

TYNE AND WEAR COUNTY NETBALL ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 26th July 2018
7pm at Blue Flames Sporting Club

Committee – in attendance

Sarah Jane Cross – County Secretary
Liz Wisniewski - Competitions Officer
Helen Emmerson - Coaching Officer
Deborah Percy - Performance Officer

Rachel Cassidy - Publicity Officer
Emma Ross - Officiating Officer
Cat Witty – Competition Referee
Charlotte Simpson – Youth Secretary

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Alexandra	Zena Henderson, ANO	Newcastle City	Kim Pearson, Cat Witty
Astley	Jolene Byers, Helen Robson, Erin Younger	Newcastle Storm	Anna Barnes, Rachel Cassidy
Beacon	Claire Scragg, Jacqi Holford	Novos	Gill Mason, Lisa Harvey, Gillian Jasper, Lori Lant
Blue Flames	Andrea Cummings, Paula Graham, Veronica Hetherington	Northumbria Police	Jennie Donachie, Lisa Orchard
Burnside	Margaret Chambers, Wendy Pinkney	Prudhoe	Sue Henderson, Emma King
Chopwell	Val Reynolds, Laka Sibley	PWC	Jenny Cousins, Sophie Marchbanks
Cobalt Vixens	Emma Bell, Caitlin Avery, Wilma Edwards	P&G	Laura McCallan, Francesca Garner
Concordia	Julia Edwards, Olivia Edwards	Riverside	Lynne Booth, Deborah Percy, Kate Barker
Denton Park	Leanne Weatherburn	Sage	Claire Allsop, Julie Baughman
Durham Palatinates	Ailsa Johnson, Sarah Price	Sandyford	Sarah Johnson, Karen Hallett
EY	Zoe Robertson, Claire Lillie	Seaton Burn	Sue Gutteridge, Claire Blair, Lorraine Bullock, Carol
Freeman Knights	Nicky Baguley, Amy Kirsopp	Seatonians	Michelle Longstaff, Lindsay Bradley
Fusion	Amy Kirsopp, Jess Mitchell	Stadium	Jo MacLeod
GALS	Ami Gascoigne, Michelle Scott	Sunderland Predators	Rebecca Foggin, Donna Farrer
Gateshead	Jan Adams, Charlotte, Simpson, Leanne Watson, Vikki Smith	TEAM	Liz Wisniewski, Francesca Orchard
Gateshead Angels	Heather Wales, Laura Hanson	Tigers	Deborah Dockwray, Helen Thompson
Gosforth	Tracey Richardson, Alison Hall, Kate Cowell	Tynemouth	
Great Park	Sarah-Jane Cross, Emily Underwood-Lea	Vixens	Hayley Tindale, Kaisha Walton
Greencroft	Eve Askey-Bridge, Amy Jones	Wearside Wildcats	Joanne Black
Jesmond	Sophie Redsell, Jemma Castle	Westgate	Karen Carnaffin, Pauline Matope
KATS	Lorna Banner, Tina Walker	Willington	Lynn Morrison, Susan Clark
NESLC	Emma Dawson, Lynn Morrison	Womble	Jane Atkinson, Nicola Deedes

1. Apologies for Absence

Kerry Lessels – Chair, Linda Hall – Treasurer, Katie Woodward - Affiliations Officer, Louise Hurst - Stanley Thunder

2. Minutes of 2017 AGM

Minutes agreed as a correct record of the meeting. Proposed by Liz Wisniewski, seconded by Sarah Jane Cross

3. Committee Reports

Chair/County Secretary – members were encouraged to get involved by volunteering for the various roles available in our sport. Coaches, Committee Members, Umpires, Club Secretaries & Treasurers, Safeguarding Officers, are all roles that need to be undertaken if we are to develop and manage the delivery of quality netball in the county. Volunteers are truly appreciated at all levels and the North East Region had recently given out a number of awards to members of T&W. Whitley Bay High School were named school of the year following their performance at the

National Schools competition. Deborah Percy was named Club Coach of the year and the following were awarded long service awards - Yvonne Hoyland, Liz Thompson, Gill Mason, Pat Scott, Margaret Chambers, Wendy Pinkney, Lynne Booth, Jan Adams, Brenda Vail, Liz Vuyk, Liz Wisniewski, Linda Tyman, Lynn Morrison, Val Reynolds, Jacqi Holford, Lyn Jamieson-Yip, Loraine Netherton. Particular mention was made of Loraine and the great loss to netball in our county. Her award was presented to a group of Players from Seaton Burn who took the opportunity to thank everyone in T&W for the condolences and support they had offered to Loraine's family.

