

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Tyne & Wear County Netball Association | Committee Meeting**  
**Friday 29 June 2018**

<b>Time</b>	<b>18:30-21.00</b>	Guests: Fiona Holden Gemma Sandberg
<b>Venue</b>	104 Featherstone Grove Great Park	
<b>Attendees</b>	SJ Cross, Cat Witty, Liz Wisniewski, Liz Brown, Emma Dawson, Helen Emmerson, Linda Hall	
<b>Apols.</b>	Kerry Lessels, Deborah Percy, Katie Davidson & Charlotte Hills	
<b>No.</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Notes and Actions</b>
1.	Actions from last meeting (attached)	All actions agreed by group and outstanding action was that we could use our own picture of Deborah for the website as she hasn't provided one! Also if you haven't sent your skills matrix through to SJ please do so asap
2.	Fiona & Gemma update	Gemma went through latest stats with group and explained that funding from Sport England had been reduced since April:  Total new participants to date (Apr-Jun): 107 New participants from B2N: 51 New participants from Walking Netball: 28 plus another 20 from a session with the Women's Institute. New participants from Netball Now: 8 Programmes currently running in the Tyne and Wear area: <b>Back to Netball</b> Tuesday – 6.30-8pm, Benfield School Wednesday – 7-8pm, Gosforth Academy Wednesday – 7-8pm, Cardinal Hume Thursday – 12-1pm, Sport Central Thursday – 7-8pm, Longbenton High <b>Walking Netball</b> Monday – 11.30am-12.30pm, Blue Flames Wednesday – 10-11am, Birtley Leisure Centre Wednesday – 6.30-8pm, Cardinal Hume (W.I session) Thursday – 6-7pm, Hadrian Leisure Centre  <b>Netball Now</b>

		<p>Monday – 8-9pm, Great Park Community Centre Wednesday – 8-9pm, Gosforth Academy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Also – new under 11 product is being launched by England netball from 5 years + - details to follow soon</li> <li>• A walking netball partnership has been set up by England netball with the Women’s Institute and new sessions are being set up regularly due to the connection</li> </ul>
3.	Schools Update	<p>England Netball have raised an affiliation issue they have identified, 7 and a half months after the tournament took place. The issue is one which was identified by T&amp;W County before the tournament and advice and help was sought from England Netball. They provided this at the time and records of emails were kept. Kerry has replied to EN enclosing the email trails and asking why they helped us to get the schools affiliated if they knew they were ineligible to take part, this was sent on 18<sup>th</sup> June. As of now 11 days later we have received no reply?</p> <p>Liz B also requested if we can fund T&amp;W branded medals for the next schools event – committee agreed and suggested we buy in bulk for better price point – <b>Linda to speak to local supplier</b></p>
4.	AGM (25 <sup>th</sup> July)	<p>Linda won’t be there so someone will need to help with the collection of League Fees. <b>(SJ can do this)</b></p> <p>Speakers on the evening:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Kerry open meeting (SJ happy to deputise)</li> <li>- Helen - Funding for Coaching</li> <li>- SJ/Kerry - General funding of various things like Super league tickets, subsidising the leagues (adult and junior)</li> <li>- Katie - My Net change for second affiliations</li> <li>- Emma/Liz - Umpiring rule change</li> <li>- Liz W – general league issues and reminders</li> <li>- Liz W - Present balls to division winners</li> <li>- Liz W - Present balls to junior division winners</li> </ul>
5.	Committee Nominations Received And governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applications received from Helen Emmerson for Umpiring Secretary</li> <li>• Two expressions of interest received also for Publicity Officer and Officiating Officer – neither have made formal applications though</li> <li>• <b>Liz</b> to contact <b>Liz Dark</b> to clarify her position on the committee</li> </ul> <p><b>Road to Liverpool</b> This is an England Netball event that counties have been asked to send representatives to. Deborah, Liz and Cat have agreed to attend for T&amp;W. Rachel Cassidy will also be attending on behalf of the Region. There is no cost for the event but it is in Salford so there will be travel expenses. It was agreed to fund any costs incurred by the committee members in attending this event. <b>Attendees to submit expenses to Linda in a timely manner with receipts where possible.</b></p> <p><b>Regional TSG Roles.</b> There have been some issues with attendance at these. It isn’t currently the responsibility of the relevant county committee secretary to attend the Regional TSG but it does provide an excellent communication route for getting information from the region to the</p>

