

North Yorkshire County Netball Association

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the North Yorkshire County Netball Association held at 7.30pm on Thursday 2nd May 2019 at The Mercure Hotel, Wetherby, West Yorkshire.

1. Welcome and those Present:

As Chair, Kate welcomed everyone to the meeting. She welcomed Kim Burns, Regional Chair and invited Anna Carter to talk about the two different Leeds Rhinos Netball initiatives.

Officers of the CMB :

Kate Kennady (Chair), Christine Stephen (Secretary), Felicity O'Leary-Francis (Treasurer), Nikki Ward (Officiating Lead), Debbie Wright (Performance Lead), Beccy Lewis (NDO)

From the affiliated Clubs:

Angels – Keren Walsh, Louisa Garton; **B.T.** – Montana Davies-Shuck, Jenny Buckley,; **Bishy Belles** – no representative; **Bishop Wilton Firebirds** – Libby Cutting, Rachel Simpson; **BSA** – Liz Hammond; **Challengers** – Kerrie Symmonds; **Copmanthorpe** – Ruth Scarlett, Emma Moss; **CSSC York** – Michelle Rapson; **Eagles** – Vanessa Cameron; **Easingwold** – no representative; **Elvington Ladies** – Elaine Maughan, Anna Moore; **Fillies** – Amy Lyons, Nicole Riley; **Harriers** – Catie Bradbury, Tricia Moralei - Maciai; **Harrogate Halos** - Felicity O'Leary; **Hawks** - Sue Hobson, Rachel Montgomery; **Harrogate Phoenix** - Carole Fozard; **Haxby** - Val Kennedy, Cerys Lampett, Emma Josrolland; **Heminborough Hawks** - Martha Harrold, Liz Dutton; **HiLites** - Charlotte Smith; **Hotton Hotshots** – Claire Parsons, Claire Handley; **Ladybirds** - no representative; **Magpies** – Becky Hall; **Malton Junior NC** - Tricia Martin, Alison Sellars; **Mavericks** - Julie Cheng; **Millers** - Pamela Drake, Audrey Smith; **Northern** – Sandra Wake; **Pink Panthers** – Julie Walker; **Rawcliffe** - Maggie Wilson, Katie Acouley; **Read School Ladies** - Alice Campbell-Wood; **Ripon City** - Helen Mackenzie; **Ripon Jewels** - Rachel Falkingham, Marie Barker; **Ripon Raiders** - Emma McAra; **Ripon Rockets** – Sharon Cawkwell-Brown, Hayley McAra; **Royal Fe-mails** - Lisa Wyard; **Sapphires** - Anya Walker, Charlotte Hogg; **Sherburn** - Alice Peperell, Debbie Wright; **Skylarks Sharks** - Anna Isle, Helena Young; **Spartans** - Di Henderson; **Stamford Vikings** - Angela Rothery, Jacqui Fountain; **Thirsk Ladies** – no representative; **Tigers** - Emma Bolland; **Tornadoes** - Rebecca McCracken; **Unicorns** – no representative; **Vipers** - Jennifer Millichap; **York All Blacks** - Suzanne Davis; **York City** – Georgie Collinge; **York Medics** - Elin Webster, Robyn Bailey; **York RI** – Kathryn Murphy; **Regional Chair** – Kim Burns

Non-Attendance (*subject to £100 non-attendance fine and no entry to competitions for 2019 if payment is not made before 1st September 2019*) – Bishy Belles; Easingwold; Ladybirds; Thirsk Ladies; Stokesley. The fine and conditions for non attendance were explained and voted on as per the Constitution. The majority voted in favour of retaining the current amount and conditions.

2. Apologies for absence were received from Janet Ivel, Patsy Russell, Danielle Rasbury, Stokesley NC.

Kate then invited Anna Carter to present to the meeting the format and changes of the Leeds Rhinos Performance Pathway and the Community Hub Pathway. Anna outlined both the current provision for young netballers within the Yorkshire Region and also the proposed plans for 2019-20 as follows:

- Leeds Rhinos are hoping for successful entry into the Vitality SuperLeague for 2020 or 2021.
- This last season the U/19 players in the NPL finished 4th
- Under-17 players experienced “friendly” matches

