



Lowestoft Netball League

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday 24th March 2014 at 7pm
Wine Lodge, Oulton Broad**

Present: Sharon Boyd– Chair
Karen Oakley – Vice Chair
Chantelle Savage - Secretary
Denise Hall – Treasurer
Melanie Sandford- Cancellations
Lyn Elvin – Umpire Rep
Karen Daniels-Fixtures Secretary

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 and acknowledged that both had been a success with no major issues. She spoke about the new format for the summer league (round robin) that was trialled last year and how it had been a success. The committee had lots of positive feedback with regards to this; therefore this format will be used again this summer.

Sharon highlighted that the only issue this year with regards to the winter league was some bad weather (although not as bad as previous years). Following on from this EPA had tried to cancel the games without a member of the committee checking the courts first. However after an inspection the committee decided that the courts were safe to play on. Sharon acknowledged the hard work of the committee and thanked them for ensuring the league continued to run smoothly without any issues. Lastly she thanked all the umpires and scorers as without them the league would not run.

2. Apologies for Absence

No apologies as all teams were present. All teams had at least four members present.

3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on and matters arising from the minutes

The minutes of the Annual General meeting held March 2013 were agreed.

4. **Reports:**

Treasurer – In brief there is a healthy balance even though the league made a slight loss.

Year End Accounts 2013/2014

	CREDIT	DEBIT	
INCOME			
B/F	£ 1,611.85		
Summer League Fees	£ 630.00		
Winter League Fees	£ 1,050.00		
Rule Books	£ 10.00		
Total	£ 3,301.85		
EXPENDITURE			
Trophies		£ 10.00	
Website		£ 85.00	
Winter Court Hire		£ 656.00	
Summer Court Hire		£ 624.00	
Rule Books /score cards		£ 60.00	
Course / Meetings		£ 49.00	
AGM		£ 225.00	
	Total	£ 1,709.00	
			BALANCE £ 1,592.85
Carried Forward			£ 1,592.85

Still to be invoiced Winter court hire approx £150.00

Fixtures, Cancellations and Publicity Secretary –

All fixtures were played. No issues. Results were published in the local paper weekly.

Umpiring Secretary

There have been no issues during the year and all games have been covered, thanks to the willingness of umpires to over each other when required.

We currently have 23 practising umpires in the league with only one team who needs to gain a qualification during the next year.

An umpire meeting was recently held and Sophie Pike from Norfolk attended to answer any rule queries. Congratulations to the following umpires who have passed awards during the year-

C Award – Emma Warnes & Jane Temple (Solebay)

Beginners - Louise Taylor (Stewarts)

Umpiring courses are always advertised on the website and the 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.

The testing now includes a fitness (bleep) test as well as a written and practical test.

Scorers –it was suggested at the recent umpire meeting that some guidelines are put together and made available on the website for all teams.

Website

If there is anything you think we are missing from the website please let me know, but this should be the first point of contact for any queries. All teams contact details & umpires are available there, along with Karen and my mobile numbers if ever needed. Also, don't forget to add us to your facebook contacts, as cancellations or anything else important is added there.

5. **Unaffiliated Players Proposal**

Previously under the England Netball insurance, any unaffiliated player would affect all the players within the game, including umpires, as their insurance was no longer valid while the unaffiliated player was on court.

This has now changed and each player is covered whether they are playing with affiliated or unaffiliated players, therefore the committee wish to propose that a new player could play twice for a team before they had to be affiliated. (See attached sheet for more details) A vote was put to the teams as to whether they wanted to see this happening in the league. All teams felt that this was a good idea.

The committee suggested that teams could play up to 6 unaffiliated players for the netball year (summer and winter). Some teams queried whether this was too much. A vote was put to the teams. The majority voted for 6. Other concerns that were raised were teams worrying about their insurance being invalid if they were injured by an unaffiliated player. As already stated in the proposal we assured them that this would not be the case. Teams asked what would happen if the new player was dangerous on court to which the committee assured them that the umpire in charge of the game would not let dangerous play go ahead and that teams could take that player off if they were not up to standard.

6 **Election of Committee**

Karen Daniels has stepped down as fixtures secretary due to injury and not returning to netball. The committee has one volunteer who would like to join. Nicky Caswell was proposed and seconded and voted onto the committee.

7/8/9 **Summer and Winter League results and presentation of prizes including fair player.**

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

Summer 2013

Winners	Blues and Twos
Runners up	Potters A
Fair Player (Joint)	Poppy Tiffin (Blues n Twos) Ellen McAvoy (Potters B)

Winter 2013/14

Division 1 Winners	Cliff ParkEagles
Division 1 Runners up	Goldmark
Fair Player	Deana Brimble (Potters A)
Division 2 Winners	LP Sirens
Division 2 Runners up	Potters B
Fair Player	Esme Martin (Cliff Park Falcons)

Congratulations were given to the above teams. Prizes were presented.

10. **The Linda Crisp Umpire Award and Umpire of the year.**

Teams were asked to vote on the night who they felt deserved this award. Teams were only allowed to submit one name per team and could not vote for their own team umpire.

All the votes were counted and Kerri Stephenson won the Linda Crisp Umpire Award for the second year in a row.

Wendy Crisp presented Kerri with flowers and the award.

The Committee Umpire Award presented by Lyn Elvin

“Since this award started a couple of years ago we’ve tried to recognise different achievements, the first going to a novice umpire for their commitment to the game and the 2nd going to an umpire who is very competent.

This year is no different, and both Karen and myself, along with the committee would like to honour this particular umpire for their dedication and longevity to both the league, their team and to umpiring.

This year’s award goes to someone who has given nearly 4 decades of their adult life to netball in one form or another.

The award was presented to **Jill Bagley**”

11. **AOB**

There was no AOB from the teams. Sharon (Chairman) reminded teams that umpiring fees would be going up to £6 with immediate effect as per the letter that went out to team secretary’s before the AGM.

Lyn (Umpire Sec) suggested that teams might like to participate in the England Netballs Net 10 for Life, where teams give 10p for every goal scored in their match, the umpire rounds it up to £, and where’s pink if possible. Lyn is happy to co-ordinate and collect the money on 18th March for those who wish to take part.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm