



# *Lowestoft Netball League*

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2011 at 7.00pm The Winelodge, Oulton Broad, Lowestoft**

**Present:** Sharon Boyd– Chair  
Karen Oakley – Vice Chair  
Chantelle Savage - Secretary  
Louise Carroll – Treasurer  
Denise Hall – Fixtures  
Melaine Sanford- Cancellations  
Lyn Elvin – Umpire Rep/Junior Rep/Norfolk Rep

**Apologies** – Terri Freeman- Social Secretary

### **1. Welcome from Chairman (Sharon Boyd)**

Hello and welcome to this year's AGM, thank you all for coming it is good to see so many here.

The summer and winter season went very well this year, with no major issues apart from the cancellation of two weeks games due to the adverse weather in December, which Denise managed to reschedule.

This winter season also saw the introduction of the new scoring system. After a few hiccups at the start it seems to have bedded well.

The league committee have met regularly to sort out any issues arising and to organise events. No serious issues have been identified this year. If your team has had any issues please feel free to speak to a member of the committee who will be happy to help.

The summer/winter season has seen the introduction of a few new teams to the league these teams have settled in well and we welcome those who are hoping to join the summer league.

Finally it was great to see so many of you at the rules forum last week, I am sure you will all agree it was a resounding success and on behalf of the committee and league I want to thank Lyn for all her work in organising the evening which was beneficial to all.

### **2. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Terri Freeman.

### **3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 27th April 2010 and matters arising from the minutes**

The minutes of the Annual General meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2010 were agreed.

#### 4. **Reports:**

##### Treasurer – Louise Carroll

Year End Accounts 2010/2011

	<b>Credit</b>	<b>Debit</b>
<b>Income</b>		
B/F	£331.56	
Raffle	£178.00	
Summer League Fees	£550.00	
	£1,275.	
Winter League Fees	00	
Football Square Fundraising Money	£30.00	
Summer BBQ Food Money	£70.60	
Interest	£0.43	
	<u>£2,104.</u>	
	<b>03</b>	
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Trophy		£29.95
Website		£165.00
Summer '10 Court Hire		£352.08
Engaving on Shield		£8.00
Course/Meeting Expenses		£120.00
Scorecards		£115.20
Winter 10/11 Court Hire		£296.43
Winter 10/11 Court Hire		£375.96
Rules Workshop Room Hire		£50.00
Agm Room Hire		£50.00
AGM Cash Prizes		£215.00
Stationary		£16.00
	<u>£2,435.</u>	<u>£1,793.</u>
	<b>59</b>	<b>62</b>
<b>Totals</b>		
<b>C/f</b>		<b>£641.97</b>
Bank		£602.97
Cash		£39.00

### Fixtures, Cancellations and Publicity Secretary – Denise Hall

The Summer League went well with all games completed on time. We were less fortunate with the winter league with several games having to be cancelled due to bad weather, I would like to thank all teams for their co-operation with the rearranged fixtures also to Cliff Park Robins for playing 2 games on the same night. The new points system took a little while to get use to but think I got there in the end. Congratulations to all the winners and runners up and to all the fair player award winners. All going well the summer league should start on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### Publicity Rep Report – Denise Hall

Not had a lot to report on but the scores have been printed in the Lowestoft Journal every week.

### Umpiring Secretary – Lyn Elvin

This year has been extremely successful with very few re-arrangements for umpires and only 1 game having to be rearranged due to lack of umpires. A huge thank you from myself and the committee goes to all the umpires who willing umpired games on behalf of teams with no umpires. The league could not run as smoothly as it does without those extra umpires helping out.

That said, there are many new umpires are coming forward to attend courses and gain qualifications and the two Beginner Award courses and 1 C Award which were held in Norwich were all full.

Congratulations to 2 new qualified umpires – **Sharon Boyd** from Blues N Twos passed the Beginners Award and **Lynn Bullard** from K-os passed the C Award. Myself and Karen have been busy mentoring new and improving umpires, although many games during the winter were not utilised by teams despite us being available.

Umpires currently being mentored towards their Beginners Award are –  
Beccles Bluebirds – Kim Shrubshall, Claire Robinson & Deborah Smith  
Cliff Park Robins - Teresa Gates

Umpires currently being mentored towards their C Award are –  
Blues N Twos - Carla Smith  
Nirvana - Wendy Moore  
Potters A - Kerri Graham  
Sole Bay – Emma Warnes & Jane Temple

1 person has been approached and has agreed to attend a forthcoming Mentor course in the hope that they can take on the Beginner Award umpires so that I can concentrate on the C Award umpires.

Although the league has a generous 2 year timescale in which teams are allowed to enter without a qualified umpire, the committee has decided that when creating the fixtures in future those teams without a qualified umpire will be allocated a game to attend. A member of the team will need to make themselves available to score for another umpire, until they have attended an umpiring course themselves and can then be mentored or they have a qualified umpire. Teams with umpires currently being mentored will be allocated mentoring and/or scoring sessions. Failure of attendance could mean disqualification of the team from the league.

Beginner Award courses are normally held twice yearly and C courses once. The Beginner Award lasts for 4 years and can be re-taken once after that. It is expected that umpires will progress on to their C Award within this time. The C Umpiring Award currently does not expire.

