

Tyne and Wear County Netball Association County Committee - Thursday 29th October 2016

Present: Tori Brady, Liz Wisniewski, Rachel Cassidy, Deborah Percy, Emma Ross, Kelsy Mavin, Wendy Pinkney

Apologies: Kerry Lessels, Kim Richardson, Linda Hall, Katie Davidson, Leanne Watson, Charlotte Hills.

1. **Physiohaus.** Unfortunately Tracy was unable to attend as planned – carried over to next meeting.
2. **Minutes of previous meeting** – these were agreed.
3. **Actions** from Previous Meeting underway or outstanding:

Tori to get copies of SLA's signed by coaches and forward to Linda.	Deborah sorting
Asset Register to be held by Treasurer	tbc
Tori to discuss insurance with Deborah	Deborah getting quote
Liz to chase signed Codes of Conduct.	Just one outstanding
Katie to look into amending bank account	Form forwarded for signing
Wendy to check out the details of PC World account and circulate	Account info found, Wendy to check if still active

- Re County Secretary action, Cat Witty had registered an interest in the post. It was agreed to appoint Cat to the post.
4. **Treasurers** Report – a copy of a set of the current accounts was distributed. The County are in a healthy financial position.
 5. **County Secretary** Correspondence - none. General Meeting is organised for 6th January 2016 at 7, venue, Blue Flames.
 6. **EN Officer** Reports. Helen Emmerson, Gemma Sandberg and Vicky Atkinson all attended the meeting. Gemma reported on the work she was undertaking around B2N. She has targets for numbers of players at B2N sessions and is currently on target to meet these for the current year. A tournament for B2N teams had been held the previous night and 8 teams had entered. Some of these teams are interested in entering the County League. It may be that an I Heart League would be a better option for these teams initially.
Helen has had discussions with North Durham regarding County Boundaries. This will be discussed at a meeting between committee members from the two counties in the New Year – Helen to organise. Netball Europe will be held at Sport Central, May 12 – 15 2016.
 7. **Performance** – a report was circulated by Deborah. County and Satellite Academies are well underway. Vicky Percy and Alex Rhodes coach the County Academy. Alex Rhodes and Deborah Percy coach the Satellite Academies. Mark Scott who is an FA Coach Tutor is assisting all coaches within the Academy so there is a focus on the coaches CPD again this season. The players are all engaging well in the Academies and there is a very high attendance level. Only 1 player has withdrawn from the Academy. There are currently 24 players in the County and 41 in the Satellites.
Match Play – at the recent Regional Performance TSG it was agreed that each County would host a tournament, the results of which would be incorporated into a league structure. Vicky to liaise with Barbara Brown on this. This wasn't in the original budget but Performance is currently running under budget so it may be possible to absorb these costs. It was agreed to cover any additional costs as a result of these match play events.
It was agreed that Umpires who help at Match Play events should be offered appropriate expenses to reimburse them for their time. These will be dependent upon the time involved.
 8. **Competition** – some Umpire No Shows were discussed and agreement reached on which to penalise.

The County had been asked for volunteers for the Regional Competition TSG. Rachel Cassidy, Michelle Longstaff and Karen Makinson had offered to get involved and their names had been forwarded to Marie Ewing the Chair of the group.

The committee was asked for it's opinion on an idea to increase the number of hours available for league matches by scheduling one match for each team in the league on a weekend day. This would allow a full division of 10 teams to be added to the League. The committee were unsure how feasible this would be and suggested putting it to the members at the General Meeting to gather their views.

9. **Junior Clubs Tournament** – this ran successfully. Teams from Riverside, Seatonians, Stadium, Greencroft and Ponteland qualifying for the Junior Regional League.
10. **County Schools Tournament** ran successfully on three afternoons. This will be reviewed with the teachers to decide whether we revert to a weekend next year or stick with the afternoon.
11. **Junior League** is sorted and fixtures published. It will start in the new year.
12. **Umpiring** – Emma presented her plans for umpire feedback and mentoring – these were agreed. She also reported that Assessment Fees had increased significantly from September 2015 (from £25 to £45). There is also a £10 fee for a written test. It was agreed to look into the County funding the written tests. It was also agreed that in future the teams providing the Umpires for a match used for an Assessment would pay their Umpire fee to the County and this would be used to subsidise the Assessment Fees for the umpires.

Emma had attended the Regional Umpiring TSG where it was reported that England Netball are collecting information about the amount of time Umpires spend umpiring. Emma was asked to confirm exactly what was being collected and what EN were going to do with this information.

Helen reported that a Regional Rules Roadshow would take place on 27th February at Coach Lane (1 until 4). The new rules would be disseminated at this session. A local Tutor would attend so they could deliver further rules sessions.

Some provisional dates for an Umpiring Seminar had been drafted but these were now clashing with the Regional Rules Roadshow. It was agreed to publish two dates when C Umpires could do the fitness test and a short session on local rules would take place. All umpires would then be expected to attend either the Regional Rules Roadshow or one of the follow up sessions.

13. **Coaching** – Kerry had followed up with the two applicants who we had agreed to fund. However one had not gained a place on the L2 course and she had not heard back from the other applicant. It was agreed to ask Kerry and Linda to produce a list of coaches who have been funded by the county. These coaches will then be targeted to help with Academies and Satellites.
14. **Affiliations** – Katie had suggested targeting Primary Schools. It was agreed that Katy and Kim should look at current affiliations and target schools for the coming years affiliation.
15. **Publicity** – nothing specific to report.
16. **County Plan**
17. **Any Other Business** – no other business

Date of Next Meeting is 18th February 2016.

Actions:

Kerry and Linda to provide a list of coaches who have been funded by the county
Cat Witty to be briefed on County Secretary Role by Liz W.
Emma to communicate with Umpires re plans for Umpire Seminar
Katie and Kim to target Primary Schools to affiliate in September 2016.
Emma – Umpire Seminars and Feedback process
T&W and North Durham meeting