

MINUTES of the Tyne & Wear County Netball Association
Annual General Meeting
held on 22nd July 2003, at Blue Flames Sporting Club.

Present

Astley - Doreen Arches, Jill Little
Beacon - Val Reynolds, J Holford
Blaydon - E Mullins, E Anderson
Blue Flames - M Thompson, J Scott, S Brydon, A Cummins,
V Hetherington
Burnside - W Pinkney, M Chambers, K Robinson, H Bird
Castle Hill - Jane Love, Helen Goodrum, Dawn Williams
Coast - Liz Wisniewski, Julie Waller
Denton Park - Cath Scorer, A Gibson
Gateshead - Jan Adams, R Maccoby, L Scott
Gateshead Stadium - A Richardson, L Thompson, J Boyack-
Short, N Thorburn
Greencroft - Linda Tyman
Gosforth - Michelle Oddy, J Fenton
I. Paints - S Pritchard
Killingworth - L Snaith, L Forster
NCC - G Troup, C Welford
NESSA - M Gill, A Hedley,
Newburn - J Carter, B Gosling, J Stewart, L Williams

Newcastle City - Anna Humphreys
Newcastle College - Nicola Temple
NTC - A Jennings, S Clark, P Percy
Novos - C Witty, P Jamieson
Panthers - Angie Richardson, Lisa Orchard, A Whelan,
Parks - S Talbot
Proctor & Gamble - A Earnshaw, Emma Pugh
Riverside - Lynne Booth, Rachel Smith
Sage - Anna Tarn, Jacqui Walker
Sandyford - J Berry, C Brown
Seaton Burn - L Netherton, L Bullock
Seatonians - M Smith, L Vuyk, E Calder
Stocksfield - A Wood, L Thompson
Taxes - Christine Rodda, S Calder
Tynemouth - L Jamieson-Yip, A Hall, Y Watson
Willington - L Morrison, D White, Y Welsh, S Pankhurst
Winlaton - K Pattison
7 Four 7 - J Rodgerson, J Clements

Apologies

Margaret Thompson, Elaine Gardener, Gill Mason, A Smith.

Minutes of 2002 AGM - these were agreed.

Matters Arising - Teachers courses had to be cancelled. Under 14 games - some not all of the games were cancelled.

Reports

Honorary Treasurer - Elaine Gardener

The county is in an okay financial position - a balance sheet was distributed around the attenders. However rising costs for indoor facilities are starting to result in a negative balance. Proposed that summer fees are increased to offset these costs. The Balance Sheet was accepted. Affiliations are to rise to £25, this increase will all go to AENA to fund their C2C, Commit to Communicate campaign. Anyone affiliating will receive 6 copies of the Netball magazine.

Reports from Section Secretaries

Umpiring Secretary - Margaret Chambers

Congratulations go to Angela Richardson, Ashleigh Gibson, Elaine Gardner, Julie Clements, Deborah Percy and Georgina Welch on achieving their 'C' award and Iris Ritson on achieving her 'A' award. Umpiring courses are to be organised and delivered for youngsters by Angela Richardson.

League Secretary - Gill Mason

The leagues are running fine - very successful. Clubs are reminded to ensure they return team sheets promptly - especially when games are conceded.

Coaching Secretary - Pat Percy

Active Sports have taken over the organisation and running of a lot of coaching courses. Congratulations go to Sylvia Pankhurst, Brenda Vail and Lyndsey Bradley on passing their Level 2 Awards.

Tournament Secretary - Jan Adams

There was a good turnout for the new Adult "8-Rotate" summer tournament and also for the junior tournaments. After bringing the date forward as requested for the Mixed Tournament however a lot of clubs dropped out so it didn't go ahead this year.

County Squads

Reports were presented from the Under 16 and Adult squads. The Adult squad were unfortunately relegated to Division 4 and finished 36th out of 68 teams at the Inter Counties Tournament. The Under 16 squad finished 26th overall at the Alex Barlass. Many thanks are due to everyone who participated in the county season whether as player, coach, umpire or volunteer helper.

Sponsorship

A sponsorship deal has been signed with Gateshead College and £1000 was received toward squad funds. The Junior Leagues are to be renamed the Gateshead College League. Angela Richardson reported that the College Academy is expanding and prospering.

Codes of Conduct

Players - Nominated Katherine Witty, Seconded Lisa Scott

Umpires - Nominated Rachel Selby, Seconded Pat Jamieson

Coaches - Nominated Evonne Calder, Seconded Rachel McCoy

Election of Officers

Publicity Secretary - Lisa Scott - Nominated Jan Adams, Seconded Liz Wisniewski

Committee Member - Rachel Smith - Nominated Lynne Booth, Seconded Yvonne Welch

Jnr Tournament Secretary - Lesley Dixon - Nominated Jan Adams, Seconded Pat Percy

Any other business

The question of teams wearing identical kit was raised. It was agreed that whilst teams were expected to play in a 'uniform' common sense needed to be exercised, and that it wasn't necessary for all players to be absolutely identical. In addition it was important that 'safety' was a key factor in any decision on appropriate clothing.

Where umpires do not turn up for league matches (unless they have a valid reason - validity will be decided by the committee) it was agreed that a five point penalty would be applied in the first instance and that financial penalties of at least £20 would be applied for second and subsequent occurrences. The financial penalty would be dependent on the costs incurred by the county and the teams whose game was affected.

It was proposed and agreed that when a team drops out of the league their place would be filled by a team moving up from the division below, rather than a team staying up despite finishing in a relegation position.

It was proposed that Division 1 matches in the summer should be further staggered - similar to the format used for Division 7 currently. This was in order to lessen the problems of providing B or above umpires for 1st division games. This will be discussed further by the committee and an appropriate format arrived at.

The question of affiliation was raised. Tyne and Wear has a somewhat complicated affiliation structure which has not been amended since AENA moved to a single affiliation system. Because of this some anomalies and inequities have arisen over the year and these were debated by the meeting. It was agreed to construct a questionnaire which would collect clubs views on affiliation and feed this into committee discussions in order to address the issues raised.

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

Thomson Trophy - Gateshead

Winter League (winners and best defence)

Division 1 - Seatonians A & Seatonians A

Division 2L - Seatonians D & Seatonians D

Division 2R - Burnside A & Burnside A

Division 3L - Taxes & Gateshead B

Division 3R - Stocksfield & Stocksfield

Division 4L - Newburn & Newburn

Division 4R - Panthers A & Stadium E

Summer League (winners and best defence)

Division 1 - Seatonians A & Seatonians A

Division 2 - Gateshead A & Seatonians C

Division 3 - Taxes & Taxes

Division 4 - Burnside C & Blue Flames

Division 5 - Tynemouth B & Riverside D

Division 6 - Stadium D & Stadium D

Division 7 - Newburn & Newburn

The meeting closed at this point.