

**MINUTES of the Tyne & Wear County Netball Association**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**held on 19th July 1999, at Blue Flames Sporting Club.**

**AGM**

**Present**

Astley – Julie Patterson, Jean Dickinson, Doreen Andrews,  
Kate Hallam  
Bainbridge - Julie Whitfield, Debbie Bennett  
Barclays – Diane Ainsley, Sara Morrison  
Beacon - Val Reynolds, Jacqui Holford, Pat Percy  
Blaydon - Erica Gardner, Lesley Forrest  
Blue Flames – Mandy Thompson, Veronica Hetherington  
Burnside - W Pinkney, M Chambers,  
Coast – Christine McAvelia, Liz Wisniewski  
Concordia – Lorraine Bullock, Iris Ritson  
Denton Park - Cath Scorer, Ashleigh Gibson  
Gateshead - Sam Wheale, Jan Adams  
GMBC – Vivienne Rogerson  
Greencroft - Jackie Fenton, L Tyman, W Emberson  
Gosforth – Michelle Oddy, Karen Muir  
I. Paints – Sue Young, Emma Laurie  
Kenton – Pat Cain, Joann Kelly  
Killingworth - L Foster, K Coleman  
NCC - Anna Brown, S Douglass  
NTC - E Wisniewski, M Chambers, P Percy  
NT Under 23's – Christina Williamson, Lyndsey Hasnip  
Novos - Kerry Jones, Gill Mason, Betty Burke  
Prudhoe – Chris Little, Janet Orrock  
Riverside - Lynne Booth, Liz Barton, Helen Booth  
Sage - Glynn Errington, Ericka Johansen  
Seaton Burn – L Netherton, L Bullock  
Seatonians – Maureen Smith, Jackie Tuck, Michelle Cook, E  
James, A Hardy, J Lumsden  
Siemens – Fiona Pinchard, Jo Yardley, Susan Benson  
Stocksfield - Deborah Watson, H Pearson, K Pearson  
Sunderland Soltaires – Chris Wilson  
Sutherland - Sue Dow  
Taxes – Julie Bishop, Christine Rodda  
Tynemouth - D Bryson, A Bridgewater  
University of Newcastle – Alison Brown  
University of Northumbria - Ben Lucas  
Wallsend (Gateshead Stadium)- Janice Boyack-Short, Tanya  
Seddon, Liz Thompson  
Whickham – Julie High, Helen Barnard  
Willington - Andrea Jennings, Yvonne Welsh, Lyn Morrison,  
Dawn White, Susan Clark  
Winlaton – E Cuthbertson, Anne Smith  
Wylam (Castle Hill) - Jane Love, Marion Stobo

**Apologies**

Val Trainer, Pat Scott, Sylvia Pankhurst, Brenda Vail

**Minutes of 1998 AGM** - these were agreed.

**Matters Arising** - None

**Reports**

**Honorary Secretary - Liz Wisniewski**

The past year has proved highly successful for the Tyne and Wear County in many ways. Participation has increased and more opportunities for participation have been provided. The 99 summer league has now expanded to 7 divisions and the quality throughout is improving. In addition three new competitions were introduced. The Alternative Leagues based roughly on the three regions, Gateshead, Newcastle and North Tyneside offered teams the chance of a second competitive game. Players had to be affiliated to Tyne and Wear, but were not restricted to club affiliations, allowing players from different clubs to form a team to play together for fun. This league also offers an ideal entry point for new clubs and teams. The Thompson Knock Out trophy named in honour of Margaret

Thompson, was played throughout the Winter Season and resulted in an excellent final played during the summer season at Westgate Community college. The Mixed Tournament proved popular and will hopefully increase in popularity as the word spreads around other clubs. These initiatives followed the identification of the lack of competitive Netball for our adult members during the winter season and their response to the initiatives have been excellent.

Facilities and the cost of facilities prove an ongoing problem for clubs and the county. Outdoor facilities have been recently added to by the development at the Parks Sports Centre in North Shields and the planned developments at Westgate Community College will afford us an excellent 6 court outdoor site in the near future. However indoor facilities are still few and far between, although it is good to report that many plans are in development.

Affiliations have increased in every area. Particularly pleasing are the 9 new clubs and the increase in Under 16 players, which has been an area of considerable development in Tyne and Wear over the last few years.

### **Honorary Treasurer - Karen Muir**

The Treasurer presented a Balance Sheet for the year showing a healthy balance.

### **Reports from Section Secretaries**

#### **League Secretary - Gill Mason**

It is pleasing to report an increase in the numbers of teams taking part in our Leagues in all areas. No major problems were encountered in the running and administration of the Leagues, although the increased participation does have the knock on effect of requiring more and more indoor court time, which is difficult to find.

