

**MINUTES of the Tyne & Wear County Netball Association**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**held on 24th July 2001, at Blue Flames Sporting Club.**

**Present**

Astley - Joan Moody, Jean Dickinson  
Bainbridge - Karen Peters  
Beacon - Val Reynolds, Jacqui Holford  
Blaydon - Erica Mullins, Elaine Gardener  
Blue Flames - J Mckenzie  
Burnside - W Pinkney, M Chambers  
Castle Hill - Jane Love  
City of Sunderland - Evonne Calder  
Coast - Christine McAvelia, Liz Wisniewski  
Concordia - J Smoult, D Douthwaite  
Denton Park - Cath Scorer, Ashleigh Gibson  
Gateshead - Elaine Fletcher, Leanne Smith  
Gateshead Stadium - A Richardson, R Williams  
Greencroft -  
Gosforth - Michelle Oddy, Anne Stokle  
I. Paints - Sam Wheale, S Pritchard  
Kenton - Joanne Kelly  
Killingworth - Louise Snaith  
KS - Claire Toner  
NCC - Jill Troup  
NESSA - Annette Simpson  
Newcastle City - D Oxley, J Watson  
Newcastle College - Maggie Oliver

NTC - A Jennings, K Brown  
Novos - Gill Mason, Heather Gumbley  
Panthers - Angie Richardson  
Parks - Yvonne Evans  
Riverside - Lynne Booth, Liz Barton  
Sage - Natalie King, Claire Allsopp  
Sandyford - Cath Keilty, N Swift  
Seaton Burn - L Netherton  
Seatonians - Brenda Vail, Michelle Cook  
Stocksfield -  
Sunderland Sovereigns - A Gash, K Smith  
Sutherland - Vera Glenwright  
Taxes - Christine Rodda, Julie Bishop  
Tynemouth - D Bryson, L Jamieson-Yip  
University of Newcastle - Helen Clothier  
University of Northumbria -  
Whickham - A Noble, H Bernard  
Willington - Lyn Morrison, Dawn White, Susan Clark  
Winlaton - Anne Smith, Debbie Cuthbertson  
7 Four 7 - Joanne Rodgerson, J Clements  
Abbey - S Elson, L Smailes  
TWCNA Schoolgirls - Rachel Murphy  
Northumberland County - Bernie Bell

**Apologies**

Val Trainer, Pat Scott, Pat Percy, Margaret Thompson, Elaine Gardener, Roz Anderson, Janice Boyack-Short, Charlotte Sayers, Pat & Louise Ayre.

**Minutes of 2000 AGM** - these were agreed.

**Matters Arising** - None

**Reports**

**Honorary Secretary - Liz Wisniewski**

The past year has again proved successful for Tyne and Wear county. Participation has increased with an increase in teams in our Adult winter (6) and summer (4) Leagues. The Alternative Leagues, Thompson Knock-Out and Mixed Tournament were again well supported. In addition there are increasing demands for competitions for 'older' players as the age range of players expands and an increasing number of players look for competitive but 'fun' netball. Adult affiliations were up by 52.

The availability and cost of facilities, particularly indoor, continues to be a major problem. The outdoor facility at Westgate Community College has proved less accessible than hoped, but has nevertheless provided a much needed venue for our summer leagues. However we are finding our indoor winter leagues have to be spread over an increasing number of venues.

The regular appearance of match reports and League Tables in the Evening Chronicle's Grassroots section is thanks to the excellent efforts of the Publicity and League Secretary. Thanks are extended to the Publicity Secretary Michelle Oddy for all her hard work over the last few years in establishing the regular netball column in the chronicle - she will be hard to replace as she steps down this year.

**Honorary Treasurer - Elaine Gardener**

The Treasurer presented a Balance Sheet for the year showing a healthy balance. It is intended to move toward a more 'budget' orientated accounting system for the coming year.

**Reports from Section Secretaries**

**Umpiring Secretary - Margaret Chambers**

For the first time this year all first division matches were umpired by A or B qualified umpires. This has proved popular with the teams and will continue. In addition we have had two umpires qualify at B level, and we will be looking to increase the move from C to B if possible. Again successful use of

'mentoring' helped to prepare umpires for testing, and we have added 7 new names to our qualified C umpires.

### **League Secretary - Gill Mason**

A proposal for a new League structure was discussed - having been circulated earlier to all clubs for consideration. The league secretary dealt with a few queries on the operation of the leagues, and then all clubs agreed that the league format should be adopted for the coming winter season, with a review at the General Meeting with a view to introducing the same format into the summer season.

### **Affiliation Secretary - Ann Smith**

Affiliations increased again in Tyne and Wear, as did the number of clubs. Despite this there are still areas which have few if any clubs. It is hoped the work of the Active Sports Programme introduced by AENA will help to address this.

### **Chairperson, Liz Vuyk**

The past year has seen excellent performances from the whole range of county teams. The Adult County team consolidated its position in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Division by finishing 5th. In addition good results were returned by County and Schoolgirl teams at all age levels. Sadly the Inter County tournaments were cancelled this year due to the Foot and Mouth crisis. At club level Seatonians have achieved entry into the National Clubs League. And at international level Victoria and Deborah Percy continue to represent England in their age groups. At schoolgirl level Central High School's Under 14 team won the National Schools Title.

The schools county squads at junior level will have a new coaching team for the coming year following Val Trainer and Lynne Booth's decision to step down from the role they have carried out most successfully for many years. They will be greatly missed and many thanks are due to them for all the hard work they have put in over the years.

### **Election of Officers**

**Resignations were received from the following:** Julie Whitfield - Committee Member; Pat Scott - Minuting Secretary; Michelle Oddy - Publicity Secretary.

**No nominations were received for the vacant posts at the meeting.**