The County had taken the opportunity to celebrate the contribution of our oldest clubs at one of the Super League matches. They had also invited along as their honoured guest Anne Stephenson - England Player, Umpire and Life Member.

Communication is very important and the county is increasingly using the website and facebook to deliver key messages and information. Clubs were also reminded that every team, captain, coach, umpire, official in their club should ensure they have an up to date Handbook. Following the changes in the law around Data Protection (GDPR) the County requested that clubs consider creating a generic email address for their club ie: redsnetballclub@outlook.com. This would reduce the annual administration in updating circulation lists for committee members and would reduce issues around data protection. Clubs were also reminded that on the website under links to clubs there is an email address for each club – however these are just dummy addresses which link to the address of the club secretary provided each year. This is used to allow anyone interested to get in touch with clubs directly whilst protecting the email address of the club secretary. To meet the new requirements around GDPR Club Secretaries, Umpires and Coaches were asked to complete a Consent Form which will allow the County to publish their contact number in the Handbook and to send them various relevant information.

Performance Secretary – 2017-18 has been a good year with 1 county academy and 2 satellite academies being delivered and the same will be delivered for the coming year. More matchplay will also be included in the coming year as this was identified as a gap in the players development. 3 County Players were selected into the Regional Academy and 6 players from T&W were selected in to the U19 NPL team. A big thank you was due to all the coaches, players, clubs and parents who have support the players this year. A plea was also made for coaches to come forward and get involved in coaching the academies. More coaches are always needed and Deborah asked anyone interested to get in touch with her. Due to the demise of the Team Northumbria Super league team discussions were underway on how the Performance Pathway will be delivered in future. Regular updates on this will be posted on this on the website and facebook pages.

Junior Competition – Charlotte had run junior leagues at Gateshead Stadium on a Sunday morning and these had been very well received. Charlotte was thanked for all her hard work. Prizes were given to all the winners of the 4 age groups in the Junior League. Junior Coaches were thanked for all the hard work they do over the year running their junior clubs and helping to develop the future of netball. A gift of a match ball and chocolates were given to all our junior clubs and coaches. Junior League winners were U11, U12 and U14 – Riverside, U16 Greencroft.

Adult Competition – Everyone present was thanked for their input to ensure the leagues ran as smoothly as they did. Liz emphasised the importance of reading the rules and re-reading the rules every year as these changed. Clubs were also encouraged to organise their umpires sooner! Prizes were given to all the teams who had won their divisions in the Winter and Spring leagues.

Affiliations – All first affiliation costs will be kept as is, second affiliation will reduce from £15 to £10 to bring us in line with other counties across the region. 2nd affiliations will also be done via My Net in future.

Officiating – Congratulation were offered to all those umpires who had qualified this year. Cat Witty – B Award; Olivia Fell, Gail Sherwood, Natalie Cowan, Caitlyn Avery, Alex Liddell, Faye Bateson, Joanne Murnane – C Award.

Emma outlined the rationale behind the introduction of the new umpire rule. The aim is to have more umpires and for those qualified umpires to do more matches. At the moment we have a significant number of umpires who only umpire 2 or 3 games over the course of the season. On the other side we have 50% of the umpiring being done by 9 umpires! The new rule being introduced will require all clubs to nominate an active umpire for each team they have in the league. Umpires will be able to be nominated for a maximum of two teams. There will be certain criteria umpires must meet in order to be considered active. The process will be discussed in more detail at the Umpire Seminars and will come in for the Spring League 2019.

Adoption of Accounts

The County Accounts for the year gone were presented. How we spend the money received in income by the county was also outlined. Financial support was available from the county to help with coaching, umpiring and competition. The Accounts were adopted.

Elections of Officers

Officiating Secretary – Helen Emmerson was nominated for this position by Jan Adams and Leanne Weatherburn and was duly elected.

This still left a couple of posts vacant – Coaching and Publicity. There were no nominations for these posts or proposals from the floor on the night. These will be discussed at the next Committee meeting and anyone interested in being involved with the committee was asked to contact someone from the committee after the meeting.

4. Appointment of an Auditor

It was agreed to appoint Val Reynolds as Auditor for the TWCNA County and Affiliation Accounts.

5. Consideration of Proposed Resolutions

There were no proposed resolutions.

The formal part of the meeting was closed.

League Proposal & Questionnaire Feedback

The results of the questionnaire were shared. 33 of the 50 clubs had replied but only 12 teams had expressed a preference for the new League 1. Many teams/clubs had expressed the opinion that the league in its current format was what they wanted and there was no need for change. Based on the results of the questionnaire the committee had decided that at this time the league would stay in its current format. However based on the original issues identified and those raised as part of the Questionnaire, the league rules would be amended to address some of these issues.

Entries for the Winter League were taken and confirmed.