- Under-17 players fed Under-19 Academy players
- For next season, Trials for Under-19 and Under-17 will be “open” trials; open to all players in all areas in the Region
- The Academies will be smaller in size for 16-19yrs.
- At Under-15 and Under-13 there will be 2 Regional Academies; one in the North of the Region and 1 in the South of the Region.
- The aim is for the Academies to work closer with the four counties.
- Nominations for Under-15 and Under-13 Performance Academies will only be accepted through the respective County. Players currently in the Regional Academies and the Community Hubs will also be invited to trial.
- The competition squad for Under-15 will be chosen from both the Northern and the Southern Regional academy.
- Coaches for the Academies will all be Performance coaches under the direction of Emily Perry.
- The Community Hub programme will be directed by Anna Carter. This is a pathway for girls who may not want performance or be performance players but who want more netball.
- Mini netball will be from 5-12 yrs; playing League and Tournament fixtures.
- The Under-13 and Under-15 Hub network will see 7 hubs in each age group throughout the Yorkshire Region. There will be a fixtures programme within Counties to keep the girls involved.
- All coaches in the Hub network will not be Performance coaches; but coaches wishing to be involved.
- The idea of the Hubs is to pick up talent. The Hubs will not be for the best of the best but those girls who do not get into a County Academy programme.
- It is hoped there will be a Community Hub in North Yorkshire.
- The Hubs will be set up where there is a NEED for raw talent.
- Anna stressed that the Performance Academy Programme and Community Hub Programme are two different approaches.

Anna then invited questions from the floor and the outcomes were as follows:

- Mini netball and how to access the children and signpost them to Clubs is a key area to be explored. There is scope for Leeds Rhinos to go into Primary Schools through their Coach Education Programme.
- **Trials** – Regional Under-15 and Under-13 Trials are on 7th and 8th June 2019; Under-17 and Under-19 Trails are on 8th and 9th September 2019. It was acknowledged that these dates will be before County Trials but County coaches will be able to nominate players in December for selection.
- **The cost** – an approximate cost for 13-15yrs players will be £380 for 30 weeks training programme. Rhinos have the facility to offer up to 5 places for hardship. The cost is justified because the coaches and others involved are professionals.

Kate thanked Anna for her contribution to the meeting. Anna explained that she would send on paperwork about what she talked about and about the two different approaches.

3. Approve the Minutes of the 2018 AGM held on Thursday 3rd May 2018

The Minutes were taken as read. All agreed that the Minutes were a true and accurate record of the meeting and the top copy was duly signed by the Chair. Proposed by Val Kennedy; seconded by Carole Fozard.

4. Receive the 2018/19 Annual Report and Review

The Annual Report had been previously circulated to all Clubs. Kate asked if there were any questions arising from the Report. She thanked Christine for collating the Report and honed in on her expression of “annus horribilis” . Kate explained that for much of the last season, the work of the County had been done by 4 people; and then Debbie Wright joining towards Christmas to take on Performance. She acknowledged that, whilst some may not feel we have always got it right that the very small group had done their very best to keep netball going in the county. It had been a difficult year and she made a plea for people to come forward to join the committee to take on and help even with a very small job as 4 or 5 people trying to do everything was unsustainable.

There were no comments or questions and it was taken that the Annual Report was received unanimously.

5. Receive the Financial Report/ Statements for the Year ended 31/03/ 2019

Felicity had circulated copies of the Financial statement at the meeting. She then talked the meeting through the accounts as they were presented. Notable points were:

- For much of the year she had no access to the old Bank Account
- The funds in there eventually were transferred and accessed and a new account established as per the Constitution.
- Felicity outlined how she had monitored all income and expenditure; itemizing each Competition separately to monitor with all items listed.
- NYNAL costs had increased as the hire cost of the courts increased and a Division 3 was established. It was agreed to subsidise the competition by £1900.
- Most of the other Competitions came in on balance.
- The Officiating account currently looks to be £295 in credit but there are fees to be paid to EN. Felicity expects this account to come in on balance.
- There have been 2 successful Bursaries awarded to help with the development of coaches.

Questions were invited and the responses were:

- Kate assured the meeting that all monies have now been transferred over
- York District queried where the funding for trophies would come from.
- Expenditure from HDN Winter Tournament was the donation to Charity.
- Performance – some monies were paid out relating to last year plus kit.

