



**TYNE AND WEAR COUNTY NETBALL ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY 16th JULY 2014  
FROM 7.00 PM AT BLUE FLAMES SPORTING CLUB**

**Committee**

Tori Brady, Chairperson  
Rachel Cassidy, Publicity Officer  
Jan Adams, Excel Officer  
Sue Borthwick, Affiliations Officer  
Linda Hall, Treasurer

Kerry Smith, Committee Member  
Liz Wisniewski, Competition Officer  
Leanne Weatherburn, Coaching Officer  
Lynne Booth, Officiating Officer

**Clubs**

7 four 7 – Kelly Galloway, M ??  
Beacon – Claire Scragg, Val Reynolds  
Burnside – Kath Robinson, Jess Embleton  
Chopwell – Val Reynolds, Fiona Holden  
Concordia – Rachel Ramsey, Sarah Spence  
Denton Park – Leanne Weatherburn, A Kirsopp  
FOWS – Leigh Wright, J Richardson  
Gateshead – Jan Adams, Sue Borthwick,  
Gosforth – Karen Muir, Michelle Oddy  
Jesmond – Sarah Rowland, Kath Monteith  
NESCL – E Hayley, Emma Ross  
Newcastle City – Anna Barnes, Amanda Hawley  
Novos – A Welsh, B Watson  
P & G – Emma Connelly, Clair Robson  
Prudhoe – K Pearson, H Pearson  
Sage – Clare Allsopp, D Baker  
Seaton Burn – Lorraine Netherton, Gill Sutton  
Stadium – Kerry Smith, Jo Burnham  
Tigers – E ?, ANO  
Vixens – H Tindall, S Oliver  
Westgate – K Carnaffin, Michelle Mann,  
Alexandra – W Daley, A Gales  
Hotshots – J Brough, ANO

7 Up – Rebecca Watson, Jo Ishida  
Blue Flames – V Hetherington, Paula Graham,  
Astley – L Thompson, A Hare  
Cobalt – A Briggs, J Greenhaugh  
Bond Dickinson – Sarah Daun, S Donaldson  
Durham Dodgers – Fiona Holden, K Huck  
Freeman Knights – S Robinson, A Hawley  
Gateshead Angels – A Wales, K Lowery  
Greencroft – K Davidson, ANO  
KATS – Lorna Banner, B Grath  
NTC – L Wisniewski, A Cowburn  
Newcastle Storm – Amanda Hawley, Rachel Cassidy  
Panthers – Tanya Seddon, J Wright  
PWC – Lorna Banner, ANO  
Riverside – Rachel Barrett, Lynne Booth  
Sandyford – B Watson, Jo Ishida  
Seatonians – Sarah Wade, Brenda Vail  
Sunderland Pred – K Mavin, K ?  
TEAM Coast – Julie Waller, Phoebe Waller  
Wearside Wildcats – E Nutley, J Hughes  
Willington – A Jennings, E Ross  
TCC Comets – T Lasalles, A Drysdale

**Apologies for Absence**

Margaret Chambers, Wendy Pinkney, Gill Mason

**Minutes of 2013 AGM**

These were accepted unanimously by the meeting.

**Matters Arising**

None identified.

**Reports****Chairperson – Tori Brady**

- Another good year for netball in our County.
- Thanks to all who give up their time and help - umpires, coaches, volunteers
- Particular thanks to the committee and county academies and satellites – good development path for our junior teams
- T&W continue to make progress – we have 1 payer in the EN Performance pathway (Alex Glennie) and a few players from our clubs on the 'critical athlete or ones to watch list'.
- Still a lot to do around junior netball however so please get involved.
- We have an abundance of players and people wanting to play – great – however in order for that to happen there's a lot to do in the background. We are short of coaches, umpires and we need more people to get

involved in these areas. The County does offer financial support for people wanting to progress and develop so please let us know.

