



**TYNE AND WEAR COUNTY NETBALL ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 15th JULY 2013
FROM 7.00 PM AT BLUE FLAMES SPORTING CLUB**

Committee

Gill Mason, Chairperson

Kath Robinson, Vice Chairperson

Ashleigh Gibson, County Secretary

Jan Adams, Junior Secretary

Sue Borthwick, Affiliations Secretary

Linda Hall, Treasurer

Wendy Pinkney, Committee Member

Rachel Cassidy, Communications Secretary

Charlotte Waites, Committee Member

Liz Wizniewski, League Secretary

Amanda Hawley, Committee Member

Lynne Booth, Development Secretary

Leanne Weatherburn, Development Secretary

Clubs

7 four 7 – Kelly Galloway, Lesley Willis

Beacon – Jacqi Halford, Val Reynolds

Burnside – Angie Sherry, Jess Embleton

Chopwell – Claire Taylor, Fiona Johnson

Concordia – Iris Ritson, Sarah Spence

Denton Park – Ashleigh Gibson, Leanne

Weatherburn

Freeman Knights – Katie Lovell, Emma Stearman

Gateshead Angels – Laura Hanson, Liz McErlane

Greencroft – Linda Tyman, Helen Emerson

KATS – Lorna Banner, Debra Dodd

NTC – Pat Percy, Susan Clark

Newcastle Storm – Amanda Hawley, Rachel Cassidy

Novos – Jill Turnbull, Alexandra Mackie

P & G – Emma Connelly, Clair Robson

Riverside – Pat Percy, Lynne Booth

Sandyford – Laura Hanson, Jill Turnbull

Seatonians – Liz Vuyk, Brenda Vail

Tigers – Catriona Powell, Sarah

Tynemouth – Yvonne Watson, Kelly Watson

Westgate – Alison Burrows, Michelle Mann,

Astley – Danielle Green, Alison Hare

7 Up – Jill Turnbull, Alexandra Mackie

Blue Flames – Kerry Guy, Paula Graham,

Castle Hill – not affiliating

Cobalt – Amy Carroll, Emma Spence

Dickinson Dees – Sarah Daun, Alice Story

Durham Dodgers – Fiona Johnson, Claire Taylor

Gateshead – Jan Adams, Sue Borthwick,

Gosforth – Karen Muir, Michelle Oddy

Jesmond – Sarah Rowland, Jen Hazelton

NESCL – Lynn Morrison, Emma Ross

Newcastle City – Anna Barnes, Amanda Hawley

Newcastle University – not affiliating

Panthers – Tanya Seddon, Jane Richardson

PWC – Lorna Banner, Deborah

Sage – Clare Allsopp, Lindsay

Seaton Burn – Lorraine Netherton, Gill Sutton

Stadium – Theresa Ireland, Jo Burnham

TEAM Coast – Liz Wiz, Sheila Evans

Wearside Wildcats – Charlotte Waites, Gemma Sandberg

Willington – Susan Clarke Lynn Morrison

FOWS – Leigh Wright, Kerry Hunter

Apologies for Absence

None

Minutes of 2012 AGM

These were agreed

Matters Arising

None identified.

Reports**Chairperson – Gill Mason**

The Chair thanked attendees for taking the time to represent their clubs at the 2013 AGM. This welcome was extended to the England Netball Regional Manager, Helen Emmerson and the T&W County NDO, Fiona Johnson. The chair emphasised the importance of the AGM as a crucial event in the calendar for not only detailing entry to the winter league but for the opportunity to disseminate information to the membership and importantly to receive feedback from the membership on how the county is run. Effective communication requires club contacts to feedback to clubs including encouragement to use the website.

The format of the meeting was detailed as:

- Secretaries Reports
- Proposed Constitutional Changes (HE/LWiz)
- County Plan Development (TB)

- NDO Work (FJ)

It had been a busy netball year and players, umpires were thanked for their commitment to the success of the County. Committee members were thanked for their contribution – it was noted that all actions require an immense amount of work which largely goes unseen. Satellite and Academy coaches, team managers, umpire tutors and mentors were thanked. Lolita Daniel, Umpiring Secretary, was thanked for her hard work as she steps down from her role.

County, region and England Netball goals were outlined. The aim is to provide a high quality environment which is supportive of individual aspirations in netball. Safe and appropriate level of competition alongside quality coaching were discussed, with County support for UKCC coaching qualifications being outlined at 50% of course fee for any Tyne and Wear coach working within the county. The County wished to instil confidence in coaches and officials through CPD providing appropriately qualified personnel to take our County forward.