There being no further discussion, the Accounts were accepted by the majority with Carole Fozard proposing the acceptance and Sandra Wake seconding.

6. Approve the County subscriptions for the 2019/20 Year

Kate reported that there has been a proposal to reduce the County levy for 2019-20. Discussion followed and a vote to retain the current amounts voted upon. 36 voted against retaining the current amounts; 5 voted for.

Further discussion followed on the what the reduced amount should be. Felicity contributed that there is a healthy balance of about £15000 which supports a reduction. A cushion of £8000 would be enough for the next season.

Kim Burns reminded the meeting that if the County takes up all the support tools on offer through the new Membership scheme then there is accost of 1.9% applicable.

Discussion about the amount to be paid was focused on contributions of £3 or £4; and £2 for under-18. The final proposal for the North Yorkshire County Fees for 2019-20 as:

Over 18 – £4.00

Under-18/16/14 - £2.00

Under-11 --£ 0.00

A majority vote of 38 for and 4 against was achieved. The proposal was then carried.

Discussion then turned towards Schools with concern expressed from a few about what the £25 per secondary school is used for. In previous years, this was used to offset cost of running County teams but as they are no longer functional, it was difficult to pinpoint what the levy is used for. Alison Sellars contributed York District Schools' views that the amount could be used to offset costs of taking the County Round of National Schools indoors. Discussion followed with a vote on the following proposal being taken:

That Schools in North Yorkshire county would not pay their £25.00 County levey when affiliating to EN. This was carried unanimously with 32 votes "for".

7. Consider any proposed Changes to the Constitution

The proposed changes to the Constitution had been previously circulated to all Club secretaries, submitted by the County Management Board:

Current - 5.2 The CMB will comprise a minimum of 7 individuals who must be personal members of England Netball. Voting members will be elected by the members of the County.

Proposal (Kate Kennady) 5.2 The CMB will comprise a minimum of 6 individuals who must be personal members of England Netball. Voting members will be elected by the members of the County Management Board.

Current - 5.3 (a) Voting members of the County Management Board:

- Chair;
- Treasurer;
- Secretary
- Lead of each Technical Working Group elected by the members

Coaching and Performance; Governance and Finance; Officiating; Participation and Competition; No person may occupy more than one position on the C.M.B. The Lead of each TWG will approach and appoint members to form each working sub group to carry out the work of the Group.

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Current - The CMB shall meet not less than three times a year on dates determined by the CMB members. A quorum of the CMB shall be 5 voting members.

Proposal (Kate Kennady)

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Current -Members of the County shall consider and vote on nominations received:

- Chair
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Chairs of TWG (Coaching, Communications, Governance & Finance, Officiating, Participation & Competition, Performance, Schools) . Appointments will be by a simple majority vote.

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- Chair
- Treasurer
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All proposals for changes to the Constitution were carried unanimously.

8. Consider any proposed resolutions previously submitted in writing by members of the County

There had been two proposed resolutions submitted by the CMB as follows:

1. That the North Yorkshire Competitions Group collectively consider the current Regulations of the Senior League competition as NYNAL and revise and update the format, eligibility, cost, umpire requirements, venues etc. and that the revised Regulations are circulated to all potential Clubs and Teams *before* Teams are requested to complete an Entry Form and/or pay an Entry Fee.
2. That the North Yorkshire Competitions Group collectively consider the current format, age groups, intentions, venues and Regulations etc of the North Yorkshire Junior League and that the revised Regulations are circulated to all Junior Club teams *before* teams are requested to complete an Entry Form and/or pay an Entry Fee.

Following discussion, all were in agreement that the new Competitions Group should action the above.

9. To elect the Officers of the County Management Board

The following were elected to serve on the County Management Board for 2019-20

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
Chair	Kate Kennedy	Christine Stephen	Felicity O’Leary-Francis
Secretary	Lisa Cornell	Kate Kennady	Christine Stephen
Treasurer	Felicity O’Leary	Debbie Wright	Lisa Wyard

Chair of Sub Groups:

Governance and Finance	Catie Bradbury	Kate Kennady	Hayley McAra
Performance and Coaching	Debbie Wright	Kate Kennady	Felicity O’Leary-Francis
Competition and Officiating	Nikki Ward	Kate Kennady	Helen MacKenzie
Schools’ representative	to be advised of the new representative.		

