

**Tyne and Wear County Netball Association – County Committee**  
**Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015, 6pm**

**Apologies:** Deborah Percy, Kerry Smith

**Present:** Tori Brady, Margaret Tobin, Liz Wisniewski, Lynne Booth, Rachel Cassidy, Kelsey Mavin, Wendy Pinkney, Linda Hall, Emma Ross

Liz W (on behalf of Sue Borthwick) – **Affiliations:** England Netball have raised their part of the affiliation rate by 50p. It was agreed that the County would absorb this and that the total affiliation fee would remain at £34 00 for adults. The U18 rate has been raised by 30p by England Netball nationally and is now £18 00 in total. Under 14 rate has no county add on and is £8.55 and the Under 11 rate has no county add on and is £5.30.  
Schools No change to County add on.

Lynne: **Umpiring** Paper tests for C award should be taken before practical test in Tyne and Wear. Tori to speak to Lola about paper/practical tests being done across counties.

Lynne confirmed that 2 seminar dates had been enough for all umpires to attend.

Query raised regarding a newly qualified umpire who hadn't attended the seminar as they weren't compulsory for trainees. Emma to contact same to organise a meeting to walk through League Rules before she umpires again. Some method for assessing umpires and providing constructive feedback is to be developed. Action: Emma.

A new course for Assessors has been developed and all Assessors will have to attend and convert. There are 9 Courses planned around the Country, the closest to us is in Leeds. Priority will be given to those who replied to the Questionnaire --- Liz W did, not sure who else did. It is hoped that Helen Emmerson will attend and then deliver a course locally.

Bleep Tests for County League are to be done at one venue, several dates will be available.

Umpires failing to attend twice for matches in one Season are to be fined.

Liz --- **Competition:** The start of the winter Season is an administrative nightmare. The task of ensuring over 850 players are affiliated in the space of a few days is unfeasible. It is proposed that clubs submit their club roster from My Net in future, and mark players nominated to difference teams. Only affiliated players will be printed off – so Clubs will need to make sure they are organised and get all players affiliated. Players playing for two clubs will still be required to pay a second fee but the paperwork will be filled in and submitted with the club roster. Liz will run through this at the AGM.

County Rules: Straight promotion or relegation no play offs. Players affiliating to more than one club now called Additional Registration not 2nd affiliation. Additional registered players cannot play in other competitions.

Premier Leagues go on first affiliation.

Monetary fines to be issued to teams that cancel two matches in a season, and don't offer a friendly, amount will be £16 00.

Rules to be walked through with all Umpires.

Copies of Accident Forms to be placed in the Duty Box, should be filled in whenever a player is injured.

County Leagues – over subscribed. 92 teams in Winter League, Liz can cater for 94 - this is maximum - Tyne and Wear clubs will be given priority as per league rules. Helen suggested setting up a new League to accommodate external teams. It was agreed to cap entry at 94 teams. And to speak to our neighbouring counties to see how teams can be encouraged to play in their own county. Action: Tori, Liz.

**Governance:** None attendance at Committee meeting without good reason will be dealt with as per Constitution. Committee Members to be limited in post to 3 - 5 years. Tori to check Constitution about length of service, we are to try to set dates of next 5 meetings after AGM in July - Tori to look at previous dates.

**AGM:** Affiliations and Umpiring Secretary posts to be advertised. Nominations for Committee to be advertised before AGM

**Meeting ended at 19.35.**