

MINUTES of the Tyne & Wear County Netball Association
Annual General Meeting
held on 17th July 1997, at Wallsend Town Hall

AGM

Present

Astley – J Dickinson, D Andrews
Bainbridge – M Philipson
Barclays – Julie Carr, Alyson Brandon
Beacon – Karen Percy
Birtley – C Forster, P Forster
Blaydon – E Mullen, C Hodgson
Burnside – W Pinkney, M Chambers, J Stewart
Coast – Julie Waller, Liz Wisniewski
Concordia – Julia Pearson
Denton Park – Cath Scorer, Joan Purvis
Gateshead – Jan Adams, Susan Young, V Horrigan
Greencroft – W Emmerson, H Oxley
Gosforth – Michelle Oddy, J Bambrick, J Fraiter
Howdon – V Harle, Lynn Smith
I. Paints – Sue Borthwick, Emma Kolosowski
Kenton – J Pottinger, J Kelly
Killingworth – L Foster, J Campbell
NECOE – G Robinson, A Horsbrough
NCC – K Percy
Newcastle East – Sandra McKenzie, L Williamson
Novos – Kerry Jones, Gill Mason, Pat Scott
Riverside – Kerry Thompson, Viv Hamilton
Seaton Burn – L Netherton, S Netherton
Seatonians – Elaine James, Liz Vuyk
Springs – R Gibson, J Simmons
Taxes – H McDougal
Tynemouth – L Burtenshaw, L Jamieson-Yip
Wallsend – Janice Boyack-Short, Y Hoyland, M Burn
Willington – Sylvia Pankhurst, Dawn White
Winlaton – E Cuthbertson, Elsie Stringer
Eileen Cuthbertson – Chairperson
Margaret Thompson – Umpiring Secretary

Apologies

M Barrett, L Booth, V Trainor, Karen Muir, P Percy, S Thompson, A Smith

Minutes of 1996 AGM – were agreed and signed by the Chairperson.

Matters Arising – No matters arising

Reports

Honorary Secretary – Pat Scott

Affiliations – we have registered 35 Secondary Schools, 2 Colleges, 31 Clubs, an increase of 1 school and 3 clubs. 5 new clubs came into our leagues this year, Autotraders, Kenton, Howdon, NECOE and Newcastle East. Membership of adult players increased by 35 to 557, U16 membership increasing by 1 to 72. Junior Membership as a result of the effective Junior Development over the past two seasons, has seen a steady growth. Another Junior League was registered this year bringing the total to 4.

The committee met on 7 occasions with good attendance throughout the year. Representatives from North Tyneside and the schools section attended; however no Players Rep attended a meeting. Unfortunately the posts of Publicity and Disability Secretaries remained unfilled for the year.

County Trials were held in September, with a moderate response from U21 and a poorer response from seniors. A second trial was necessary which did result in an increased and viable numbers for the County squads. The squads competed in Division 6 of the English Counties League and the Annual Inter-Counties tournament. Thanks must go to Gill Mason, Brenda Vail, Liz Thompson and Mary Robson for their work with the squads.

T&W have taken an active part in regional and national events. Wallsend and Novos represented us in the Super League, with Wallsend runners up this year missing out on the top spot on goal average, and Novos were third. Wallsend and Seatonians took part in the national clubs knock-out competition, both meeting stronger opposition early on. Riverside U19 team won through to represent the Region in the National Youth Championship Finals. T&W also supported the Anthony Nolan Bone Marrow Trust with a tournament and Burnside represented us in the finals. Clubs also took part in a North Durham tournament and the Noble Trophy.

T&W schools participated in the Northern Counties League and tournaments and the Alex Barlass trophy. The Church High U14 team after success in the regional round represented us in the National Schools Championship Finals. High Five was introduced to the region during a "Regional Spotlight on Netball" held at Gateshead.

Certain members of T&W this year gained regional or national honours. Four U21's Lyndsey Vail, Karen Beagarie, Kelly Cook and Louise Ayers were invited to join the regional squad. Victoria Percy of Wallsend was appointed captain of the England U16 team and she was also North Tyneside's Young Sports Person. Katie Pye received the Sports Council Service to Sport award. Jessica Ross of Riverside gained a Newcastle Airport Award and Victoria Percy was granted a Sports Aid Foundation Award. A substantial grant of more than £650 from the Sports Aid Foundation was awarded to the Schools Section.

The problems of finding good facilities continue. There are however sites in development. Westgate Community College, University of Northumbria, North Tyneside College, Benfield School and St Thomas Moore (Blaydon), the new North Shields Leisure Centre all have facilities currently being developed or proposals awaiting approval.

Finally, the secretary reported that nationally the sport of netball has a higher profile, more media exposure and in receipt of more funding from various sources. A variety of moneys are available both regionally and locally and clubs should read carefully all correspondence they receive.

Honorary Treasurer - Karen Muir

A summary of receipts and payments for the period 19th July 1996 to 17th July 1997 was circulated. The balance per bank was £8565.33.

Coaches Report – Gill Mason

In September 1996, 20 players were selected for the Senior County Squad 19 reported for training. 8 matches were played by the A team of which 7 were won and only one lost by a very narrow margin – so the team will remain in Division 6. The B team also had a very successful season winning 7 out of 8 matches too. The Northeast Inter Counties Tournament was cancelled this season denying the team their outdoor preparation for the All England Inter County championship. The latter held at Middlesbrough provided a fitting climax to the season, but proved to be a tough battle. The team had to fight for their lives all the way, eventually finishing in 47th position. Perhaps the most rewarding aspect of the tournament was our defeat of North Durham! Thanks go to team manager Mary Robson and team captain Julie Bishop, both of whom have done much work on our behalf. I would also like to thank the match secretary, and the umpiring secretary, the umpires and of course the players – who have always given of their best to produce really exciting matches for spectators to enjoy. I look forward to seeing many of the players back in the squad next season.