Help within the sub groups was received verbally from Emma McAra, Cerys and Emma (Haxby)

10. Election of Auditor

Felicity offered the services of Alex Hall from the accounting firm at which she works . All were in agreement with this.

11. A.O.B.

- (a) **County Championships Day** – Kate explained that a volunteer had been working on this event but had stumbled securing a venue. She asked what Clubs wanted to do about the event this year and, whether considering the time available whether the event for this year only should be shelved. There was suggestion that trophies for District and County League winners could be resented at an Awards Evening. Following further discussion it was agreed that each

District would arrange for their own way to present their District trophies and for the County League winners, Clubs would be advised at a later date.

- (b) Coaching** – Concern was raised that a recent UKCC Level 2 Course had to be cancelled due to low numbers. It was questioned why people are not applying to progress with coaching especially as there is a shortage of Level 2 coaches in the Region. Cost and distance to travel were cited as obstacles.
- (c) EN Membership** – the Yorkshire Workshop to introduce the new EN Membership – Netball Connected – held in Barnsley in April, was poorly attended by North Yorkshire Clubs. Beccy Lewis as NDO is attending a Course in another Region and will set up a Workshop in North Yorkshire after her own Course. Date, venue etc tbc. Details of all the Regional workshops are on the EN website.
- (d) Beccy Lewis** – asked that if Clubs are putting on events to please contact her to publicise the event. Beccy then announced the following dates for the Diary:
- **Sunday 9th June** – Regional Year7/8/9 Tournament at EIS
 - **Friday 14th June** – Paraneetball – U/18- for netballers with physical disability
 - **Saturday 22nd June** -Netball World Cup Tournament in North Yorkshire. If Clubs want to enter please contact Beccy direct.
 - **Sunday 7th July** – High 5 Schools' Tournament – at Queen Margater's School, York. Umpires are needed. Please contact Beccy direct – working towards C as minimum requirement.
 - **Saturday 3rd August** – Walking Netball Host Course – North Yorkshire
- (e) Performance dates** – Debbie Wright announced the following dates:
- **Saturday 6th July** – Under-13 County Academy Trials at Ashville College. These are for girls who will be in Year 7 or Year 8 in September 2019.
 - **Sunday 7th July** - Under-15 County Academy Trials at York University. These are for girls who will be in Year 9 or Year 10 in September 2019.
 - Schools and Clubs can nominate for these Trials. Forms will be sent out. Schools and Clubs should contact nysecretary@outlook.com if you do not receive details. Players already in the County Programme will be invited to attend Trials.
 - **Coaches** – Anyone interested in joining the County Coaching team, please contact Debbie Wright – PerformanceNY@gmail.com.
- (f) Ripon Jewels** – Rachel raised a question regarding eligibility for District Leagues. Kate asked that Rachel discuss this offline after the meeting with herself.
- (g) Umpiring Courses** – dates for any courses were requested from the floor. Kate explained that there had been 3 x C Award Courses this season and that they had not been fully supported by people from North Yorkshire, resulting in places being given to learners from outside of the County. She further reported that, whilst the Courses had seen over 30 attendees, the conversion rate for achieving the C Award was poor. Considering this factor, the decision was made not to hold any further Courses in the second half of the season. The question of mentoring available for learner umpires was raised. Kate commented that at every Course held, learners were advised to secure themselves a Mentor and to be proactive in asking for help.
- (h) Age Banding** – the question raised was whether players under the age of 16 would still need to be age banded to play in competitions.
- (i) Website** – it was highlighted that one of the add on benefits in the new Membership for Clubs was the provision for a Club website.
- (j) Boroughbridge** – the poor quality of the netball posts at this venue was raised Kate confirmed that the purchase of new posts was currently being processed.

There was no other business.

12. Vote of thanks

Kate gave a vote of thanks to all the members of the CMB for their work during the past season and gave special thanks and flowers to Christine as she stepped down as Secretary.

Kate then thanked representatives for attending the meeting.

13. Date and venue of the next A.G.M.

The next A.G.M. of the North Yorkshire County Netball Association will be held on Thursday 7th May 2020 between 7pm-9.00pm. The venue is to be confirmed.

Kate closed the meeting at 20.57pm

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