

**MINUTES of the Tyne & Wear County Netball Association**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**held on 17th July 2002, at Blue Flames Sporting Club.**

**Present**

Astley - Joan Campbell, Jill Little  
Beacon - Annabel Gardener, J Holford  
Blaydon - Jackie Jordan  
Blue Flames - S Brydon  
Burnside - W Pinkney, M Chambers, E Norris, H Hartley  
Castle Hill - Marion Stobo, Julie Kinghorn, Dawn Williams  
Coast - Lisa Orchard, Liz Wisniewski  
Concordia - Iris Ritson  
Denton Park - Cath Scorer, Pat Ayre  
Gateshead - Jan Adams, S Wheale  
Gateshead Stadium - A Richardson, R Williams  
Greencroft - Rachel Page, Lorna Russell  
Gosforth - Joanna Barnard, Karen Muir  
I. Paints - Sam Wheale, Sarah Garrett  
Jesmond - Anna Humphreys  
Kenton - Joanne Kelly, Kate Warburton  
Killingworth - Lisa Ormston, Lyndsey McDonald  
NCC - Jill Troup

NESSA - Annette Simpson, A Hedley, A Ferguson  
Newcastle City - Alicia Dargon, Gemma Railson, B Hewitt  
Newcastle College - Nicola Temple, K Moore, N McMillen  
NTC - A Jennings, K Brown  
Novos - Gill Mason, B Burke, C Witty  
Panthers - Angie Richardson, Lisa Orchard  
Parks - Yvonne Evans, S Talbot  
Riverside - Karen Thompson, J Pottinger  
Sage - Natalie Thorburn, Claire Allsopp, Clare Cooper  
Seaton Burn - Joanna Walbank, Anne Carter  
Seatonians - Brenda Vail, M Smith, Julie Bishop, L Vuyk  
Stocksfield - Lizzie Wrath, D Watson, H Pearson  
Taxes - Christine Rodda, Julie Bishop, S Calder  
Tynemouth - D Bryson, L Jamieson-Yip, A Bridgewater  
Willington - L Morrison, D White, S Clark, Y Welsh  
Winlaton - Anne Smith, Debbie Cuthbertson  
7 Four 7 - Trudy Hunter, Anita Hopper, J Rodgeron

**Apologies**

Pat Percy, Margaret Thompson, Janice Boyack-Short, Val Reynolds, Elaine Gardener, Lynne Booth.

**Minutes of 2001 AGM** - these were agreed.

**Matters Arising** - None

**Reports**

**Honorary Treasurer - Elaine Gardener**

The county is in a healthy financial position - a balance sheet was distributed around the attenders. Affiliations will have to rise again this year by £1 to £20 - of this £13 will go to AENA so only a small percentage is retained by the county. Under 16 will go to £9.50 and Under 14 to £6.50.

**Reports from Section Secretaries**

**Umpiring Secretary - Margaret Chambers**

Congratulations go to Kate Warburton and Lesley Dixon on achieving the 'C' award and Jan Adams and Helen Booth on achieving their 'B' award. Umpiring courses are to be extended to under 16's doing GCSE PE. Umpires with beginners awards are also to be allowed to umpire in Junior Leagues. For the future it is important to ensure that people can play, coach, umpire and watch if they choose to. This is particularly important in the summer league when the matches are crushed into a shorter space of time.

**League Secretary - Gill Mason**

Junior teams were requested to ensure they return their results - leagues cannot be put together otherwise. The summer junior league however ran excellently and thanks are due to Yvonne Welsh for all her help.

A new structure was tried for the adult winter league and seemed to go well, so it will be continued. However adult teams must also return results to the league secretary - either by handing them in to the committee member on duty or by posting. It is only if results are returned that league tables can be calculated and published.

Once again a number of matches were cancelled - often at the last minute. Because of the problems of getting indoor facilities it is very important that games are not cancelled, and that where possible friendlies are arranged to fill in the gaps and utilise the empty courts.

Finally clubs must self-monitor their nominations and be honest!!

**Affiliation Secretary - Ann Smith**

We have now surpassed 1000 affiliations, with 1038 in total. These are split between Adults 750, Under 16 172, Seconds 66, Clubs 40, Schools 50.

**Coaching Secretary - Pat Percy**

Congratulations go to Gill Mason on passing her Advanced Written Award. Active Sport have taken over a lot of the work involved in organising coaching courses and this is working very successfully.

### **Tournament Secretary - Jan Adams**

High5 and junior tournaments have been very successful this year but they need to be held indoors! For the seniors the mixed tournament is always popular but other tournaments have poor entries. Over 40's didn't take place this year but will be tried again next summer. Anyone with ideas on variations for tournaments should contact the tournament secretary.

### **Coaches Report**

Under 14 - all county fixtures were cancelled at short notice.

Under 16 - thanks are due to Yvonne Welsh for helping with considerable fund raising for U14 and U16.

Thanks also to Kath Noble-Newton who made a generous donation towards the kit costs.

U18 - Sarah Penny represented Northern Flames in the Fisher & Paykel Cup.

Seniors - Not all the talent within the league is coming through into the County team. Playing for the county is good fun but we need more helpers and umpires, etc..

### **Chairperson, Liz Vuyk**

A paragraph on Equal Opportunities and Duty of Care have been added to the existing constitution and the Schools section now has its own Constitution. The quorum requirement was amended to 25% of club members. The changes were approved. Nominated B Burke, Seconded Liz Wisniewski.

### **Active Sports**

Angela Richardson has been employed by Gateshead College Active Sports as a Netball co-ordinator.

Angela can help clubs with CAPS to tap into various sources of money and Liz Barton-Jones can help with completion of the various forms. A variety of satellite and development opportunities are being setup around the region.

### **Election of Officers**

**Publicity Secretary** - no nominations

**Development Secretary** - no nominations

**Committee Member** - Sam Wheal, proposed Jan Adams, seconded Margaret Chambers

Ann Smith agreed to continue as Affiliations Secretary

### **Any other business**

High Five - the aim is to develop players all round. Tyne and Wear agreed to stick to 5's however other local areas play to different rules and some local areas do not play High 5 with under 11's at all. T&W's decision to go with High Five need to be communicated to the schools to ensure they are not doing 7-a-side with under 11's. These and other issues are to be raised at the Schools Committee.

**A Presentation** was made to retiring County Coach Brenda Vail to thank her for her years coaching the county teams.

Presentations were made to the various winners of trophies in the season.

**Alternative Leagues** - Blue Flames, Tynemouth, Gateshead. **Mixed** - Gateshead.

**Thomson Trophy** - Gateshead

**Winter League** (winners and best defence)

Division 1 - Seatonians A & Seatonians A

Division 2L - Novos B & Winlaton A

Division 2R - Seatonians C & Seatonians C

Division 3L - NTC & Seaton Burn B

Division 3R - Winlaton B & Winlaton B

Division 4L - Willington C & Willington C

Division 4R - Newcastle University & Stocksfield

Division 5 - NESSA A & Panthers B

**Summer League** (winners and best defence)

Division 1 - Seatonians A & Seatonians A

Division 2 - Tynemouth A & Gateshead Stadium C

Division 3 - Willington B & Willington B

Division 4 - Killingworth & Blue Flames

Division 5 - Sage & Stocksfield

Division 6 - Gateshead C & Panthers A

Division 7 - NESSA A & Panthers B

The meeting closed at this point.