A pilot scheme for the new Europe Umpiring Awards is currently being trialled in Norfolk.

The main differences being a fitness test is taken prior to the practical test and the Theory paper for all Beginners, C and B awards is a 2 hour written paper which is graded on percentage, with a set time of year to take it.

#### Norfolk Rep Report– Lyn Elvin

All 4 meetings were attended during the year.

The County Plan is now an agenda item at meetings. The county has targets to meet and the plan is reviewed at every meeting with a status report given.

The committee has recently agreed to invite a representative of CAPS accredited clubs to attend committee meetings in future – Norfolk United, Thoroughbreds and Belton have been invited to join.

A different format was tried this year for the Jean Liddle Tournament, held in Norwich, to encourage more teams to enter. The competitive round in the morning (8 teams) was won by Norfolk United blue and the fun round in the afternoon (11 teams) was won by The Reds.

Look out for flyers soon announcing this years tournament – date 17<sup>th</sup> July

Umpiring – 2 Beginner courses and 1 C course have been run during the year, which have been well attended.

All umpire mentors attended a re-accreditation course in February.

Rules Workshops have been booked for Norwich, Kings Lynn & Lowestoft. Gary Burgess, NCNA Chair, made it clear that Lowestoft was selected due to our continued support and presence at the county meetings.

A UKCC Level 2 Coaching course was cancelled due to lack of numbers.

The league has been offered funding from NCNA and post protectors might be something that we could benefit from, but this will be discussed at the next Lowestoft Committee meeting.

If any clubs would like funding, small grants are available from NCNA. A written application is requested and if successful in return, the club might be asked to help out the county if required i.e. to send an umpire to a tournament or coach some juniors.

Norfolk County Netball Association website – [Norfolkcountynetball.com](http://Norfolkcountynetball.com)

5. **Nominations and Election of new Committee members**

No committee members stood down so there were no positions to fill. Teams were asked if anyone would like to join the committee in anyway but no one decided they wanted to.

6 **Winter League results and presentation of trophies/Vouchers**

Denise informed the meeting of the winners of the Summer and Winter Leagues:

Summer 2010

Group 1 Winners	Stewarts
Group 1 Runners up	Cliff Park Eagles

Group 2 Winners	Goldmark
Group 2 Runners up	Turmoil

Winter 2009/10

Division 1 Winners	Cliff ParkEagles
Division 1 Runners up	Goldmark

Division 2 Winners	Girls Reunited
Division 2 Runners up	Solebay

Congratulations were given to the above teams. Trophies and vouchers were presented.

7. **Draw for Summer league**

Summer League draw was as follows:

Group 1

Sole Bay  
M &H Kos  
Stewarts  
Connections  
Cliff Park Robins  
Girls Reunited  
Winelodge Divas  
Bungay Ladies

Group 2

Potters B  
Turmoil  
Goldmark  
Blues and Two's  
Stars  
Beccles Blue Birds  
Potters A

After the draw team representatives asked when the summer league was due to start. A rough date of 3<sup>rd</sup> May was given.

Tracey Bullard from Winelodge Divas asked about the handicap system for the summer league. Even though Winelodge Divas are a new team they have at least 5 people in their team who are from Nirvana so they will not be classed as a new team and therefore their previous position within the league will be taken into account when deciding handicaps.

**Fair Play**

Over the past year each team should have written on the reverse side of the score card a name of a player for the fair play award.

**Fair Player Awards.**

**Summer League 2010**

Joanne Butler (Panthers)

**Winter League 2010/11**

Group One- Emily Spence (Connections)

Group Two- Vikki Mace (Kos)

## **The Linda Crisp Umpire Award**

### **Umpire**

- 8 Nominations were taken on the evening for the award of outstanding Umpire. Votes were then counted and the award went to Karen Oakley and was presented by Linda's sister and daughter, Wendy Moore and Sammy Crisp.

### **Any Other Business**

#### **Lyn Elvin**

Lyn was presented with a bouquet of flowers on behalf of the committee to acknowledge all her hard work and effort that she continually puts into the Netball league whether it be umpiring or mentoring.

#### **Code of Conduct**

A code of conduct has been drawn up by the committee and each team is expected to sign up to it when entering the league. The code of conduct states how we expect teams to behave within our game. These will be emailed out to the team secretaries.

#### **Incentives**

Incentives were offered to teams who were the best represented at the rules workshop and at the AGM.

These teams were Bungay Ladies, Stars and M&H Kos who will receive 20% off their winter league fees.

#### **No Smoking**

Teams were made aware that Kirkley High School is a no smoking site. So there was to be no smoking on the courts or anywhere on the site.

#### **Website**

Teams were informed that the new Lowestoft Netball League website was up and running. On the site teams can find useful information such as registration forms and fixture information.

The website address is [www.lowestoftnetball.co.uk](http://www.lowestoftnetball.co.uk)

#### **Summer league/Winter League Fees**

The fees for summer league will be £50 and the fees for Winter league will be £85.

#### **Help with tournament.**

Babs from Cliff Park asked if any umpires would be able to help with a tournament that was being run Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June at Aylsham.

#### **The meeting closed at 8.30pm**