



Annual General Meeting LONDON AND SOUTH EAST REGIONAL NETBALL ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the AGM of L&SE Region held on Tuesday 17th September 2019 at House of Sport, 190 Great Dover St., London, SE1 4YB, commencing at 6.45pm

Present:

Alison Bennett	Regional Chair	AB
Julia Martin	Regional Treasurer	JM
Jane Kelloe	Essex Met Rep & Officiating TSG Chair	JK
Gordon Dudman	Disciplinary Chair & Coaching TSG Chair	GD
Dawn Cox	Kent Rep	DC
Laura Pawley	Competitions TSG Chair & Surrey Rep	LP
Jayne Lee	Middlesex Rep	JL
Kat Cruickshank	Communications TSG Chair	KC
Maureen Clark	Celebrations TSG Chair	MC

In attendance:

Emma Thomson	Regional Coordinator & Minute Taker	ET
Emily St John	Partnership Manager LSE and East	ESJ

1. Welcome and opening remarks

AB welcomed everyone to the AGM. AB to chair the meeting on behalf of Jenny Harrold.

2. Apologies for absence: Jenny Harrold (Regional President), Marlene Wander (Regional Vice Chair), Chris Kelso (Surrey Chair), Pat Meadows (Essex Met Chair), Maggie Finch (Performance TSG Chair) and Michelle Ray (Kent Rep).

3. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting (19/09/2018) and matters arising

Pg 2, Section 4 – change award to ‘England Netball Long Service Award’

Section 5 – change to ‘affiliations’

Section 6 – rephrase sentence to ‘As the deadline for claims for had passed for the U16 officiating, there was a surplus left from those who had not claimed’

Pg 4, Section 10 – correction ‘what’

Section 11 – correction ‘word’

Acceptance of minutes was proposed by AB and seconded by JM. Agreed unanimously.

The minutes were then duly signed by AB.

4. Chairman's report – nothing to add.

GD expressed that the Union Jack Club was a great venue for the GGAs and it would be great to expand this next year with league winners. Still a need for more nominations.

Acceptance of report was proposed by AB and seconded by JM. Agreed unanimously.

5. England Netball Regional report

ESJ gave some more EN updates:

Bee Netball has seen lots of clubs and school signing up to the website.

ENgage currently has over 75,000 members signed up through the system. This is ahead of schedule from previous years by 5 days. The membership department doubled in size and regional staff were trained to increase capacity to deal with the enquiries.

JK asked ESJ what the Treasurer of a County should be able to see.

Action 1: ET to find out what access different members should have and what they can use data for.

London Pulse have employed Sally Carns as the Franchise Manager who was previously employed by England Netball.

ESJ thanked everyone who has volunteered and showed their support throughout the summer and NWC.

Acceptance of report was proposed by ET and seconded by AB. Agreed unanimously.

6. Finance:

i. To receive and adopt the financial statements for the year to June 2019.

Acceptance of accounts was proposed by JM and seconded by AB. Agreed unanimously.

ii. To appoint an independent examiner to verify the accounts: JM recommended using Kevin McNamara again as the Independent Examiner.

JM explained there are funds available to develop the GGA event next year.

The region has already had money back from the ENgage system. It was highlighted however that the reference of direct debit on accounts is not clearly EN. This has been raised to EN.

The Financial Policy was signed and dated by AB.

MC thanked JM for always providing a great financial report and for putting so much time into her role by attending the additional TSG meetings.

AB summarised that the region are in a healthy financial situation and suggested that the RMB look into giving more support to the region, e.g. training or coaching funding opportunities.

Thank you was said for Jenny who supports JM.

Proposed by JM and seconded by AB. Agreed unanimously.

9. To elect the members of the Regional Management Board.

RMB – All to continue within role. AB as Regional Chair, JH as Regional President, MW as Regional Vice-Chair and JM as Treasurer.

TSG Chairs - All to continue within role. LP as Competition TSG Chair, JK as Officiating TSG Chair, JM as Finance TSG Chair, GD as Coaching TSG Chair & Disciplinary Chair, MF as Performance TSG Chair, KC as Communications TSG Chair and MC as Celebrations TSG Chair.

10. To receive reports – Counties and Technical Support Groups

Essex Met & Kent Reports – nothing to add.

Middlesex – Brenda Horn, Terry Tilbury and Debbie Horn are stepping down. Something to be sent from the region and an invite for next year's GGA event.

Surrey – AB highlighted that at the moment young players are able to trial anywhere for the performance pathway as long as they are willing to travel the distance. This is not manageable as it increases the numbers at trials and players are starting to pull out when they get selected at more than one. This then has an impact on the financial viability of the County Academies.

Officiating – On 4th November JK and AB are meeting with Carly Beach and Vicki McQuaid from EN to go through the review.

JK explained the new officiating course planning process from EN with the need to organise all the officiating courses for the whole year. JK highlighted the unintended consequences that all the work has to be done at once, some venues and tutors cannot confirm so far in advance and evidence suggests that there has been little impact on learners travelling significant distances to attend courses.

DC highlighted that even though all courses are submitted at once to EN, not all courses were approved by EN at the same time. DC has found that bookings are coming in for courses all through the year.

JK announced her new role as the Officiating Portfolio Manager of Netball Europe and was congratulated by the Board.

Communication – Over the last 9 months, the number of visitors to the website averages approximately 3000 visitors per month. 72% of all visitors finding the website through an organic Google search. The most visited website pages are the Club Directory, the home page, the Regional league and the clubs page.

The Regional social media channels continue to grow with Instagram our fastest growing platform with 159 new followers since November 2018. Facebook and Twitter continues to perform well with an increase in following also.

Progress has been made in maintaining the website, increasing social media and improving user focus.

Areas to work on include establishing the Communications TSG and increasing local links.

KC highlighted the dependence on the RCO in generating content for social media and thanked ET for her work on this.

The focuses for the next season is to look at moving from the regional website towards ENgage. CK is also aware of balancing her EN employment and the RMB and growing conflict of interest.

AB asked each county if they have a communications lead.

Performance & Coaching – nothing to add.

Disciplinary – GD explained the need to encourage lower level leagues to adopt the EN codes of conduct.

Action 2: ET to chase Marc Scott for a list of EN disciplinary panel members.

Competitions – No minutes were shared from the CTSG Chair's meeting in March/April.

Action 3: ESJ to chase Ian for these minutes.

Acceptance of Reports: Proposed by AB and seconded by JM. Agreed unanimously.

Date of next AGM

Tuesday 15th September 2020, 6:45pm start.

AB thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 19:39.

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