- Similarly the County couldn't run without its committee of volunteers and those here last time will know we aren't always over-run with nominations for the positions. Some of the committee have held their posts for years and are keen to take a step back so we need more people to come forward and get involved. In March 14 we had 800+ affiliated players and 37 clubs. We have 13 Committee posts held by reps from only 7 clubs! As mentioned at the last GM in addition to the committee positions there will be opportunity for sub groups to be formed in areas such as Competition, Officiating, Coaching etc and one option we have is to have a requirement that every affiliated club provides one rep for either a committee role or a support group. This is something we can look at next year.
- Website is up and running – updated regular. Make sure everyone is aware of FB, Twitter updates
- County plans are progressing well – we set ourselves some challenging targets around development but have been successful in achieving most part of our targets on time

#### **Competitions Officer** – Liz Wisniewski

The League Secretary thanked all participants for fulfilling their commitments – playing and umpiring to make the leagues run as smoothly as they do. She thanked all for taking notice of the complaint about removing rubbish at the end of matches. Also mention was made of the increasing amounts of clothing which is left behind. Anything found would be best put into the duty box. Respect and discipline on and around the courts was emphasised again and it was pointed out that there are codes of conduct for all roles around the court and it is important not just to read these but to put them into action for everyone's benefit.

Congratulations to this year's winners.

**Winter Season** - Seatonians A, Novos A, Sandyford, Newcastle Storm, P&G, Greencroft B, Stadium D, Durham Dodgers and FOWS.

**Spring Season** - Riverside A, Riverside C, Denton Park A, Tigers A, Team Coast, Panthers B, Vixens and FOWS.

Each of the County League winners would receive a top quality match ball for the start of the new season.

**Outdoor** – Alexandra and Seatonians

**Summer Hols** – FOWs and Veins and Pains

The Outdoor and Summer winners were presented with a small gift.

The **Regional League Trophy** was also presented to Seatonians and congratulations offered for their excellent showing in the Premier League Play Offs where they just missed out on qualifying for the national league.

Apologies were offered to the Northumbria Police team who last year won the **PSUK National Knock Out Trophy**. This year they had qualified again for the final but unfortunately due to an injury depleted squad couldn't repeat the win.

Finally a Tyne and Wear member, Pat Percy will be representing the county at the Commonwealth Games this year as she has been appointed as one of the table officials for the netball competition.

#### **Affiliations Officer** – Sue Borthwick

Sue briefed the members on this year's affiliation process and also provided a handout detailing the process at length to avoid any confusion.

#### **Publicity Officer** – Rachel Cassidy

The webpage is available and has information for many aspects of County Netball, all participants are encouraged to use the facility. Clubs were also asked to mark up any amendments for the handbook on the sheets on the walls or to inform Rachel of any amendments.

#### **Treasurer** – Linda Hall

A balance sheet for the year gone was passed out to all members. No questions were received. The County is in a health state financially due to sound management of their monies. The Balance Sheet was accepted unanimously by the meeting.

#### **Election of Officers**

A number of officers were stepping down this year after making significant contributions over a number of years – specifically Jan Adams and Leanne Weatherburn and they were both thanked for all their work.

**Officers who had agreed to stand again were accepted as follows:**

Chair – Tori Brady	Treasurer – Linda Hall	Competitions – Liz Wisniewski
Officiating – Lynne Booth	Affiliations – Sue Borthwick	Publicity – Rachel Cassidy
Committee – Wendy Pinkney		

**Elections to the vacant positions were as follows:**

County Secretary – Margaret Tobin - agreed  
Coaching Officer – Kerry Smith – agreed  
Performance Officer – Deborah Percy was nominated by Tanya Seddon and seconded by Kerry Smith – agreed.

The following posts were empty but it was noted that anyone interested should apply to the committee and could be co-opted on for the year.

Schools Officer  
Youth Officer  
Committee Member

**Appointment of an Auditor**

Val Reynolds had agreed to act as Auditor for the County. This was agreed.

**Consideration of Resolutions**

There were no resolutions to consider.

The meeting was closed at 7.34 pm and an Open Forum commenced to discuss any issues but none were raised.

**Netball Development Officer – Fiona Johnson**

Fiona outlined a number of playing opportunities over the summer. She also provided information for a number of funding opportunities that clubs could tap into to support the purchase of kit and coaching and umpiring qualifications. For further information Fiona can be contacted or information is also available on the Tyne and Wear website.