

MINUTES of the Tyne & Wear County Netball Association
Annual General Meeting
held on 19th July 2000, at Blue Flames Sporting Club.

AGM

Present

Astley - Joan Moody, Jean Dickinson, Kate Hallam
Bainbridge - Julie Whitfield, Mandy Morris
Beacon - Val Reynolds, Jacqui Holford
Blaydon - Erica Mullins, Lesley Forrest
Blue Flames - Andrea Cummings, Veronica Hetherington
Burnside - W Pinkney, M Chambers, J Stewart, Carol Alvary
City of Sunderland - Elaine James, Evonne Calder
Coast - Sheila Evans, Chris Hughes, Liz Wisniewski
Concordia - Sandra Paynter, Iris Ritson, D Douthwaite
Denton Park - Cath Scorer, Ashleigh Gibson, Pat Ayre,
Louisa Ayre
Gateshead - Sam Wheale, Chris Kings
Greencroft - Jackie Fenton
Gosforth - Gill Heal, Karen Muir
I. Paints - Sam Wheale
Kenton - Jo Wilson, Joann Kelly, Jo Shallcross, Paul Reed
Killingworth - L Foster, J Campbell
NCC - Anna Brown
NTC - E Wisniewski, M Chambers, J Stewart, K Brown
NT Under 23's - Helena Barlow
Novos - Kerry Jones, Gill Mason, Betty Burke

Parks - Susan Talbot, Michelle Casey, Yvonne Evans, V
Harle, M Wilson, C Hopkins
Prudhoe - Chris Little, Janet Orrock
Riverside - Lynne Booth, Liz Barton
Sage - Glynn Errington
Sandyford - L Hanson, Sharon Gill
Seaton Burn - Lisa Capock, L Bullock
Seatonians - Elaine James, Alison Hardy, Michelle Cook
Stocksfield - Deborah Watson, H Pearson
Sutherland - Sue Dow, Alison Bell, Vera Glenwright
Taxes - M Forrest, Christine Rodda
Tynemouth - D Bryson, L Jamieson-Yip
University of Newcastle - Abby Baxter
University of Northumbria - Ben Lucas
Wallsend (Gateshead Stadium)- Janice Boyack-Short,
Tanya Seddon, Liz Thompson
Whickham - Anne Hood, Jane Mitchinson, Helen Barnard
Willington - Sylvia Pankhurst, Andrea Jennings, Yvonne
Welsh, Lyn Morrison, Dawn White, Susan Clark
Winlaton - H Smart Anne Smith
Wylam (Castle Hill) - Jane Love, Marion Stobo
7 Four 7 - Joanne Rodgeron, Heather Miller

Apologies

Val Trainer, Pat Scott, Brenda Vail, Pat Percy, Margaret Barrett, Chris Wilson, Michelle Oddy.

Minutes of 1999 AGM - these were agreed.

Matters Arising - None

Reports

Honorary Secretary - Liz Wisniewski

The past year has proved highly successful again for the Tyne and Wear county. Participation has increased again and the new initiatives to increase opportunities for participation have continued and proved even more popular. Both the Winter and Summer Adult leagues increased in size with the winter league expanding to an eighth division. The Alternative Leagues, Thompson Knock Out trophy and Mixed Tournament again proved popular and will hopefully see increases in participation again in the year to come.

Facilities and their cost again proved to be an ongoing problem. Unfortunately our success in attracting teams into our League have compounded the problems of finding indoor facilities for the winter season. We were fortunate this year to be able to utilise the excellent new facilities at the Coach Lane Campus, although there is only one indoor court. Similarly most of the new developments being proposed only cater for one indoor full-size netball court. The exception is the Blue Flames proposal for 2 or 3 indoor courts which would provide us with a centre for Club netball in the area, as well as a facility, truly accessible by all. The new outdoor facilities at Westgate Community College proved a big success during the summer. Although the weather was better than in previous years, on the occasional wet or damp evening, it was quickly apparent that the new surface provided secure footing. Similarly on the darker evenings the new floodlights were brought into use and made a big difference, without causing any hazard.

