



Lowestoft Netball League

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday 27th April 2010 at 7pm
The Carlton Pub, London Road South, 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- Umpire Rep

1. **Welcome from Chairman**

Sharon welcomes everyone. She started off thanking the committee for their hard work as she acknowledged it would not be possible to run the league without them. Sharon then discussed the raffle. This was the first year the committee organised a raffle to raise money for the league. In the treasurers report it can be seen that there is not a huge amount of money left and the idea of the raffle was to help keep team fees down. This was discussed in more detail later on.

She thanked those who made a real effort to sell the tickets but was disappointed by some teams apparent lack of effort. Sharon then went on to discuss the sudden loss of Linda Crisp. She explained that the umpire award will now be awarded in Linda's memory as The Linda Crisp Umpire Award. Sharon also thanked members of Linda's family who were present at the AGM to present the umpire award. Sharon confirmed that all committee members were retaining their positions but the committee would be more than happy for anyone to join/help in anyway. Sharon then went on to discuss ideas that the committee were looking to introduce and invited anyone to share their thoughts on these matters in any other business later on in the evening. Finally Sharon thanked all the umpires for their continued support and hard work this year.

2. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from JJ's and Winterton.

3. **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 22th April 2009 and matters arising from the minutes**

The minutes of the Annual General meeting held on 22 April 2009 were agreed.

4. **Reports:**

Treasurer – Balance sheet from Louise – see attached. In brief from the report the league has more expenditure than income. Court hire is a major cost and to cover this cost summer league fees had to be increased from £30 to £50 and the Winter league from £70 to £100. Cliff park at this time questioned the increase of the fees which was justified by the information shown on the treasurers report.

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

Umpiring Secretary

Report from Lyn – see attached. Lyn praised all the umpires and acknowledged that the standard of umpiring had risen. Lyn was then praised for her hard work and dedication as a mentor. Representatives of the teams suggested that there was a need for there to be more mentors and that we could not just rely on Lyn. In response to Lyn questions on her report representatives were all was happy to continue with the allocation of umpires system. However Lyn expressed her concerns as there are not enough umpires in the league with a 'C' award. It was agreed that only 'C' award umpires were to umpire the first division. The teams were then asked whether they would like to continue with friendly matches. It was agreed that if teams could continue with friendlies if they wanted and those teams not wanting to need to let the committee know. Cliff Park, Sole Bay, Winterton and Connections expressed that they would not like friendlies. It was then discussed whether umpiring fees should be put up. Even though most teams agreed that umpires deserved a rise in fees, teams could not afford it with the rise in winter league fees. It was agreed that the umpire's fees would not go up. The last point of Lyn report asked whether there should be the introduction of scorers to aid the umpires. It was discussed in length but was agreed that if you wanted to bring a scorer you could do at your own choice but it was not mandatory.

Junior League Secretary / Norfolk Rep Report– Report from Lyn – see attached.

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 2009

Group 1 Winners	King Veterans
Group 1 Runners up	Connections A

Group 2 Winners	Stewarts
Group 2 Runners up	Nirvana Fitness

Winter 2009/10

Division 1 Winners Cliff ParkEagles
Division 1 Runners up JJ's

Division 2 Winners Winterton
Division 2 Runners up Panthers

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

7. **Draw for Summer league**

Summer League draw was as follows:

Group 1

Nirvana
Sole Bay
Cliff Park Eagles
Blues an Two's
Stewarts
New Team

Group 2

Goldmark
Panthers
M&H KOS
Turmoil (Two Pack)
Connections
Cliff Park Kestrels

After the draw team representatives asked when the summer league was due to start. A rough date of 11th May was given.

8 **New point system for summer/ winter league**

The handicap system for the summer league was discussed. Some teams were not happy with the point system. The handicap system was discussed in length and it was agreed that the system would be kept for this year, but reduce the handicap from 5 to 4 and a written proposal would be needed before next years AGM so the committee could discuss and address this at next years AGM.

In the Winter league a new point system was agreed to be put in place by the majority.

Win = 5

Draw= 4

A loss within 5 goals of the winners= 3

A loss within 10= 2

Half score or over= 1

9.

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 2009

Group One – Chantelle Savage

Group One- Donna Bangay

Group Two- Gill Larkin

Winter League 2009/10

Group One- Kate Soloman

Group Two- Tina Everitt.

The Linda Crisp Umpire Award

Umpire

Nominations were taken on the evening for the award of outstanding Umpire. Votes were then counted and the award went to Kerry Gray. Unfortunately Kerry was not there to accept the award so Barbara from Cliff Park accepted it on her behalf from Wendy, Linda's twin, and her daughter Sammy.

Wendy, gave a short speech in memory of Linda. Sammy crisp also shared her thanks.

Raffle

10. The raffle took place. Thank you to all those teams that brought a prize and again for selling raffle tickets. A special thanks to Panthers who raised £168 on their own.

Any Other Business

11.

Social agenda- A social agenda from Terri was handed out to teams to read and raise thoughts/questions on this matter.

The majority of representatives would like there to be an average of two a year e.g. Christmas and summer. They also suggested that socials should be on a Tuesday night as this is a Netball night. However Karen pointed out that the AGM is on a Tuesday (Netball night) and yet some teams only have one representative, so there needs to be the support from the teams for these events to take place.

Raffle- Kerry from Panthers suggested there needs to be more effort from all teams as Panthers sold half of the total raised. Teams expressed that more effort would be made next year.

Costs of courts – The cost of courts was also raised. Teams suggested that they pay a lot of money to use courts but posts were not always up, tennis nets were still out and that there were no nets on the rings. The committee will follow this matter up and will express concerns to the sports center. Lyn said no team was

to move equipment as they would not be insured.

Winter league- Teams asked which teams were going up/down in the winter league. Goldmark and Hawkes were going down from division 1 to division 2. Panthers and Winterton were moving up from division 2 to division 1. Barbara from cliff park questioned this as she was under the impression cliff park were to stay up. However the Nirvana score counts and they will stay in division 1.

Helping the committee- Members of Goldmark and Panthers expressed an interest in helping the committee .

Umpiring- Barbara from Cliff Park queried an email she received saying that she could not umpire any more as her C award had run out and that she was not allowed to umpire. It was explained by Lyn that she could not umpire as she is not insured.

Players looking for new teams- Finally Goldmark said they knew players looking for new teams so if any teams were short to contact them for more information.