

MINUTES of the Tyne & Wear County Netball Association
Annual General Meeting
held on 21st July 2004, at Blue Flames Sporting Club.

Present

Astley - Doreen Andrews, Kelly Cox
Beacon - Val Reynolds, J Holford
Bedlington - Andrea Hedley, Carol Forster
Blue Flames - S Brydon, A Cummins
Burnside - W Pinkney, M Chambers
Castle Hill - Maggie McKenna, Dawn Williams
Coast - Liz Wisniewski, Julie Waller
Croftway - Sandra Paynter, Dawn Nicholson
Denton Park - Cath Scorer, Pat Ayre
Gateshead - Jan Adams, L Scott, L Stephens
Gateshead Stadium - L Thompson, J Boyack-Short, N
Thorburn, Hannah Suthren
Greencroft - Linda Tyman, Michelle
Gosforth - Karen Muir, Rachel Green, Jackie Fenton
I. Paints - S Pritchard, S Borthwick
Kenton - Deborah Dodd
Killingworth - L Snaith, L Banner
NCC - L Mood, C Welford

NESSA - Donna Champman, A Hedley,
Newburn - B Gosling, J Stewart, L Williams
Newcastle City - Gemma Railson
NTC - Susan Clark, Pat Percy
Novos - B Burke, G Mason
Panthers - Tanya Seddon, Melissa Spackman
Parks - Julie Wilson, Samantha Elgood
Riverside - Lynne Booth, Helen Booth, Yvonne Welsh
Sandyford - K Hallett, C Brown
Seaton Burn - L Netherton
Seatonians - M Smith, L Vuyk, A Hardy, E Gardener
Stocksfield - D Watson, T Balzan
Taxes - Christine Rodda, S Calder
Willington - L Morrison, D White
Winlaton - A Smith
7 Four 7 - J Rodgerson, J Clements, C Wade, M Rippington,
J Hughes, L Willis, A Hopper, A Fallon.

Apologies

Susan Talbot, Val Trainor, Rachel Smith, Michelle Oddy, Yvonne Hoyland, Liz Barton-Jones

Minutes of 2003 AGM - these were agreed.

Matters Arising - there were none.

Reports

Honorary Treasurer - Elaine Gardener

This year a sub-committee did some more detailed analysis of costs against income for specific events, for example the winter league and county squad. It was found that in some areas we weren't covering the costs incurred. So a new set of fees for leagues and tournaments were determined. The county squad funding was reviewed as well and found to be in deficit. An update of fund raising and costs for the county squad were proposed and accepted and have been clearly defined in the information sent out to anyone applying for county trials. Finally a problem did arise with the Handbook this year. It was produced by Gateshead College and a budget of £500 allocated. However it had actually cost £1000 to produce (£1 per book). It was suggested that clubs don't need a book per member and that less could be given out, or that a small charge could be levied. A balance sheet was distributed around the attenders. The Treasurer's report was accepted by the members..

Reports from Section Secretaries

Umpiring Secretary - Margaret Chambers

Congratulations go to Rachael Green, Kelly Fleming, Gwen Ebdon, Shay Addison and Nicola Temple on achieving their 'C' award. Margaret will be starting to step aside from her position as Umpiring Secretary and has managed to find two willing volunteers who would like to under study the job in the coming year - Jackie Fenton and Ashleigh Gibson.

League Secretary - Gill Mason

The leagues have been well supported and have run without too many problems this year. Most issues arise around the non-provision of umpires - which causes major problems but not of course for the team who fail to provide the umpire!! The allocation of duties to clubs during the summer ran pretty smoothly with only a couple of clubs forgetting to turn up! The re-organisation of the divisions in the summer was discussed with no real issues being raised, apart from the complications this had caused for the umpire mentoring.

Coaching Secretary - Pat Percy

Active Sports have not been as active in running coaching courses in the last year as in previous years, so this work is going to be picked up again by the county coaching secretary.

Tournament Secretary - Jan Adams

The new Adult "8-Rotate" summer tournament again proved very popular. Thanks to good organisation (much of which is down to Jan Adams) T&W are bucking the trend and still getting a good turnout at the tournaments they organise.

County Squads

A Reports was distributed from the Under 18 and Under 16 squads. The Under 16's in particular had a very successful season finishing top of the ECL Division. The Under 14s also completed the season without a single defeat. The Adult squad were unfortunately relegated to Division 5 (North). The County Coach asked for anyone interested in participating in any way whether on the playing or administrative side to step forward and offer their services. Many thanks are due to everyone who participated in the county season whether as player, coach, umpire or volunteer helper.

Facilities

The opportunity has arisen to involve the County in a development at Blue Flames which would provide us with three indoor courts, primarily for the use of netball.

Election of Officers

Vice-Chair - Gill Mason - nominated Betty Burke, seconded Janice Boyack-Short

Umpiring Secretaries - Ashleigh Gibson - nominated Cath Scorer, seconded Margaret Chambers, & Jackie Fenton - nominated Carol Forster, seconded Liz Wisniewski

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

Thomson Trophy - Novos

Alternatives: Willington, Burnside

	Winner	Best Defence
Winter:		
Division 1	Seatonians A	Seatonians A
Division 2 Left	Winlaton A	Winlaton A
Division 2 Right	Winlaton B	Gateshead A
Division 3 Left	Newburn	NESSA A
Division 3 Right	Willington B	Willington B
Division 4 Left	747 A	747 A
Division 4 Right	Newcastle Uni	Sandyford/Newc Uni
Division 5	Bedlington	Panthers C
Summer:		
Division 1	Seatonians A	
Division 2	Winlaton A	Seatonians C
Division 3	Denton Park A	Denton Park A
Division 4	Tynemouth B	Blue Flames
Division 5	NESSA A	Riverside D
Division 6	747 A	747 A
Division 7	Phoenix A	Riverside E

Any other business

Some new rules developed and agreed by the committee following a review of rules from other county leagues were discussed.

Rule 8. There should be no need for cancellations..... will result in a points penalty. Teams cancelling who fail to offer alternative competition shall reimburse the non-offending team £10.00. Applications to the league Secretary can be made if there are county, international or national clashes leading to the need to cancel matches.

It was agreed to clarify that these are tournaments and not leagues where clubs choose to enter, rather than winning through.

New Rule: Clubs not attending any meetings called, including the Annual General Meeting and General Meeting shall be fined £25.00. In addition attendance at these meetings must be by a minimum of two players who will be required to attend the whole meeting.

it was raised that for a small club with maybe only 8/9 regular players, for the AGM with holidays, work, injuries, family commitments, etc. it might not always prove possible for 2 players to attend. It was also suggested that if you were expected to attend for the whole meeting it was reasonable to give a duration and stick to it.

Rule 10. Players participating in the league must be Year 10 or above at the start of the winter season. Applications can be made to the league for consideration of a Year 9 pupil to be approved to compete in the adult league.

There was broad agreement for this rule.

Rule 11. Players must be affiliated to each club they represent. Players may affiliate to as many clubs as they wish, but be aware that only their 'first' affiliation will count for AENA competitions.

There was broad agreement for this rule but with the proviso that dates were set after which only new players could be affiliated.

The issue of monetary or points penalties for clubs when they fail to provide an umpire was raised. There was a slight majority in favour of a points penalty, however it was suggested that it should be possible to appeal to the committee for a financial rather than points penalty.

The meeting closed at this point.