



**TYNE AND WEAR COUNTY NETBALL ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON
THURSDAY 19TH JULY 2007
FROM 7.00 PM AT BLUE FLAMES SPORTING CLUB**

PRESENT:

Committee

Eileen Cuthbertson (Acting Chair)
Jan Adams, Tournament Secretary
Sam Wheale, Affiliations Secretary
Elaine Gardiner, Treasurer
Rachel Smith, Schools Representative
Liz Thompson, Committee Member

Jayne Stewart, County Secretary
Gill Mason, League Secretary
Michelle Oddy, Publicity Secretary
Kath Robinson, Umpiring Secretary
Margaret Chambers, Committee Member
Wendy Pinkney, Committee Member (Minutes)

Clubs

Arup – Rachel Carswell, Rachel Evans
Beacon – Jacqui Halford Val Reynolds
Blue Flames – Liz Belilios, Susan Allington
Burradon – Alison Hall
Castle Hill – Jo Blackburn, Jane Love
Coast – Sheila Evans, Liz Wisniewski
Concordia – Lorraine Bullock, Donna Doutwaite
Dickinson Dees – Emma Feeney, Sarah Harding
Gateshead – Jan Adams, Sam Wheale
Gosforth – Jan McLuckie, Michelle Bradbury
Hunt Kidd – Beth Nicholson, Kayleigh West
Kats – C B?, GD?
NCC – Sally Bryson, Catherine Winstanley
Newburn – Jayne Stewart, Beverley Gosling
Newcastle Coll Rockets – Sarah C, Katrina Moore
Novos – Kate Barker, Berry Burke, Gill Mason
Proctor & Gamble – Carena Frankland,
Maria Horton, Gil Law
Sage – Natalie Thorburn, Julie Baughman
Seatonians – Brenda Vail, Liz Vuk, Maureen Smith
Stadium – Natalie Thorburn, Jo Foster,
Liz Thompson
Ward Hadaway – Sam Burbush
Willington – L Morrison, Cheryl Cain,
Sharon Cairns, Susan Clark, Dawn White

Astley – Julie Patterson, Gill Little
Bedlington – Carol Forster, Andrea Hedley
Burnside – Lisa Pashby, Yvonne Evans, Fiona Levin
Margaret Chambers, Kath Robinson, Wendy Pinkney
Chopwell – Angela Newton, Helen Moore,
Marie-Anne Gray
Denton Park – Cath Scorer, Leanne Weatherburn
Eversheds – Donna Lindsay, Jessica Walker
Gateshead College – Joanne Foster, Jan Adams#
Greencroft – Carol Brown, Helen Oxley
International Paints – Maureen Smith, Sam Wheale
Legal Eagles – Vicki Hopps, Gail Jopling
NESSA – Helen Gill, Donna Chapman, Andrea Hedley
Newcastle City – Anna Humphreys, Sarah Daly
NTC – Susan Clark
Panthers – Melissa Spackman
PWC – Susan Rea, Christine Turner
Riverside – Pat Percy, Liz Barton-Jones, Y Welsh
Seaton Burn – Donna Spark, Heather Lowes
7-4-7 – Laura Hanson, Beth Nicholson
Stocksfield – Deb C, Amy Nicholson
Tynemouth – Lyn Jamieson-Yip, Yvonne Watson
Westgate – Marguerite Ellwood, Nikki Campbell, Allison
Burrows

Apologies

Received from Yvonne Hoyland, Development Secretary, Pat Scott, Committee Member, Tania Seddon, (Panthers) and Lynn Booth, (Riverside).

Minutes of 2006 AGM – these were agreed but with the following amendment:

It was noted that R Kerridge and D Andrews from Astley had both attended but were omitted from 'Present'.

Proposed by Rachael Smith and Seconded by Gill Mason

Matters Arising – None identified.

Reports

Acting Chairperson – Eileen Cuthbertson

Eileen thanked everyone for attending and explained the format of the AGM, which would be followed by an Open Forum and quiz.

Blue Flames – Is due for completion in October 2007 and will be utilised to the maximum. All netball will be played indoors, eg Winter and Summer Leagues, Junior Leagues, Centre of Excellence (for Regional and County matches), Development etc. An Opening Evening is proposed for early October, incorporating presentation of trophies and possible disco.

Introductions - Eileen introduced and invited Committee Secretaries to report on their work during the year.

Affiliations – Sam Wheale

Sam informed the meeting of her intention to resign from her post.

49 clubs had affiliated with 8 clubs affiliating on-line. Over 18's = 700, Under 18's = 150

On-line affiliation is optional from July 2007 but from August 2008, will be compulsory.

Acting Coaching Secretary – Gill Mason

Gill informed the meeting that there was limited funding available. She also thanked the Junior Coaches and Team Managers for their hard work during the year.

Development Secretary – Yvonne Hoyland

Gill Mason spoke on behalf of Yvonne.

