



**TYNE AND WEAR COUNTY NETBALL ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 19th JULY 2011
FROM 7.00 PM AT BLUE FLAMES SPORTING CLUB**

T: Committee

Gill Mason, Chair
Ashleigh Gibson, County Secretary
Jan Adams, Tournament Secretary
Sue Borthwick, Affiliations Secretary
Linda Hall, Treasurer
Kath Robinson, Vice Chair
Lolla Daniel, Umpiring Secretary

Laura Hanson, Communications Secretary
Rachel Cassidy, Committee Member
Liz Wizniewski, League Secretary
Amanda Hawley, Committee Member
Lynne Booth, Development Secretary
Leanne Weatherburn, Development Secretary
Wendy Pinkney, Committee Member

Clubs

Beacon – Jacqi Halford, Val Reynolds
Blue Flames – Susan Allington, V Heatherington,
Broom Cottages – Judith Halliday, Kirsty Ord
Chopwell – Val Reynolds, Fiona Johnson
Denton Park – Ashleigh Gibson, Leanne Weatherburn
Freeman Knights – Holly Kidd, Sarah Taylor
Gateshead Stadium – Jo Burnham, Liz Thompson
Gateshead Angels – Laura Hanson, Alsion Hall
Greencroft – Laura McVickers, Helen Oxley
International Paints – Sue Borthwick, M Smith
Jesmond – Sarah Rowland, Kath Monteith
NESSA – Andrea Tilmouth, Emma Ross
Newcastle Storm – Amanda Hawley, Rachel Cassidy
Northern Bluestars – Alison Hall, Laura Hanson
NTC – Liz Wisniewski, Susan Clark
P & G – Kerry Stevens, Catherine Winstanley
Riverside – Pat Percy, Lolla Daniel, Lynne Booth
Sandyford – Sarah Wilson, Laura Hanson
Seatonians – Maureen Smith, Rachel Cassidy
Tigers – Hattie Murdoch
Tynemouth – Lyn Jamieson Yip, Yvonne Watts
Westgate – Alison Burrows, Michelle Mann,

Bedlington – Ashleigh Gibson, Andrea Tilmouth
Burnside – Margaret Chambers, Wendy Pinkney
Castle Hill – Jane Milner, Tracy Thursby
Concordia – Lorraine Bullock, Rachel Ramsey,
Dickinson Dees – Sarah Wilson, Laura Bowler
Eagles – Jennifer Coxon, Nuala Hedley
Gateshead – Jan Adams, Sue Borthwick,
Gosforth – Claire Cardinal, Jan McLuckie
Gateshead College – J Kimber
Hermitage – Catherine Lawson, Leanne Thorns
KATS – Lorna Banner, Tina Walker
NCC – Lucy McLeod, Kate Buckam
Newcastle City – Rachel Cassidy, Amanda Hawley
Newcastle University – Anna Rosenberg, Ash Gibson
Novos – Janice Elliott, Gill Mason
Panthers – Tanya Seddon, Melissa Spackman
PWC – Gemma Buckingham, Christine Turner
Sage – Janet Rickaby, Sarah Poulter
Seaton Burn – Lorraine Netherton, Gill Sutton
7 four 7 – Laura Hanson, Kelly Galloway
TEAM Coast – Liz Wizniewski Sheila Evans
Wearside Wildcats – Sam Brown, Gemma Sandberg
Willington – S Pankhurst, Lynn Morrison

Apologies for Absence

Linda Tyman, Rachel Barrett.

Minutes of 2010 AGM – these were agreed

Matters Arising – None identified.

Reports

Chairperson – Gill Mason

Introductions - Gill introduced the meeting, welcoming and thanking club representatives for making time to attend. Helen Emerson (England Netball Regional Manager), Fiona Johnson and Gemma Sandberg (Netball Development Community Coach for Newcastle) were also welcomed and invited to outline their roles later in the meeting. The crucial nature of the AGM was outlined, and the format of the meeting explained. Players, umpires, coaches and administrators were thanked for their efforts in making netball a success in Tyne and Wear. The Chair outlined the importance of the presence of younger members on the Committee and invited involvement from a cross section of the attendees. After expanding on the roles of development sub-groups in the workings of the Committee, involving the generation of playing opportunities and player and official development pathways, the Chair invited the Committee Secretaries to deliver their reports for the year.

