



Lowestoft Netball League

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES Tuesday 20th March 2012 at 7.00pm Lowestoft Town Football Club, Lowestoft

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

Apologies – No apologies

1. Welcome from Chairman

Sharon welcomes everyone and thanked them for making an effort to attend. She started off discussing the summer and Winter League. She acknowledged that both the summer and Winter League had been successful with no major issues arising apart from some cancellations due to adverse weather in the Winter. She then thanked Denise for being able to reschedule the cancelled games into the remainder of the Winter League. Sharon then spoke about the introduction of the code of conduct that was introduced this year and how this reflects how the committee would like everyone to behave on and off the Netball court.

Sharon highlighted to teams the Lowestoft Netball League website which has now been up and running for over a year. The website contains up to date information of fixtures, results and other useful information. She thanked Lyn for her hard work in getting it up and running and her continued effort to keep it up to date.

Sharon then spoke about Louise, the leagues treasurer, as she is stepping down from her position and that we would need to replace her tonight at the AGM. Sharon thanked Louise for all her hard work.

Lastly Sharon thanked all the umpires who do a great job week in, week out and without them the league would not be able to run.

The new scoring system had worked well and this would be continued into the new season.

She also spoke about the new teams that have entered and that they have settled in well.

2. Apologies for Absence

No apologies. All teams were represented with at least four members of the team present.

3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 12th April 2011 and matters arising from the minutes.

The minutes of the AGM were agreed.

4. **Reports:**

Treasurer – Balance sheet from Louise – see attached.

Fixtures, Cancellations and Publicity Secretary – Report from Denise – see attached.

Umpiring Secretary - Report from Lyn – see attached.

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

This took some time but eventually Kelly Cousins and Claire Hunter from Stars agreed to be joint treasurers for the committee. A big thank you to them both.

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

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

Summer 2011

Group 1 Winners	M&H K-os
Group 1 Runners up	Sole Bay

Group 2 Winners	Potters B
Group 2 Runners up	Turmoil

Winter 2011/2012

Division 1 Winners	Cliff Park Eagles
Division 1 Runners up	Connections

Division 2 Winners	Cliff Park Kestrels
Division 2 Runners up	Stars

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

7. **Draw for Summer League**

Before the draw took place teams were asked if they would like to change how the Summer League is selected. The suggestion was that we could continue with picking names out of a hat to create two groups and then use a handicap system based on where teams finished in the Winter League or we could create the two groups based on ability using the results of the Winter League.

Teams voted in favour of no change meaning that the Summer groups will continue to be selected by picking team names out of the hat.

The handicap system this year will be lower meaning that the weaker teams will now only have a maximum handicap of x3 per goal.

Summer Group draw was as follows:

Group 1

Goldmark
Cliff Park Kestrels
Potters A
Beccles Blue Birds
Stewarts
Bungay Ladies

Group 2

Vixens
Stars
M&H K-os
Potters B
Turmoil
Blues 'n' Two's

After the draw the teams were asked if they would like to try out new timings and durations of matches. Currently we play 2 x 20 minute halves. The new suggestion is we play 4 x 12 minute quarters. Teams positively voted on the change and this will commence as a trial during the Summer League. Games will now start at 7pm and 8pm. It was stressed that teams and umpires must be ready to start matches on time to cater for these changes.

The teams will then be contacted before the Winter League to get feedback if this trial has been successful and if they would like to continue into the Winter.

8. **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 2011

Group 1 - Libby Gates from Cliff Park Robins

Group 2 - Frankie Baker from Beccles Blue Birds

Winter League 2011/12

League 1 - Rebecca Ball from Cliff Park Hawks

League 2 - Poppy Tiffin from Blues 'n' Twos

9. **The Linda Crisp Umpire Award**

Umpire

Nominations were taken on the evening for the Umpire Award. Votes were then counted and the award went to Tracey Moore from Goldmark and was presented by Linda's sister and daughter, Wendy Moore and Sammy Harewood.

A new umpire award was introduced this year by the committee for the umpire making the most progress.

The winner of this award was Clare Seely from M&H Kos.

Any Other Business

10. The committee was asked whether they would be running anymore rules workshops as they had done last year.
At this time the committee has no plans to run another workshop.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

**Year End Accounts
2011/2012**

	Credit	Debit
Income		
B/F	£641.97	
Summer League Fees	£737.50	
Winter League Fees	£1,224.00	
Rule Books	£15.00	
Junior Fund	£158.46	
Interest	£0.42	
	£2,135.38	
Expenditure		
Trophy		£6.00
Website		£125.00
Winter 10/11 Court Hire		£72.30
Summer '11 Court Hire		£260.20
Rule Books		£120.00
Stationary		£6.39
Course/Meeting Expenses		£72.00
AGM Cash Prizes		£240.00
		£901.89
Totals	£2,777.35	£901.89
C/f		£1,875.46
Bank		£1,871.44
Cash		£4.02



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FIXTURES & CANCELLATIONS SECERTARY REPORT

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 a power cut and the other due to bad weather, I would like to thank all teams for their co-operation with the rearranged fixtures, this year I haven't printed off the final tables because they are available on our website. Congratulations to all the winners and runners up and to all the fair player award winners.

Hopefully the summer league should start on 17th April.

PUBLICITY REP REPORT

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

Denise Hall

Umpiring Report 2012

This year we've had no major issues with umpiring and we've managed to allocate umpires to all games.

A big thank you from myself and the committee goes to all the umpires who willingly umpired games on behalf of other teams and also to those that I contacted at short notice to umpire. The league could not run as smoothly as it does without those umpires being so accommodating.

To show our appreciation to all the league umpires, the committee decided we would purchase the recently updated new Rule book for all the participating umpires in the league.

Scorers – those teams without an umpire have been allocated to score and I think this has worked well. In fact we'd like to see more people volunteer to score for their team. This not only helps the umpires concentrate wholly on umpiring the game but also gives you, as a player, an insight into umpiring and helps support the umpire who is there for your team. I'd like to make a special point of thanking the Cliff Park girls, as whenever they have been asked to help score they have been enthusiastic and supportive in doing so.

Two umpires have passed their umpiring awards since last year's AGM. Congratulations go to -

- **Teresa Gates** from Cliff Park Kestrels passed her Beginners Award in June 11.
- **Sharon Boyd** from Blues N Twos passed her C Award last Tuesday.

There are 4 umpires about to take their Beginners Award on Saturday and they are –

- Claire Robinson & Deborah Smith (Beccles Bluebirds)
- Helen Cavill & Clare Seeley (K-os)

Umpiring courses are always advertised on the website and the Beginner Award courses are normally held twice yearly and C courses once.

There will a new style of testing brought in this year, but currently we've not heard how this will run. 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.

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.

Can all umpires give me dates of any known holidays at the end of the meeting
Thanks

Lyn Elvin – Umpiring Sec.