

**GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY NETBALL ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT BENTHAM ON 23rd May 2018**



**Gloucestershire
Netball**

Club Attendees

| Club | No. teams/ votes | Club | No. teams/ votes |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Bishops Cleeve | 3 | Old Chelts | 2 |
| Challengers | 5 | Randwick | 4 |
| Cheltenham Ladies | 3 | Severn Stars | 1 |
| Churchdown Ladies | 4 | Stroud Ladies | 3 |
| Cirencester | 3 | Survivors | 3 |
| Gloucester Ladies | 3 | The Freestylers | 1 |
| Hucclecote | 3 | Tigers | 1 |
| Lyndean | 1 | United | 2 |
| Moody Blues | 1 | Upton | 2 |
| Nomads | 2 | Winchcombe | 1 |
| Odd Bods | 1 | | |

Management Group Attendees

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| Sue Bailey | Chair |
| Les Thomas | Hon Secretary |
| Val Sanders | Hon Treasurer/Finance Working Group Lead |
| Rachel Bussey | NDO (co-opted non-voting member) |
| Sue Wainwright | Junior Working Group Lead |
| Stella Benhania | Coaching & Development |

1. Meeting Opened

The meeting was opened at 7.05pm by Sue Bailey, Chair of Gloucestershire County Netball Association, who welcomed the club representatives and Management Group leads and members.

2. Apologies for absence

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| Vicki Wood | Performance Working Group Lead |
| James Thomas | Officiating Working Group Lead |
| Karen Trueman | Adult competition Working Group Lead |
| Sally Brookes | Welfare Officer (co-opted non-voting member) |

3. Minutes from AGM held in May 2017 and Matters Arising

The minutes were circulated in advance of the meeting. The minutes were deemed to be a true record and there were no matters arising. It was put to the meeting that they be adopted.

Proposed by: B Warburton, Seconded by: S Ben Hania

The minutes were adopted unanimously.

4. Reports

a. Chair - Sue Bailey reminded the meeting of the structure of the Management Group and introduced the Working Group leads (or their representatives) who gave short presentations on the work of their groups during the season. The presentations are attached as a pdf file.

b. Netball Development Officer – presented by Rachel Bussey

c. Adult Competition Working Group – presented by Les Thomas (on behalf of Karen Trueman)

d. Junior Competition Working Group – presented by Sue Wainwright

e. Performance Working Group - presented by Sue Wainwright on behalf of Vicki Wood.

f. Officiating Working Group – presented by Barb Warburton on behalf of James Thomas

g. Coaching Working Group Lead – presented by Stella Ben Hania

i. Treasurer/Finance – presented by Val Sanders.

The audited accounts had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting. The final balance sheet and affiliation fees for next season were presented to the meeting (include in presentation attached).

Val explained that the £10 increase in EN affiliation fees at the start of 2017/18 had been partially subsidised by GCNA funds (£5 per senior) hence the GCNA fee had been reduced from £7 to £2.

For next season (2018/19) the Management Group had agreed to collect the remaining £5 per senior and so the GCNA fee would be increased back to £7. A query was raised by Lyndean – if the finances were healthy why was this not being subsidised again? It was explained that this increase could be used to subsidise central venue court costs for all teams if the leagues had to run at new venue(s), which were likely to be more expensive.

The accounts were put to the meeting to be adopted.

Proposed by: Stella Ben Hania, Seconded by: Barb Warburton. The accounts were adopted unanimously.

Appointment of Auditors for Following Year.

Val thanked Jo Molony for auditing the accounts and advised the meeting that she had agreed to audit them again next year.

Proposed by: Mary Pope, Seconded by: Stella Ben Hania. Jo Molony was appointed as auditor for next season unanimously.

5. Appointment of Tellers

Rachel Bussey (NDO), Jess Lewis (Old Chelts) and Becky McNickle (Gloucester Ladies) volunteered to be tellers for the voting.

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6. Election of Officers

There had been no nominations for any of the posts and all post holders were willing to stand again, except for Amy Ruffell-Hazell who had previously stood down as Comms & Marketing Lead.

There was no opposition from the meeting against any of the current management group and they remain in post.

A plea was made for anyone interested in the Comms & Marketing role to contact the Management Group for more information.

7. Proposals

The proposals/motions had all been circulated prior to the meeting for clubs to review and discuss. The proposals were further explained by their proposers at the meeting, and discussion time was allowed through the Chair. Proposals were to be decided by a simple majority vote in line with Clause 7.8 of the Constitution.

1a. Proposal from Churchdown Netball Club

Proposal to remove League Rule 20 - A player is not allowed to play for more than one team against the same opponent unless it is an upwards movement i.e. B team to A team.

Voting: For 28; Against 23; Abstentions 4.

The proposal was carried.

1b. Proposal from Churchdown Netball Club - to amend League Rule 20 if Proposal 1a was not carried. Proposal 1a was carried, therefore Proposal 1b was withdrawn.

2. Proposal from Severn Stars Netball Club

Proposal to change League Rule 29 – “Every team provides an umpire for a designated match and a scorer for their own match” to “Every team to provide an umpire and scorer for the designated match”

Voting: For 7; Against 47; Abstentions 1.

The proposal was not carried.

3. Proposal from Survivors Netball Club

Proposal to change Batemen/Per Ardua rules from “Teams provide umpires for earlier stages of competition” to “Neutral umpires at all stages of the competition”.

It was clarified that although neutral umpires would be required, they would still need to be sourced by the teams until the semi-final stage, when they would be sourced and allocated by the Adult Competition Working Group, as is current practice.

Voting: For 33; Against 12; Abstentions:10.

The proposal was carried.

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4. Proposal from Officiating Working Group

Proposal for addition of new League Rule:

Each club shall nominate to a pool of league umpires, a sufficient number of suitably qualified umpires (or umpires in training) to cover their umpiring commitments.

The number of umpires required shall be:

- Clubs with 1 or 2 teams = At least 1 umpire
- Clubs with 3 or 4 teams = At least 2 umpires
- Clubs with 5 or 6 teams = At least 3 umpires
- etc.

Umpires cannot be nominated by more than one club, and are expected to be active during the season

Voting: For 38; Against 14; Abstentions 3.

The proposal was carried.

Close of Meeting

Sue Bailey thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 20:55.