



**TYNE AND WEAR COUNTY NETBALL ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 16th JULY 2012
FROM 7.00 PM AT BLUE FLAMES SPORTING CLUB**

Committee

Kath Robinson, Vice Chairperson
Ashleigh Gibson, County Secretary
Jan Adams, Tournament Secretary
Sue Borthwick, Affiliations Secretary
Linda Hall, Treasurer
Wendy Pinkney, Committee Member
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

Clubs

7 four 7 – Anita Hopper, Lesley Willis
Beacon – Jacqi Halford, Val Reynolds
Burnside – Margaret Chambers, Wendy Pinkney
Chopwell – Claire Taylor, Fiona Johnson
Concordia – Hollie Pearson, Rachel Ramsey
Denton Park – Ashleigh Gibson, Leanne Weatherburn
Freeman Knights – Georgie Rennison Rae, Sarah Taylor
Gateshead Angels – Laura Hanson, Liz McErlane
Greencroft – Linda Tyman, Yvonne McGarry
KATS – Lorna Banner, Debra Dodd
NTC – Pat Percy, Susan Clark
Newcastle Storm – Amanda Hawley, Rachel Cassidy
Novos – Jill Turnbull, Sophie Waugh
P & G – Sam Whitehead
Riverside – Pat Percy, Lynne Booth
Sandyford – Laura Hanson
Seatonians – Maureen Smith, Sarah Wade
Tigers – Sarah Haigh, Kirsty Stretton
Tynemouth – Lyn Jamieson Yip
Westgate – Alison Burrows, Michelle Mann,

7 Up – Jill Turnbull, Alexandra Mackie
Blue Flames – Kerry Guy, V Hertherington
Castle Hill – Alison Alden, M White
Cobalt – Amy Carroll, Alix Banner
Dickinson Dees – Sarah Daun, Kelly Beattie
Durham Dodgers – Fiona Johnson
Gateshead – Jan Adams, Sue Borthwick,
Gosforth – Claire Cardinal, Jan McLuckie
Jesmond – Sarah Rowland, Jen Hazelton
NESCL – Lynn Morrison, Emma Ross
Newcastle City – Anna Barnes, Amanda Hawley
Newcastle University – Ashleigh Stamp
Panthers – Tanya Seddon, Lisa Orchard
PWC – Tina Walker, Lindsay McDonald
Sage – Karen Ainsley, Clare Lindsay
Seaton Burn – Lorraine Netherton, Gill Sutton
Stadium – Theresa Ireland, Jo Burnham
TEAM Coast – Lisa Orchard, Julie Waller
Wearside Wildcats – Charlotte Waites, Gemma Sandberg
Willington – Sylvia Pankhurst, Lynn Morrison

Apologies for Absence

Gill Mason – Chairperson, Rachel Barrett

Minutes of 2011 AGM

These were agreed

Matters Arising

None identified.

Reports**Vice Chairperson – Kath Robinson**

Introductions – Kath gave Gill Mason's apologies and introduced the meeting, welcoming and thanking club representatives for making time to attend. Fiona Johnson and Gemma Sandberg (Netball Development Community Coach for Newcastle) were also welcomed. The Vice Chairperson spoke about respect for opponents and officials and then invited the Committee Secretaries to deliver their reports for the year.

Development Secretaries – Lynne Booth and Leanne Weatherburn

The Development Secretaries gave details of both the County and Satellite U16 Academies. Around 24 girls had taken part in each with 2 satellites covering Newcastle, Gateshead and North Tyneside. There had been a primary school pilot scheme run in Blaydon to see how the County might help development in schools. Back 2 Netball in Newcastle run by Gemma Sandberg, had recruited 396 players with sessions taking place in Kenton, Benfield, Newcastle College and Walbottle. One participant had progressed to level 1 coaching.

Affiliation Secretary – Sue Borthwick

The affiliations secretary informed the meeting that first affiliations for 2012-13 are to be carried out online and second affiliations should be sent to the Affiliations Secretary. The Tyne and Wear affiliation fee was set at £32 and £15 for second affiliations. It was noted that the EN portion 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 and reminded them of their responsibility to take messages from the meeting back to all members of their clubs. From an administrative point of view nomination sheets must be completed for every team with a minimum of 7 names submitted before the league starts (Sunday 23rd September 2012). The nominations can be made on paper or electronically. First affiliations are all to be completed online using My Net. Second affiliations are to be sent to the Affiliations Secretary. The leagues had progressed smoothly but there had been a steady stream of verbal and written complaints regarding respect. The League Secretary detailed respect for the venue to include clearing up of all litter and ice packs, bandages, etc. following games. Swearing, derogatory and aggressive language and overly aggressive play were listed as some of the complaints. Umpires can address these issues but clubs and team captains must take responsibility. The secretary encouraged sporting and positive attitudes. There had been an increase in dissent towards umpires and clubs were reminded that clubs are responsible for spectators and supporters. The league secretary presented some awards:

Tanya Seddon – for being good fun

Lynn Morrison – for spending her 50th birthday at the AGM!

Tournament Secretary – Jan Adams

The tournament secretary reported a lack of interest in county run tournaments following the success of many charity and special interest tournaments.

Publicity – Laura Hanson

The Publicity Secretary resigned her post and was thanked by the Vice Chairperson for her contribution to the County over the last years.

Treasurer – Linda Hall

Linda explained the Final Balance Sheet as at 12th July 2012 and invited queries.

The county is in a healthy state financially. The league fees were short of covering the court costs but second affiliation fees covered the shortfall. The accounts were accepted, proposed Lynne Booth, seconded Ashleigh Gibson.

Following the Secretaries reports Fiona Johnson, England Netball Development Officer for Tyne and Wear was invited to speak. She outlined MyNet and EN's plan to link use of the system to link club websites and the County website to the system, and offered assistance to club secretaries. The system would be available from August 1st for affiliations for 2012/13. The youth netball Pass On Your Passion Scheme was outlined. This allows under 25's to register online and accrue volunteer hours which can be rewarded. Gemma Sandberg from England Netball's Back2Netball scheme also spoke, requesting coaches to come forward for coaching sessions. The scheme is looking for Level 2 coaches or Level 1 coaches with specific training in B2N. B2N tournaments had been held approximately monthly for competition for players not yet ready for the leagues. Both EN representatives requested material for publicity for the North East region within Netball magazine and newsletter. A Level 2 coaching course is planned for October 2012 but further participants are required. A Level 1 course is scheduled for February 2013. It was noted that the County offers funding opportunities and details are available on the website. A further scheme for 14 to 25's was detailed. Sportivate can provide 6 week sessions with funding help for court hire and coaching. The requirement is that 10 people attend 5 from 6 sessions.

Election of Officers

Rachel Cassidy was proposed for the post of Publicity Secretary by Amanda Hawley and seconded by Maureen Smith.

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

The meeting was closed at 8.05 pm and an Open Forum commenced to discuss any issues but none were raised.