

Tyne and Wear County Netball Association County Committee – 29th July 2016

Present: Liz Wisniewski, Rachel Cassidy, Emma Ross, Deborah Percy, Kerry Lessels, Katie Davidson, Liz Brown

Apologies: Cat Witty, Linda Hall, Charlotte Hills, Helen Emmerson, Kelsy Mavin

1. **Minutes of previous meeting** – unfortunately with Cat being away with work these were unavailable.
2. **Actions** from Previous Meeting underway or outstanding:

Asset Register to be held by Treasurer	On going
Cat/Liz to chase signed Codes of Conduct.	For 2016-17 year
Katie sorting Affiliations bank account	On going
Wendy to check out the details of PC World account and circulate	Account out of date now
Emma to look into options around umpire feedback and development	Covered in agenda
County Plan – all secretaries were asked to update area and send the update to Liz W	Updated plan to be brought to next meeting.

3. **Committee** - Liz Brown had volunteered to take on the role of School Secretary. It was agreed to offer Liz the post and she was welcomed to the meeting.
4. **Treasurers Report** – audited accounts as presented at AGM stood. Healthy financial position.
5. **EN Officer Reports.** Fiona Holden has now returned to work and taken over from Vicky Atkinson. Fiona to be invited to future meetings and asked to provide reports on work in area. May need to consider what the County want Fiona to undertake as part of her role.
6. **Affiliation** – Katie will be on holiday during early September, but Eve will deputise. Agreed to post a reminder about ensuring players are affiliated and the delays that occur when paying by cheque. Also agreed to point queries to Fiona Holden in Katie’s absence. Helen/Fiona to be advised of this (Liz W will do).
7. **Coaching** – It was agreed that Liz Burdis would be invited to take up the post of Coaching Officer (Liz W. to write). Vicky Percy had written with thanks for the support provided for her coaching course.
8. **Umpiring**
 - Emma has had a request from the Region to encourage T&W umpires to get involved. It was pointed out that T&W already provided many umpires but that these umpires also still played so their availability was limited and that the Region needed to help with the development of Umpires from C to B.
 - Date for Make the Game Live has been published. Agreed to fund expenses of attending for an Umpire if they wished to attend. Was agreed to offer the opportunity to Jo MacLeod. Emma to do.
 - Umpire Seminars sorted, to be advertised by Rachel on website. Bleep Test to be offered before the seminars. All booked. Helen Emmerson to deliver helped by Jo McLeod.
9. **Competition**
 - Liz had circulated via email a draft rules document based on the feedback from members. The committee briefly discussed some of the issues and amendments were put forward. A further draft is to be circulated for agreement or refinement. Needs to be published by late August at the latest.

- Details of the Regional League Entry Tournament have been received. It was agreed to circulate these to Tigers, Greencroft and Wildcats.
- One Club had failed to turn up to the AGM it was agreed to fine them £20 as per the league rules.
- Following a number of clubs pulling out we can accommodate the B2N teams who were on the waiting list. The next club on the waiting list have been asked for details about their team as there is still one space in Division 6. Once the information is received there will need to be a decision made as to whether they are appropriate to include – for example if they are a team of ‘additional players’ rather than players new to the league. Liz to circulate information once received.
- A Division 1 Club raised a query regarding their involvement next season due to losing over half of their first team squad. They feel they wouldn’t be able to offer appropriate competition even if they moved players up from lower teams and this could also have a negative impact on those players. As the decision potentially impacts on teams of committee members they couldn’t vote leaving us not quorate. Details of the query are to be sent formally in an email and Kerry will circulate for a decision.

10. **Performance**

- 6 T&W county academy players were selected to the Regional Academy out of 22 in the Regional Academy (1 player was selected the previous year). 5 players from T&W went to Tri Regions out of a squad of 20. Hannah Larsen from Riverside Netball Club went to England Trials.
- Next Year there will be 2 Satellites and 1 County Academy next season. Trials for satellites, (Deborah, Vicky and Te selected). County Academy having second trials in September as many players were missing for the first trial. Draft Budget for the coming year circulated by Deborah approved. Coaches for the academies are being appointed soon. Kerry to send out formal contract offers. Lead coaches will be appointed for the 3 academies and then a range of assistants will do positional sessions and cover the hours. Also aiming to improve the links into the clubs to give them more information about what is being done at the sessions to ensure continuity in the coaching. All sessions are open to any Coach to observe and learn. Might be a good idea to advertise the positional sessions on the website. County Matchday sorted.
- Date for Make the Game Live has been published. Two Coaches get a discount on attending. Agreed to fund expenses of attending for two academy coaches if they wished to attend.
- A letter had been received from the parents of two T&W juniors who had been selected for a netball tour to Singapore in December. There were significant expenses involved for each player and it was agreed to contribute.

11. **Publicity** – Rachel is working on the handbook. The committee page will also need updating with new pictures and words.

12. **Schools** – Liz to work with Rachel and Liz W. to organise County Schools Tournament. Date already set for 12th November so next step is to organise the entry.

13. **Any Other Business:**

- a. Kerry will contact committee members for updated information to go in the England Netball handbook in the near future. Please reply asap.
- b. County Boundary changes. Clarification around the next steps is required now that it has been discussed at all the County AGM’s. Helen Emmerson organising a meeting. Kerry and others from Committee to attend if possible. Liz to circulate date once known.

Date of Next Meeting is Monday 24th October, 6.30pm, Blue Flames Sporting Club.

Actions:

Cat/Liz to invite Liz Burdis to take on the coaching role	Cat/Liz
Liz to check with Helen and Fiona re cover for Affiliations.	Liz/Helen
Liz/Rachel to liaise with Liz Brown to bring her up to speed on the Schools role.	Liz/Liz/Rachel
Kerry to organise contact information for England Netball handbook.	Kerry
Cat to chase up signed Codes of Conduct for 2016-17 year	Cat
Committee members to forward information to Rachel for website page.	All
Helen organising meeting re County Boundaries	Helen/Liz
Deborah/Kerry to appoint coaches for academies	Deborah/Kerry
Make the Game Live – Coach attendance to sort	Deborah
Make the Game Live – Umpire attendance – Jo ?	Emma
Regional League Entry – forward details to T&W clubs	Liz
Notify club of fine for AGM non attendance	Liz
Chase waiting list club for information	Liz
Update draft League Rules and circulate for agreement	Liz
Division 1 query – circulate query for decision	Kerry/Emma