- Tyne and Wear Development Committee – produced 3 year development plan
- Representatives attended North East Region Planning Day – plans integrated successfully
- School Sports Partnerships (Tyne and Wear) activities
- Gateshead College - Community Netball Coach appointment for 3 yrs from June 2007
- Northumbria University – recruiting Community Netball Coach
- New Vision is 10-1-1, ie England to be 10th, netball to be 1st choice sport for women and girls and to be 1st in the world. EN proposal for World Championships in England in 2011.
- Gateshead Council Netball Action Group (NAG!!) – 2 year action plan and funding for coach (15 hours per week)
- Gateshead/Whickham SSP – 2 courses for teachers in September
- High 5 Awareness Course in Newcastle. High 5 Leagues in Newcastle and North Tyneside.

Disability Secretary – Alison Bridgewater (not present)

Publicity Secretary – Michelle Oddy (nothing to report)

Wendy Pinkney talked about County Handbook and appealed for sponsors to enable free production of County Handbook 2007/08 ASAP. Amendments requested on feedback form. Advertising costs £260 half page, £468 full page. Clubs asked to approach employers etc.

League Secretary – Gill Mason

Gill informed the meeting:

- 80 teams had participated in the Winter League, 4 less than last year and 76 teams in the Summer League.
- Winter League fraught with problems due to leaking roof and court withdrawal.
- Summer League and change of venue to Burnside completed with few problems.
- Non-attendance and cancellations at matches by Teams and Umpires had caused many problems. Request to arrange friendly rather than concede match. Hopefully the move to Blue Flames will be easier to coordinate and more straightforward.

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- Code of Conduct (players, coaches and umpires) – Attitude to Umpires important issue.
- Junior Leagues – too many cancellations. Meeting to be arranged for Junior Reps to discuss format etc.

Tournament Secretaries – Jan Adams (Snrs) and Sarah Phillips (Jnrs)

Still awaiting alternative leagues results from some clubs.

Tournaments: Rotate 8 – Willington Winners – Gateshead Runners-up.
No Junior Tournament took place.

Treasurer – Elaine Gardener

Elaine explained the Final Balance Sheet as at 18th July 2007 and invited queries.

County Coaches

Liz Thompson (U.18s) - We started the season with 17 girl squad. Training sessions well attended by approx 15. 4 x matches and 1 x tournament. Highlights were beating Cheshire and Lancs. Liz complimented the girls for their hard work and commitment. Liz also thanked supporters, personnel and umpires, including Gill Mason and Linda Hall, Team Manager for organisation of venues and transport.

Jan Adams (U.16s) – Trials in September 70+ attended. 25 selected. All worked hard with 80% attendance rate. Highlights at North Region Tournament – 5 games won and 2 lost. 3rd behind Lancs. and S.Durham. Jan thanked Jo Foster, Assistant Coach, all Umpires, Linda Hall and Jean Suthren, Team Managers and U.16 squad for effort and determination and wished those moving up to U.18s good luck.

Karen Stopforth (U.14s) – Gill Mason spoke on behalf of Karen. 24 out of 26 squad members lasted the season. Mixed commitment. Good standard overall. Strong A Team but unfulfilled potential. B Team faired well. Improved performance overall. Focused practises. Karen has suggested Ideas for Improvement in 2007/08 season. Thanks extended to Amy Bridgewater, Assistant Coach and Mary Dudley, parent.

Umpiring Secretary – Kath Robinson

Kath informed the meeting that 6 out of 6 trainees had passed their 'C' award and 3 out of 3 Umpires passed their 'B' award. Introduction of 15 hour Log Book for newly qualified 'C' Umpires – allowed only to umpire in bottom two divisions in Summer League and bottom division in Winter League, enabling them to gain enough experience to move up to higher leagues. Clubs needs to arrange Umpires in plenty time for Winter League.

Election of Officers

Chair – Gill Mason nominated **Eileen Cuthbertson**, seconded by Margaret Chambers

Vice Chair – Kath Robinson nominated **Rachael Smith**, seconded by Margaret Chambers

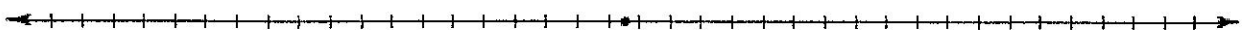
Affiliations Secretary – Liz Thompson nominated **Laura Hanson**, seconded by Yvonne Welsh

Treasurer – Gill Mason nominated **Linda Hall**, seconded by Liz Thompson

Publicity Secretary – Betty Burke nominated **Kate Barker**, seconded by Yvonne Evans

Minuting Secretary – Gill Mason nominated **Jo Ruth**, seconded by Donna Chapman

The Meeting closed at 8.22 pm.



An Open Forum commenced at 8.30 pm to discuss Blue Flames Update, Affiliations 07/08 and ended with a talk from Sylvia Pankhurst re. Safety of Players.