehensive, John Spence Community High and Killingworth Middle School. Derwenthaugh is still a possibility and the development in the west of Newcastle at Westgate Community College.

Work with people with learning difficulties has continued.

Honorary Treasurer

A summary of receipts and payments for the period 1st September 1995 to 18th July 1996 was circulated. The balance per bank was £8511.75.

Coaches Report

Senior Coach Report

E Cuthbertson read out a report from the Senior Coach. The first team did not win a game and finished last in the Inter County tournament. The team return to the ECL 6th Division after only one year in the 5th. The second team did extremely well. They only lost one game. Practices were quite well attended but there was a lack of commitment and communication from a minority of players. Fundraising for Jersey was a priority with the same people turning up. Thanks were given to Mary Chambers for help and support.

Junior Coach Report

The squad started with 20 players but through illness, injury, exams, etc., this went down to about 12. The squad practiced hard and the matches were played in good spirit. A lot of energy was spent on fundraising for Jersey. They were second in NE Inter Counties with a tough draw in the AE Inter Counties. Appreciation was given to the umpires for their time and help. Also thanks was given to J Straker for assisting with the coaching.

Reports from Section Secretaries

League Secretary

G Mason read out her report. There were 59 teams in winter and 60 teams in the senior summer league. There was a problem of neutral umpiring which was an ongoing discussion. The junior winter league had 24 teams and 25 teams in the summer. The leagues appeared to have gone reasonably smoothly.

Umpiring Secretary

Miss Thompson read out her report. An umpiring seminar was held on 20th September 1995, attended by 38 members. Test fees, assessments, opportunities for practising, help with the county fixtures both home and away and rules were amongst the topics discussed.

Five B umpires were re-assessed and found to be maintaining the standard required. Six umpires practised regularly at the county training sessions which was very much appreciated.

Five courses were held:

2 Beginners Courses

1 C Course divided into 2 sessions

1 B Course

1 course cancelled due to poor response

Altogether 56 people attended courses.

We have 5 new C Award Umpires, 3 new B Award Umpires, 2 A award umpires passed the written paper both obtaining Grade B.

Several of the County testers attended a Standardisation of Testers course in South Shields on 17th March which proved useful and enjoyable.

It was pointed out that there are still several clubs who have no qualified umpires. The clubs were reminded that teams will not be able to participate in the leagues in 1997-98 tournament unless you can nominate a qualified umpire to officiate for them.

Thanks were given to umpires, trainers and testers for their help throughout the year.

Development Secretary

L Vuyk read out her report. Junior clubs seminar was held on 29th January 1996 to discuss setting up of primary section of summer league, raising age limit of U16 to U18 section for one experimental year, umpiring of junior leagues to be umpired by holders of the Beginners award by September 1997.

The summer league moved from Willington to John Spence with 8 teams U12 and 12 teams U14. The Open Junior winter tournament was held at John Spence in March and 48 teams entered. T&W purchased three new trophies for the tournament.

The England U16 squad training session was held on 28th and 29th May 1996.

The closed summer league tournament was held at John Spence on 14th July 1996 with 20 teams entering. Tyne and Wear purchased new trophies for the tournament.

Coaching Secretary

P Percy read out the Coaching report. A database of qualified coaches, leaders, tutors as well as unqualified people was held and updated regularly throughout the season. Gateshead Leisure Services included netball in their Champion Coaching Programme. Two programmes were run, one at Gateshead and one at Dunston. Two ten week blocks of netball coaching were completed. All coaches received a scholarship from Gateshead Council to progress to their next level award. The new programme of two twelve week blocks started after Easter this year. The next twelve week block will begin in September 1996.

Gateshead netball club have expanded their junior section and Winlaton have agreed to absorb the children from Dunston Activity Centre.

Level 1 Coaching award was held in February at Lightfoot Sports Centre. Fourteen enrolled, 10 completed both parts and hold Level 1 coaching certificate. Four people only attended one part of the two part certificate and therefore need to attend the relevant part of the course.

Two Leaders courses were organised at University of Northumbria. We now have 42 qualified netball leaders with an overall total of 89 leaders.

M Thompson became a fully qualified Level 1 Coaching Certificate tutor. This makes a total of 3 qualified tutors. G Mason has become a qualified Level 2 Coaching Award Tutor.

L Thompson is retiring but Y Hoyland and P Percy are prepared to continue with the coaching job.

Election of Officers

The following person were returned unopposed:

Chairman – Eileen Cuthbertson	Vice-Chairman – Janice Boyack-Short
Secretary – Pat Scott	Treasurer – Karen Muir
League Secretary – Gill Mason	Coaching Secretaries – Pat Percy/Yvonne Hoyland
Development Secretary – Liz Vuyk	Match Secretary – Margaret Barrett
Minuting Secretary – C Barker	

Resignations were received from the following:

Affiliations Secretary – K Jones
Tournament Secretary – D Cuthbertson
Committee Member – F Bridgewood

Nominations were received for the vacant posts as follows:

Publicity – Vacant		
Tournament – M Burn	Proposed J Short	Seconded E Cuthbertson
Affiliations – A Smith	Proposed K Jones	Seconded M Chambers

Committee Member – L Wisniewski
Committee Member – C Forster
Committee Member – C McMasters

Proposed J Waller
Proposed P Forster
Proposed H Smart

Seconded D Aiden
Seconded K Jones
Seconded A Smith

Chairman's Remarks

The Chairperson thanked all for their attendance and attention. The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

Points Noted After The AGM.

1. E Cuthbertson called out Team Sheets handed in. None missing
2. Umpires must be nominated for a team for a season
3. Umpires could be assessed
4. Committee have received letters for and against second affiliations
The five suggestions for second affiliations were:
 1. No second affiliations at all
 2. No second affiliations except works teams
 3. Second affiliations can only play in other team on division below their first team
 4. Second affiliations to pay £15 to discourage them to second affiliate
 5. Leave it as it is

Discussion took place and the results were:

1. 12 votes
2. 26 votes
3. 22 votes
4. Should be made compulsory
5. 0 votes