Club and county administrators were acknowledged for fulfilling their roles. The County was classed as fortunate to have a strong Committee who were working hard to develop a County plan for 2014-18 and to fulfil the plans set out. Congratulations were extended to Riverside NC for taking part in the Prem playoff's before the Chairperson extended her best wishes to the County before stepping down from her role.

The Chair was thanked for her hard work on the Committee as she stands down from her position.

League Secretary – Liz Wisniewski

The League Secretary thanked all participants in 900 matches involving 1800 umpiring commitments. She thanked all for taking notice of the complaint about removing rubbish at the end of matches. A new structure for the Winter League was to be implemented and teams were reminded of the requirement for scorers and B or B+ umpires for Divisions 1 and 2 matches. Winners of each league division were detailed. The Regional Golden Globe winners were also detailed where Tyne and Wear had swept the board. Congratulations were extended to Riverside NC for winning the Regional League and Riverside U16's for 14th place in the National Clubs Competition. The League Secretary encouraged attendees and club members to use the website.

Respect and discipline on and around the courts was emphasised.

The League Secretary awarded some prizes:

- 8 teams who stuck out the terrible weather of 2/7/13 in the outdoor league
- 2 teams who took part in the noisiest game of the season Greencroft B and Panthers B. Both teams were happy
- Special thanks were extended to Sylvia Pankhurst for her commitment to netball for many years, as she is lost to the sport of golf.

Development Secretaries – Lynne Booth and Leanne Weatherburn

The Development Secretaries gave details of the County U16 Academy, 3 Satellite Academies and the Development group that have been running throughout the season. The County Academy had undertaken matches in Glasgow. Details for 2013/14 season are 2 U13 Satellite Academies, U14 County Academy and U16 County Academy. All players must be affiliated and a member of a club. All schools are to be sent information for trials. Only nominations from schools and clubs will be accepted. Adverts for coaches will be available in a week via the website. Jan Adams detailed an U11 Development Group pay and play scheme taking place over the summer at Gateshead Leisure Centre Sunday 4-6pm.

Treasurer – Linda Hall

Linda explained the Final Balance Sheet as at 14th July 201 and invited queries.

The county is in a healthy state financially. The league fees were short of covering the court costs but second affiliation fees covered the shortfall. The accounts were accepted, proposed Lynne Booth, seconded Ashleigh Gibson.

Affiliations – Sue Borthwick

The affiliations secretary informed the meeting that first affiliations for 2013/14 would be open on August 1st. All affiliations must be logged through MyNet. Costs are Over 18 £34, Under 18 £18, Under 14 £8.20, Under 11 £5.10. Names of players second affiliating must be received before the start of the season and are charged at £15 per player. Second affiliates can be named on a pay when play basis where payment is due when the player plays their first game with a maximum of 2 pay per play players per club.

Constitution – Helen Emmerson

The EN Regional Manager discussed the funding of EN by Sport England. The importance of governance was highlighted and all regions and counties had been encouraged to embrace changes to their constitutions. This change would encourage formation of small advisory teams (or Technical Support Group's – TSG's) with a chair. The system should aid strategy and future planning, along with sharing of good practice and good communication. Documentation is available on website for discussion and comments and a vote will be taken in January 2014 at the General Meeting.

Publicity – Rachel Cassidy

The webpage is available and has information for many aspects of County Netball, all participants are encouraged to use the facility.

Funding Opportunities - Netball Development Officer – Fiona Johnson

Funding sources were discussed by FJ. Satellite clubs were being encouraged and funding is available from County Sport Partnerships specifically for increasing junior membership. Satellites for 10 to 20 weeks in an after school setting are particularly encouraged.

Sportivate – 14-25 year olds. As above but FJ offered help with funding application.

B2N – Funding available from Tyne and Wear Coach bursary to fund B2N coaching linked to normal club nights. TWCNA is also funding coach development at 50% of course fee for successful applicants.

Election of Officers

Nominations had been received for Chairperson and Officiating Secretary. Tori Brady was nominated as Chairperson for 2014/15. (nominated Gill Mason, seconded Jan Adams). Lynne Booth was nominated as Officiating Secretary (nominated Jan Adams, seconded Leanne Weatherburn). The Chair was officially handed over to Tori Brady.

There were no further nominations for positions on the Committee and the remainder of the previous Committee was accepted for the coming year.

The meeting was closed at 8.05 pm and an Open Forum commenced to discuss any issues but none were raised.