#### **Juniors**

<b>Winter</b>		<b>Summer</b>	
43 teams	↑ 17	52 teams	↑ 20

#### **Seniors**

<b>Winter</b>		<b>Summer</b>	
64 teams	↑ 1	63 teams	↑ 3

#### **Umpiring Secretary - Margaret Chambers**

A lack of qualified umpires continues to cause some problems within Tyne and Wear. However the decision to insist on qualified umpires throughout the divisions has been a success and will be extended in the coming year. For the winter season coming, only A or B qualified umpires will be eligible to officiate in the first division. Assuming this is successful it will be continued in the summer season and then reviewed as to whether to extend this to the second division. Alongside this there will have to be a concerted effort to encourage our existing C Award umpires, with the potential, to advance to their B Award.

The summer season saw the first use of 'mentoring' as a way of bringing on, and coaching our umpires in training for an award. This system was highly successful and popular with both the trainees and the mentors. Mentoring will continue to be used for the coaching of potential B and C award candidates in the coming year.

	<b>Target</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>'C' Course Attenders</b>	10	12
<b>'C' Award Achieved</b>	5	3
<b>'B' Course Attenders</b>	10	6
<b>'B' Award Achieved</b>	2	0

#### **Coaching Secretary - Pat Percy**

Coaching certifications targets were all met, and considerable effort will be put into encouraging appropriate members to gain coaching qualifications in the coming year. In addition congratulations must go to Yvonne Hoyland in particular, for successfully passing her Advanced Written Paper.

	Target	Actual
<b>Level 1</b>	20	24
<b>Level 2</b>	5	6
<b>Intermediate</b>	2	2

#### **Development Secretary – Liz Barton**

The Alternative League was introduced during the winter season. The aim was to increase participation and overall to have fun whilst playing netball. 21 teams took part in the League. The teams were divided into 3 divisions based on their geographical location. The divisions were Gateshead which had 6 teams, Newcastle 7 teams, and North Tyneside 8 teams. The matches were played on a home and away basis and teams were asked to play the matches within a two week period.

The matches were extremely competitive with many close games played throughout the divisions. Congratulations go to all the teams but especially Tynemouth, Willington 2 and Greencroft who won their respective divisions. A special mention to Blaydon, Denton Park and Willington 1 who were close runners up to the winners.

Thanks to all teams who competed in the league and special thanks to the committee members for their continual support throughout the 1998/99 season.

#### **Affiliation Secretary – Carole McMaster**

Affiliations continue to increase in Tyne and Wear, as did the number of clubs. Particularly pleasing is the increase in the Under 16 players.

	98/99	
<b>Clubs</b>	37	Up 9
<b>Adults</b>	598	Up 48
<b>Second Affiliations</b>	25	Up 8
<b>Schools</b>	36	
<b>Under 16 Players</b>	131	Up 50
<b>Youth Groups</b>	1	Up 1
<b>Universities</b>	1	Up 1
<b>Men</b>	2	Up 2

#### **Performance Report Chairperson, Liz Vuyk**

The effect of the initiatives and efforts of the various Secretaries of the county, can be seen by the excellent performances this past year by a whole range of our teams. The County team's elevation to the 4<sup>th</sup> Division will offer them stiffer competition and can only help their development; their increasing confidence can be seen by the position achieved at the Inter County Tournament. In addition good results were returned by County and Schoolgirl teams at all age levels. At club level Wallsend and Seatonians continued to perform well in national and regional competitions. At international level the inclusion of Victoria Percy and Deborah Percy on the recent England tours in their respective age groups gives encouragement to other youngsters in the area, and they themselves provide excellent role models for young netball players to follow.

Under 14 Squad	5 <sup>th</sup> in Northern League, won the Northern Region Tournament
Under 16 Squad	3 <sup>rd</sup> in Northern League, 8 <sup>th</sup> in the Alex Barlass Tournament
Under 16 Merit	Won Division 5, Inter Counties League
Under 19 Squad	5 <sup>th</sup> in Northern League
Under 21 Squad	36 <sup>th</sup> in the Inter County Tournament (previously 46 <sup>th</sup> )
Senior Squad	Won Division 5 of the Inter Counties League; won the Northern Region Tournament; 27 <sup>th</sup> /28 <sup>th</sup> in the Inter County Tournament (previously 42 <sup>nd</sup> )
Wallsend	Reached the last 8 of the National Clubs Competition
Seatonians	Win the North Region Super League

### **Election of Officers**

**Resignations were received from the following:** Lynda Tyman - Committee Member; Lorna Foster and Joan Campbell – Tournament Secretaries.

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

Committee Member – Helen Booth, proposed Liz Barton, seconded Lynne Booth.

All nominations were agreed.