		<p>county and back. It was agreed to amend the role descriptions of the Coaching, Officiating, Competition and Publicity Secretaries to include the task of either attending the relevant TSG or organising for a relevant person to attend in their place. <b>SJ / Liz</b> to organise.</p> <p><b>Committee Duty Night at Blue Flames</b> 18<sup>th</sup> July – Liz W &amp; Cat covering, <b>need one more volunteer</b></p>
6.	League Proposal Feedback	<p>Liz has already circulated the feedback received from across the teams. General consensus is leave everything as is. The two clubs who had requested the review – Stadium and Riverside didn't respond. <b>Liz to discuss next steps in AGM – ie. Leave the same</b></p>
7.	Umpire & League Rule Amendment	<p>An analysis of umpires in the winter season just finished with the previous winter season has shown that our umpiring situation is improving. We have more umpires umpiring and those umpires are doing more matches. So the spread is much better and whereas previously we had 6 umpires doing 50% of the matches, we now have 10 umpires doing 50% of the matches. We have also had a number of new C's qualifying and quite a few in training as well as interest in C award courses.</p> <p>We discussed the possibility of a rules event for players as many of the issues during matches are caused by a lack of knowledge of the rules by players or the understanding of how the rules is interpreted and applied. It was felt that this would be hard to organise and even if teams sent players those players wouldn't necessarily go away and disseminate the information gained. Instead it was agreed to look into running a series of facebook posts on the rules. <b>HE</b> to look into this.</p> <p><b>A Award Umpiring Conference.</b> Helen Emmerson and Rachel Cassidy are to attend this event on behalf of T&amp;W. In return they will deliver the Umpire Seminars next season. Rachel has received some financial support from the Region and it was agreed to match this (£100). And to provide Helen with the same amount as Rachel is receiving in total (£200). <b>Linda to action.</b></p> <p>Still need an agreement on what we pay umpires for county events, county matchplay, etc..</p> <p><b>Rule changes:</b> Possibility of points penalties being carried over to next season if they incur these and are being relegated anyway. Clarify requirements when umpires below Division 2 don't score. 3 teams from any one club in a division 3 times playing up then that's it Potentially change to 2 times and then up if problems continue Teams not being promoted pending further review <b>Liz</b> to draft new rules for coming season and circulate. Just need to mention major changes at AGM.</p>
8.	League Fees for 2019, Issues and Competition	<p>Actual court cost of 9 matches will be £216 next season. It was agreed to increase the league Fee from £190 to £200 with the county subsidising the league by around £1440 Spring and Winter. This will be communicated to all Clubs by <b>Liz W.</b> and entry form will be updated.</p>

		<p>Following some issues with <b>bags of ice</b> left on the side of the court and melting and leaking onto court it was agreed to purchase ice packs to give to each team and also to have some available at Blue Flames. Associated with this Liz is to ask Blue Flames if it is possible to have a locker where we store the various bits that are needed for Duty Night. Action <b>LW</b>.</p> <p>Been a few issues raised but most are minor and just need to be discussed with umpires at the Umpire Seminar. Concordia v Freeman – score discrepancy at final whistle. This was discussed and it was agreed that the two Umpires on the night are in charge of the match and as they had agreed on the score at the end of the match that we had to support this. Some lessons have been learned from this issue and again these will be reinforced with all umpires at the Umpire Seminar. Umpires not scoring below Division 2 needs to be clarified that they must use the scoreboard.</p> <p>Gateshead v Riverside – Greencroft A umpire no show. It was agreed to impose the 5 point penalty on Greencroft. There was also a discussion on the possibility of teams carrying over points penalties where they incur them and are relegated anyway to try and enforce the importance of providing umpires in a timely manner.</p> <p>Riverside had requested permission for two players to move to their club from Seatonians. This was agreed for one player but the second player had already played for Seatonians in the Spring League so under the rules they were ineligible to transfer.</p> <p>Riverside Netball Club won through to the Prem Play Offs. The County supported them financially at the tournament and Riverside have written with their thanks for this help.</p>
9.	Finance Update	<p><b>Affiliation Add-Ons.</b> A discussion took place about these amounts and it was agreed to keep them the same for the coming year. <b>Liz has</b> informed Katie that amounts are staying the same for input to My Net.</p> <p><b>World Cup.</b> As a result of the discussion on affiliations and our healthy financial position, it was also agreed to set aside some monies to promote the World Cup next year. A committee sub group will be setup to agree what we should do.</p> <p><b>Financial Policies to approve.</b> These will be resent to all committee members <b>LW</b>. Need to be reviewed and put in place for the coming financial year. <b>ALL</b></p>
10.	AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SJ suggested that we have a committee <b>'WhatsApp' group</b> for non-formal communication (eg when people got lost finding SJ's house), so that we could contact the group easily – <b>ACTION ALL – to send SJ their mobile numbers to set up the group</b></li> <li>• Date of next meeting is now Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August 6.30-9pm at SJ's house</li> <li>• <b>SJ to share netball scorer app on facebook group</b></li> <li>• <b>Helen to put together a criteria info sheet about how you can become a 'Scorer'</b></li> </ul>