

TYNE AND WEAR COUNTY NETBALL ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 24th July 2019
7pm at Blue Flames Sporting Club

Committee – in attendance

Kerry Lessels - Chairperson

Sarah Jane Cross – County Secretary

Liz Wisniewski - Competitions Officer

Helen Emmerson - Officiating Officer

Deborah Percy - Performance Officer

Rachel Cassidy – Committee Member

Mark Scott – Coaching Officer

Cat Witty – Competition Referee

Linda Hall - Treasurer

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Astley	Jolene Byers, Julie Patterson, Helen Robson	NT Unison	Susan Clark, Helen Emmerson
Beacon	Claire Scragg, Val Reynolds	Newcastle City	Kim Pearson, Cat Witty
Blue Flames	Nicola Baguley	Newcastle Medics	Caty Whitehouse
Burnside	Kath Robinson	Newcastle Storm	Cat Witty, Rachel Cassidy
Chopwell	Val Reynolds, Laka Sibley	Novos	Tracey Milne, Jeanette Shipley
Cobalt Vixens	Cheryl Mann, Caitlin Avery	Northern Stars	Alison Hill, Sarah Curry
Concordia	Sarah Croft, Jen Bell	Northumbria Police	Jennie Donachie, Julie Waller
Denton Park	Leanne Weatherburn, Christine Heslop	Prudhoe	Kate Hope, Kim Pearson
Durham Palatinates	Yolande Henderson	PWC	Tina Walker, Susan Briganti
EY	Nicole Pegg, Claire Lillie	P&G	Laura McCallan, Abbey Dent
Freeman Knights	Nicky Baguley, Jude Oliver	Riverside	Lynne Booth, Deborah Percy, Kate Barker, Karen Makinson
Fusion	Amy Kirsopp, Jess Mitchell	Sage	Claire Allsop
GALS	Annie Ward, Anna Kilmister	Sandyford	Cath Brown, Genevieve Wilson
Gateshead	Vikki Smith, Amy Chapman, Laura Taylor, Lucy Brooks	Seaton Burn	Claire Blair, Anna Peel
Gateshead Angels	Heather Wales, Laura Hanson	Seatonians	Michelle Longstaff, Lindsay Bradley, Eve Bradley
Gosforth	Tracey Richardson, Alison Hill, Sarah Richardson	Stadium	Jo MacLeod, Nicole Pegg
Gosforth Galaxy	Sarah Richardson	Stanley Thunder	Alysa McKinney, Maire Lee
Great Park	Sarah-Jane Cross, Hannah Slack, Michelle Evans, Kerry Gate	Sunderland Predators	Rebecca Foggin
Greencroft	Debbie Crisp, Alison Ward	TEAM	Liz Wisniewski, Phoebe Waller
Jesmond	Claire Hails, Fiona Daghish	Tigers	Sophie Asher, Sarah Haigh, Meagan McMaster, Elissa Allen
KATS	Lorna Banner, Tina Walker	Tynemouth	Yvonne Watson, Leanne Storey
Midget Gems	Julie Patterson	Vixens	Hayley Tindale, Kaisha Walton
		Westgate	Hannah Richardson, Christine Wright
		Willington	Lynn Morrison, Susan Clark

1. Apologies for Absence

Katie Woodward - Affiliations Officer, Liz Brown – Schools Officer, Charlotte Simpson – Youth Officer.

2. Minutes of 2018 AGM

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

3. Committee Reports

Chair – Kerry Lessels thanked everyone for their contributions over the course of the last season. 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. Rebekah Talbot had won the Young Volunteer of the Year Award and Sarah Jane Cross the Volunteer of the Year and the following were awarded long service awards – Julie Bishop, Julie Waller, Susan Clark and Rachel Selby. Kerry has completed her term as Chair and she was thanked for her years of service.

Affiliations – Rachel Cassidy outlined some key points about the move to the new Engage System and all clubs were encouraged to prompt their members to do their membership as soon as possible. Affiliation costs will remain the same this season at £44 for an adult member.

Coaching – Mark Scott outlined the plans to offer more help for coaches and to put in place some ongoing coach development. Everything on offer would be available to all, even unqualified coaches.

Performance – Deborah Percy has completed her term as Performance Secretary and she was thanked for her years of service. The county has again delivered Academy and Satellite's and all players have been able to take part in match play against neighbouring counties. There have been changes to the age ranges with a move to U13 and U15 and T&W will be phasing in these new age groups in to the performance pathway. Anyone interested in getting involved with coaching county juniors was encouraged to contact the County.

Officiating – Helen Emmerson offered the County's congratulations to all those umpires who had qualified this year. Sam Moore, Jade Keepin, Rebecca Bailey – B Award; Sarah Churlish, Nicole Pegg, Vikki Smith, Hannah Slack, Julia Das, Katy Lowery and Gemma Awan – C Award. Helen outlined the positive changes since the introduction of the new rule with more umpires officiating in the league and a wider spread of matches, rather than a small group of umpires doing a significant proportion of the matches.

Junior Competition – Charlotte was unavailable to attend but was thanked for her service in the post. A list of winners of the season's divisions was displayed. Match balls were given to all the winners.

Adult Competition – All the winners of divisions in the Winter and Spring leagues were presented with a match ball by Chairperson Kerry.

Competition – Liz Wisniewski shared with the membership the comments which had been collated from the Team Sheets in the last season. Most of these related to the poor behaviour of participants in and around the court. Clubs were asked to go back to all the members of their clubs and emphasise that there are Codes of Conduct with minimum standards of behaviour which are expected of everyone. And also to play their part in ensuring that players take the court ready to play in a sporting and respectful manner.

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

Chairperson – Deborah Percy, nominated by Sarah Jane Cross, seconded by Helen Emmerson

Performance Officer – Hannah Larsen, nominated by Deborah Percy, seconded by Karen Makinson

Treasurer – there were no nominations for this post and Linda Hall agreed to continue in post.

Schools – there were no nominations for this post and Liz Brown agreed to continue in post.

Publicity. There were no nominations for this post.

Youth – There were no nominations for this post.

Anyone interested in being involved with the committee was asked to contact someone from the committee after the meeting. Clubs were asked to mention the vacant committee posts in their clubs and anyone interested should contact the County.

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

It was proposed that in the future the Minutes of the Previous AGM were circulated electronically rather than printed and presented on the night.