Development Secretaries – Lynne Booth and Leanne Weatherburn

The Development secretaries detailed their achievements this year since taking over the role mid year. An initial task list had been generated and would be used to form the basis of a calendar of duties requiring attention by the Committee. Both the County and Satellite Academies were to be restructured to move with current recommendations, and umpire and coach development became a priority for the future (see also Umpiring Secretary report). A new process was employed for the appointment of County officials and there is to be a league and penalty review in 2011/12. The Back 2 Netball programme was considered with further information invited from the All England representatives present. Playing opportunities had also been considered which had led to the FastNet tournament running alongside several charity tournaments through the year.

Helen outlined her role as the Regional manager, and those of Fiona Johnson. She encouraged players to contact her by phone or email at the regional office for any help and advice concerning club accreditation, umpires or development.

Affiliations – Sue Borthwick

The affiliations secretary informed the meeting that 951 first affiliations to Tyne and Wear had been received during the year, along with an additional 158 second affiliations. All first affiliations for 2011/12 are to be carried out online, and second affiliations should be sent to the Affiliations Secretary. The Tyne and Wear affiliation fee was to remain at £8 for first affiliations and £15 for second affiliations, although the All England fee had increased by 80p. The secretary noted that all second affiliations must be completed before the start of the winter or spring leagues to be valid.

League Secretary – Liz Wisniewski

The League Secretary thanked all participants, there had been 856 matches in Tyne and Wear with 951 affiliated players and 1712 umpiring appointments. The secretary noted that there had been an increased number of conceded games this year and encouraged teams to utilise the court time by playing a friendly game rather than cancel a match. Umpire no-shows had also increased and those who had stepped in were thanked for keeping the games going over the year. The secretary verified that comments made on the back of the match forms were followed up with action being taken by the Committee where appropriate.

The league secretary presented some awards:

Lolla Daniel received a Commended Umpire Award

Willington C were rewarded for encouraging players and opposition

Gateshead B were rewarded after scoring 64 in one game.

Following this report Lynne Booth requested that teams respect honesty in filling in forms after games.

Tournament Secretary – Jan Adams

A number of tournaments (junior and senior) had run smoothly again this year, alongside several charity tournaments and the excellent Fastnet tournament. Margaret Thompson/Margaret Cassidy knockout tournaments took place over the year. Seatonians A won the Margaret Thompson Cup with Willington as runners up. Seatonians B won the Margaret Cassidy Trophy with PWC as runners up. The secretary thanked the umpires of those games. The Alternative League had not been completed as only Willington had returned a form. The Junior league at Gateshead had seen good participation, and the secretary thanked all helpers that had ensured the successful running of both leagues. Winners of the categories were as follows:

Winter U11 Seatonians A, U12 Novos, U14 Beacon A and U16 Novos.

Summer U11 Seatonians Red, U12 Greencroft, U14 Riverside and U16 Gateshead.

Umpiring Secretary – Lolla Daniel

The secretary thanked all umpires for being willing to take a role in the leagues. There had been 4 new C umpires and 2 new B umpires during the year. The secretary thanked Fiona Johnson for running the umpiring courses. 4 Umpires have been identified for fast tracking to B award. A further 4 umpires were planning to attend the national B to A workshop in September. Compulsory seminars were outlined for all umpires in September, provisionally 21/22 Sept, 7-9 pm. Club captains and players are also encouraged to attend. Umpires from outside the region will hopefully be engaged to discuss league rules. On instruction from the Regional office all umpires will be required to pass a Bleep Test in order to umpire in the Tyne and Wear leagues in 2011/12.

Publicity – Laura Hanson

The 2010/11 handbook should be ready for the start of the season, any alterations to current information held by the County could be submitted to the secretary. All members were invited to provide ideas to the secretary for the website. Teams were encouraged to send details of events for the website. The secretary detailed suggested sections for the website such as a senior section, junior section, coaching, a netball forum, and suggested any pictures were forwarded to her. Kukri had offered sponsorship and a 10% discount for all clubs and free balls.

Treasurer – Linda Hall

Linda explained the Final Balance Sheet as at 12th July 2011 and invited queries.

The county is in a healthy state financially. The league fees were just short of covering the court costs so the fees were to be increased by £5 for 2011/12 season which will take place at Blue Flames. The accounts were accepted, proposed Lynne Booth, seconded Gill Mason.

County Coaches

Jan Adams

County Junior Squads attended the Northern Counties League and Tournament, with U14, U16 and U19 squads training through the year.

Election of Officers

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

The meeting was closed at 8pm and an Open Forum commenced to discuss any issues but none were raised.