Reports from Section Secretaries

League Secretary - Gill Mason

	Teams	Total Teams	
Senior Winter League		61	Increase of 2 teams
Junior Winter League Under 16	9		
Under 14	11		
Under 12	9		
Under 11	5	34	Increase of 10 teams
Senior Summer League		59	Decrease of 1 team
Junior Summer League Under 16	4		
Under 14	11		
Under 12	13		

Under 11	8	36	Increase of 12 team
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There have been too many instances when matches have been cancelled this year and this is something we must try to eliminate in the coming season.

We are also aware of difficulties regarding the collection of team sheets, court markings, etc., and these also must be addressed for next year.

The committee is aware that teams are concerned about various aspects of competitive netball within the county. In an attempt to gauge opinion a questionnaire was circulated addressing many facets of competitive netball and inviting ideas for future development. Hopefully we can increase the number of people playing, the playing opportunities available to all players and the amount of enjoyment that we all get from this tremendous game.

Umpiring Secretary - Margaret Thompson

A beginners course tutored by Gill Mason was held on 19/1/97, a C Award course tutored by Sylvia Pankhurst was held on 23/3/97. 6 people in total applied for the C Award of which 3 were successful. No applications were made for the B Award. 3 candidates took the A Award written paper, only one was successful. Thanks are due to all tutors and testers who have given of their time so generously.

Thanks must go to umpires who have given up their time to officiate on behalf of the county in particular Iris Ritson, Carole Patterson, Liz Vuyk, Dorothy Bryson, Kathleen Noble, Betty Burke and Margaret Barrett. And also to those who helped at Squad sessions – Pat Scott, Marion Morton, Rachel Gardner, Pat Ayres and Hazel McMenemy.

Although we have a number of qualified umpires at all levels and accredited assessors we do need more and all clubs are asked to encourage players to qualify at all levels.

Coaching Secretary – Yvonne Hoyland

There have been many achievements in the coaching arena this year.

One Preliminary Coach is ready for testing; One Intermediate Coach is ready for testing and One Level 1 Coach Tutor qualified – 16/2/97.

A Level 1 course was delivered, an NCF Coaching Children Key Course was run on 25/6/97

A Level 2 course will run in September, a Working with Children ISP will run July 97.

Many Skill Workshops were run by NRNA and attended by our coaches.

4 apprenticeship opportunities for Level 1 coaches were set up on the Gateshead Champion Coaching Netball Programme.

A Level 1 Coaching course for Teachers has been run – 3 attended.

Tournament Secretary – Lorna Foster, Joan Campbell

4 Senior Tournaments were held.

1. Super League Play Off Tournament – 22/9/96. 10 teams took part.
2. Anthony Nolan Trust – 9/3/97. 11 teams took part, Burnside won and went on to the finals in Blackpool
3. Winter League – 27/4/97. 11 teams took part, Wallsend won, Seatonians runners up.
4. Summer Open – 15/6/97. 10 teams took part, Wallsend won, Seatonians runners up.

All tournaments were held at John Spence Community High School because of their excellent facilities.

Development Secretary – Liz Vuyk

Northern Rock gave a grant of £250 for the purchase of trophies for Junior Leagues and Tournaments.

U18 Indoor Tournament – 6 teams entered. Won by Riverside with Seatonians runners up.

Winter Open Junior Tournament – 51 teams entered, 5 age groups.

Primary	Winners	Beacon	Runners up	Riverside
Under 12	Winners	Denton Park	Runners up	Oaksway
Under 14	Winners	Oaksway	Runners up	Sundale
Under 16	Winners	Wallsend	Runners up	Seatonians
Under 18	Winners	Riverside	Runners up	Sundale

In April the T&W U21 team took on Scotland U19 at Gateshead Leisure Centre. T&W won 58-36 but with disappointing support.

Once again Gateshead Council continues to support netball with staff and finances. They provided the venue, medals and shield for a holiday tournament held October half-term. 13 teams entered. Under

12 was won by Willington, Runners up Astley. Under 14 was won by Seatonians who were also runners up.

For the third year running Gateshead funded a Champion Coaching course for U14s

Junior League Tournament held 12/7/97, 19 teams entered.

Primary	Winners	Beacon	Runners up	Seatonians
Under 12	Winners	Willington	Runners up	Denton Park
Under 14	Winners	Seatonians	Runners up	Willington
Under 16	Winners	Seatonians	Runners up	Wallsend

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 – Liz Wisniewski

Affiliations Secretary – Anne Smith

Resignations were received from the following:

Umpiring Secretary – Margaret Thompson

Tournament Secretary – Maureen Burn

Nominations were received for the vacant posts as follows:

Publicity – Michelle Oddy

Proposed Pat Scott

Seconded Liz Vuyk

Tournament – Lorna Foster, Joan Campbell

Proposed Gill Mason

Seconded Liz Wisniewski

Umpiring – Margaret Chambers

Proposed Pat Scott

Seconded Eileen Cuthbertson

Committee Members – Jan Adams

Proposed Gill Mason

Seconded Margaret Thompson

Disability - vacant

Chairperson – Eileen Cuthbertson

The Chairperson thanked all for their attendance and attention. She also pointed out that the T&W region had come to the end of an era with the retirement of Miss Margaret Thompson. During her time with T&W she has held every position except Treasurer and been a great servant of T7ne and Wear. A variety of gifts had been presented at a surprise gathering and Eileen thanked everyone for their donations and attending. In reply Miss Thompson thanked everyone for their kindness and the wonderful evening – but stated that she was not giving up netball altogether and would still be appearing on the side lines during the coming seasons.