



Lowestoft Netball League

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday 20th March 2017 at 7pm
The Zest Rooms, Potters Leisure Resort.

Present

- Sharon Boyd- Chair
- Karen Oakley – Vice Chair & Norfolk Rep
- Chantelle Gallagher - Secretary
- Sian Jefferies – Treasurer
- Kerri Stephenson – Umpire Secretary
- Nicola Caswell - Fixtures Secretary
- Lyn Elvin – Publicity, Web & Umpire Mentor Secretary
- Melanie Sandford - Affiliations
- Libby Gates - Committee

1. Welcome from the Chair

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 part from the weather which caused a few games to be cancelled. 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. On the back of what Sharon said about cancellation due to weather Karen explained that matches will only being cancelled where absolutely necessary. Please do not contact the committee with regards to whether a game is on or not, we are aware and will make a decision. Karen said that she will inform teams with regards to cancellations on Facebook and all teams will be told by 6pm.

2. Apologies for Absence

There were none.

3. Team Attendance

All teams attended and all teams had at least four players in attendance.

4. Minutes from AGM17

The minutes of the Annual General meeting held March 2017 were agreed.

5. Reports

5.1 Treasurer (Lyn)

Not long after last years AGM Sian unfortunately had to step down as treasurer due to work commitments, so Lyn picked this up.

Due to the change of venue during the previous year, the league had less in the bank than they normally like to have, so with this in mind league fees were set so that we could bring the level back up.

The League account has also been transferred to online banking and this will be the method of payment going forward.

See Balance Sheet below -

Netball Accounts 17-18

Income

Balance B/F	476.16
Petty Cash	1.75
	<u>477.91</u>

Rule Books	89.00
League fees Summer (110 x 14)	1,540.00
League fees Winter (£150 x 14)	2,100.00
	<u>3,729.00</u>

4,206.91

Expenditure

Summer 17	Inv	
LG - Apr/May	5044	675.00
LG - Jun	5082	275.00
LG - Jul	5100	312.50
EPA		29.00
		<u>1,291.50</u>

Winter 17/18

LG - Sep-Oct	5139	500.00
LG - Nov	5188	275.00
LG - Jan	5268	300.00
LG - Feb	5317	375.00
LG - Mar	Free	0.00
EPA		9.00
		<u>1,459.00</u>

Committee Expenses	120.60
Scorecards	25.00
Umpire Fee	32.00
Website	85.00
AGM	155.00
Donation	50.00
Rule Books	105.00
	<u>572.60</u>

C/F	
Current Account	1,378.56
Less Summer League pd	-500.00

Balance per accounts	878.56
Petty Cash	5.25
	<u>883.81</u>

4,206.91

5.2 Fixtures & Cancellations

All fixtures were played. No real issues apart from the odd night where matches had to be rescheduled for Health and Safety reasons due to the weather. All teams were reminded to hand in cards on the night and also to ensure they pick a fair player by circling this on the card. If cards are unable to be handed in please take a photo and send this to Nicola by 10pm, so that the website can be updated.

Gemma from Sirens asked whether scorers and umpires still needed to come out even if the match was cancelled by the other team. The committee said that scorers and umpires were still expected to umpire/score.

5.3 Umpire Secretary

During the year Kerri Stephenson had to step down from the position due to work commitments, so Libby Gates kindly agreed to stand in with help from Karen. There have been minimal disruptions or problems throughout this year due to all umpires being flexible and covering each other, sometimes at very short notice, when needed. The committee thanked all the umpires for their continued support throughout the Summer and Winter leagues.

There have been four umpires who have successfully passed their umpiring awards this year -

Megan Murray – CP Robins – Into Officiating

Erin Price – CP Robins – Into Officiating

Libby Gates – CP Eagles – C Award

Sammy Harewood – Sirens – C Award

Lyn Elvin also passed her Assessor accreditation for Into Officiating and C Awards.

Well done to you all.

6. Latest League Minutes

The minutes from the latest committee meeting were discussed. A question was asked with regard to Diath Ear Piercings. If you have a medical note for Diath Ear Piercings you need to send a copy of this to the committee. The committee will then inform all umpires that the player concerned is allowed to wear the piercing, provided they abide by the rules and wear a headband.

With regards to the players/teams conduct towards umpires, if this continues their names will be shared at the next AGM. No other comments/questions were raised with regards to the minutes.

7. Summer League – Schedule, Handicap, Points & Times

Match duration through the summer league will continue as 4 x 10 minutes. The handicap system that was used last summer was score + handicap depending on where the team finished in the Winter season, and in steps of 3. Teams were asked if they were happy to continue to use this system and all agreed. The summer league will be played as a round robin. The first match will be on Tuesday 17th April and the last game will be played on Tuesday 17th July. The fee to enter the summer league will be £100.

8. Election of Officers

Libby Gates standing as Umpire Secretary

Lyn Elvin standing as Treasurer

Amy Smith standing as Publicity/Web Secretary

All others agreed to continue in their same roles, voted unanimously.

9. AOB

Babs asked whether University players were affiliated to play in the league. Lyn will check with Norfolk and reply.

The committee asked if anyone was interested in umpiring to let Libby know.

It was brought to the committees attention that umpires were not being paid before a game but having to go ask teams for their money. Also that cards should be filled out prior to the game. The committee reminded all teams that umpires should be paid prior to a game the card completed and the match would not commence until that was done.

Umpires requested the return of an annual meeting - this is something the Umpire Secretary will organise later in the year.

There is a Facebook group called Umpires Corner, for anyone interested in joining - lots of discussion on rules etc, but be aware that this is used world wide by umpires so sometimes the terminology may be different.

10. Presentations

Summer League 2017 Results

Winners - CP Kestrels

Runners Up - Draw Engineering

Fair Player - Vicki Ayers (Beccles Hawks)

Winter League 2017 Results

Div 1 Winners - CP Kestrels

Runners Up - CP Eagles

Fair Player - Jade Wong (Leaders)

Div 2 Winners - CP Robins

Runners Up – Beccles Hawks

Fair Player - Daisy Jennings (CP Ravens)

Linda Crisp Umpire Award

This was voted for by umpires, before the AGM.

The Winner was Libby Gates. Wendy Moore presented Libby with flowers and the award.