Finally thanks are due to a number of committee members retiring this year after years of hard work on behalf of you all. Karen Muir steps down as Treasurer after many year, similarly Margaret Barrett who relinquishes the role of Match Secretary, Liz Barton has reluctantly had to give up her work as Development Secretary due to her new job as AENA Development Officer, and finally Helen Booth has stepped down as Committee Member to pursue her academic career elsewhere in the country.

Honorary Treasurer - Karen Muir

The Treasurer presented a Balance Sheet for the year showing a healthy balance. The Balance sheet was slightly different this year with Committee members expenses allocated against areas of work rather than against the member. We have made a slight profit this year due to an increase in membership and the sponsorship gained for the leagues. The County Squad Fund broke even and will carry forward a slight profit.

Reports from Section Secretaries

League Secretary - Gill Mason

It is pleasing to report an increase in the numbers of teams taking part in our Leagues in all areas. No major problems were encountered in the running and administration of the Leagues, although the increased participation does have the knock on effect of requiring more and more indoor court time, which is difficult to find.

Seniors

Winter		Summer	
73 teams	↑ 9	63 teams	↑

Umpiring Secretary - Margaret Chambers

The 'Umpiring Section' actually consists of Margaret plus two assistants Cath Barker and Yvonne Evans, who work together to co-ordinate all the development of Umpires in the area. Following the success of the 'mentoring' pilot last year, mentoring was once again used both for potential C and B award umpires. In addition a timetable for the umpiring year has been produced, to allow clubs and individuals to plan their umpiring training and exams well in advance.

	Target	Actual
'C' Course Attenders	10	12
'C' Award Achieved	4	5
'B' Course Attenders	10	6
'B' Award Achieved	2	1

The Umpiring seminar which took place last October is to be repeated but this time will involve coaches to ensure a consistent approach to the game. This was one of the suggestions which came out of last years seminar.

Coaching Secretary - Pat Percy

Most of the Coaching certification targets set were achieved and in some cases over-achieved.

Special mention and congratulations should go to Yvonne Hoyland who gained her Advanced Coaching Award.

	Target	Actual
Level 1	20	36
Bridging the Gap	10	13
Level 2	5	-
Intermediate	-	1

Affiliation Secretary - Ann Smith

Affiliations increased again in Tyne and Wear, as did the number of clubs. Despite this there are still parts of the Association's area which have few if any clubs. Development in the coming year will be concentrated in these areas, and will work alongside the Active Sports Programme introduced by AENA.

Chairperson, Liz Vuyk

The past year has seen excellent performances whole range of county teams. The Adult County team continued its climb by achieving promotion to the 3rd Division. In addition an excellent performance at the Inter county Tournament despite problems with the weather and injuries saw them improve on last year to finish , and even more pleasing was their Defensive rating of 11th. In addition good results

were returned by County and Schoolgirl teams at all age levels. At club level Wallsend and Seatonians continued to perform well in national and regional competitions. At international level Victoria and Deborah Percy continue to represent England at their age group, and a number of up and coming youngsters in the region have been 'talent-spotted' and selected for special training and coaching opportunities.

In addition a major effort has been put into improving communication. 107 reports on Netball have appeared in the local press over the last two years. And this year 2 Newsletters were produced. Many Clubs are keeping a noticeboard at their regular training venue, and this is all helping to raise the profile of the game and attract players and money.

Election of Officers

Resignations were received from the following: Helen Booth - Committee Member; Liz Barton - Development Secretary; Margaret Barrett - Match Secretary; Karen Muir - Treasurer.

Nominations were received for the vacant posts as follows:

Committee Member - Lynne Booth, Nominated Liz Barton, Seconded Iris Ritson.

Committee Member - Carol Fishwick, Nominated Margaret Chambers, Seconded Wendy Pinkney.

Treasurer - Elaine Gardener, Nominated Liz Vuyk, Seconded Janice Boyack Short.

Match Secretary - Liz Barton, Nominated Lynne Booth, Seconded Liz Wisniewski.

Development Secretary - Laura Hanson & Sharon Gill, Nominated Liz Vuyk, Seconded Liz Wisniewski.

all nominations were agreed.