

**MINUTES of the Tyne & Wear County Netball Association**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**held on 20th July 2005, at Blue Flames Sporting Club.**

**Present**

Arup - Rachel Evans, Eleanor Patterson  
Astley - J Little, J Campbell  
Baker Tilly - Angela Milne, Nicola Fuller  
Beacon - J Holford, C Fry  
Bedlington - Carol Forster, J Fenton  
Blue Flames - S Brydon, P Graham  
Burnside - S Wilks, T Robson, A McLoughlin, W Pinkney, M Chambers  
Castle Hill - M Roberts, M Stobo, J Blackburn, J Kinghorn  
Coast - Liz Wisniewski, S Evans  
Concordia - Jackie Smart, Donna Douthwaite  
Croftway - Sandra Paynter, Dawn Nicholson  
Denton Park - Cath Scorer, A Gibson  
Gateshead - Jan Adams, E Fletcher  
Gateshead Stadium - L Thompson, M Burn, Y Hoyland  
Greencroft - M Halliday, N Greves  
Gosforth - M Oddy  
I. Paints - M Smith, M Halliday  
Kenton - Deborah Dodd  
Killingworth - L McDonald, C Rodda  
NCC - S Bryson, H Blair  
NESSA - Donna Champman  
Newburn - J Carter, J Stewart

Newcastle City - S Daly, N Wright, J Fallon, L Apiafi, A Humphreys  
Newcastle College Rockets - Alison Hall  
Newcastle Uni - S Phillips  
Northern Rock - Joanne Rundle  
NTC - Susan Clark, Pat Percy  
Novos - B Burke, G Mason, M Robson, K Jones  
Panthers - Melissa Spackman, T Campbell  
Parks - Julie Wilson, Kerry Webb  
P&G - Clair Robson, Anita Morris  
PWC - Susan Rea, C Parsons, C Willoughby  
Riverside - Lynne Booth, Yvonne Welsh, R Smith, C Goatman  
Sage - C Allsop, A Tarn  
Sandyford - C Weatherly, L Hanson  
Seaton Burn - L Netherton, K Percy  
Seatonians - L Vuyk, A Hardy, B Vail, R Knowles, M Smith  
Taxes - Christine Rodda, C Tritton  
Tynemouth - Y Watson, A Bridgwater, L JamiesonYip  
Westgate - R Ahmed, A Buurrows, K Rae  
Willington - L Morrison, S Clark, S Pankhurst, A Jennings  
Winlaton - A Smith, V Manning, V Wiggins, E Cutherbertson  
7 Four 7 - J Rodgeron, C Wade

**Apologies**

Pat Scott

**Minutes of 2004 AGM** - these were agreed.

**Matters Arising** - there were none.

**Reports**

**Honorary Treasurer - Elaine Gardener**

The county is in a very healthy state financially. £28k was collected in income from a variety of sources. A small excess of expenditure over income was recorded at the end of the year and this money will be transferred to the deposit account.

**Reports from Section Secretaries**

**Umpiring Secretary - Margaret Chambers**

Margaret is to step down as Umpiring Secretary - and was thanked for her many years of hard work. The umpiring timetable is now well established. The introduction of scorers into the first division for the summer was a success and will be repeated in the winter leagues.

**County Secretary - Liz Wisniewski**

The Blue Flames development is nearing the award of the Sport England Grant, and it was agreed to forward a letter of support from everyone present at the meeting.

**County Report**

10 top events of the year.

- Tyne and Wear Open County Team won the Northern - English Counties League.
- Under 18 County squad were runners up to Lancashire in Northern league.
- Over £5000 in grants were obtained by 12 of our developing clubs from DCMS.
- 6 'C' award umpires, 6 beginner umpires passed their tests. 7 'C' award umpires were mentored for their 'B' award.
- 8 Level II coaches were passed in October.
- 2 Junior Tournaments were successfully run by Jan Adams.
- All the Summer League clubs except 2 - completed their duty nights.
- Tynemouth College, Central High & Dame Allans represented the north east in the finals of the National Schools Competition.
- Riverside represented Tyne and Wear in the finals of the National Clubs competition.
- Our 3 court venue at Blue Flames will start building on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2005.

## Election of Officers

**Chair** - Liz Vuyk - nominated Jan Adams, seconded Brenda Vail  
- Eileen Cuthbertson - nominated Betty Burke, seconded Kerry Jones

**Liz Vuyk was elected following a vote.**

**Vice-Chair** - Eileen Cuthbertson - nominated Betty Burke, seconded Kerry Jones

**Umpiring Secretaries** - Ashleigh Gibson/Jackie Fenton promotion confirmed.

**Affiliation Secretary** - Sam Wheale - nominated Liz Wisniewski, seconded Margaret Chambers

**Development Secretaries** - Yvonne Hoyland/Angela Millen - nominated Maureen Burn, seconded Liz Wisniewski

**Disability Secretary** - Yvonne Welsh - nominated Lynne Booth, seconded Pat Percy

**Publicity Secretary** - Susan Rea - nominated Liz Wisniewski, seconded Pat Percy

**Tournament Secretary (Juniors)** - Sarah Phillips - nominated Rachel Smith, seconded Yvonne Welsh

**Committee Member** - Liz Thompson - nominated Maureen Burn, seconded Liz Wisniewski

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

**Thomson Knock Out Trophy** - Novos

**Alternatives:** Tynemouth, Gateshead

	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Best Defence</b>
<b>Winter:</b>		
Division 1	Stadium A	Seatonians A
Division 2 Left	Riverside B	Denton Park A
Division 2 Right	Stadium B	Stadium B
Division 3 Left	NESSA A	International Coatings
Division 3 Right	Beacon A	Newcastle University
Division 4 Left	Riverside E	Bedlington
Division 4 Right	Stadium E	Newcastle City
Division 5	Gateshead College	Gateshead College
<b>Summer:</b>		
Division 1	Seatonians A	Seatonians A
Division 2	Seatonians C	Seatonians C
Division 3	NTC	Gosforth A
Division 4	Panthers A	Panthers A
Division 5	Newburn	Newburn
Division 6	Gosforth B	Gosforth B
Division 7	Concordia A	Concordia A

## Any other business

It was explained that with the demise of County Adult competition next year it had been decided not to enter a County team in the current year but to consider the establishment of a 'county' team in the Northern league. Junior County competition had been reviewed and proposals made, however the feedback had been such that these were being reviewed.

It is likely that when the Blue Flames venue comes on stream the opportunities and current leagues may well change, this will be discussed by the committee this year. It was also possible that part of the summer league could be played indoors.

A discussion took place regarding the difficulties of finding umpires. A variety of reasons were put forward, smarter scheduling of matches, increasing the qualification requirement for lower divisions, standard payments, players attitudes, etc.. This issue will be taken up by the committee and also at umpiring seminars.

The meeting closed at this point.