



Lowestoft Netball League

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday 2nd April 2019 at 7pm
The Zest Rooms, Potters Leisure Resort.

Present

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

2. Apologies for Absence

There were none.

3. Team Attendance

All teams attended and all teams had at least four players in attendance, except Vintage who had three players.

4. Minutes from AGM18

The minutes of the Annual General meeting held March 2018 were agreed. Babs confirmed that players returning from University would not be affiliated to play in our league so they would need to affiliate with England Netball as stated in Lowestoft Netball League rules.

5. Reports

5.1 Treasurer Report

The accounts are up to date and all completed.

I'm pleased to say that the committee were able to work with a team who were struggling to join the league at the last minute. We discussed the problem and managed a solution between us that was workable.

If any other teams find they are struggling to pay, please come and talk to us as we'd rather try and work things out rather than lose any teams because of this.

Any questions, just let me know and I'll try and answer.

And finally just a **HUGE** thanks again, for all your love and support with what I'm going through, its much appreciated.

My daughter, along with some of her friends and work colleagues are walking a double marathon along the Suffolk Coastal Pathway to raise funds for the **Big C**. This is a local charity that helps anyone going through the pain of Cancer. Below is the link to read more on what they offer and why Lois is doing it, if anyone wants to donate she will be very grateful.

[Coastal Ramblers](#)

Over the past few months there have been some pretty scary statistics published; '1 in 2 of us will be diagnosed with cancer at some point in our lives', 'somebody is diagnosed with cancer every 2 minutes in the UK'. We all hear these statistics, we see them flashed in front of us in a newspaper or TV advert, but for me and my family, this all became very real for us.

In early January 2019, after almost a year of misdiagnosis, my mum, Lyn, was diagnosed with tongue cancer and our world turned upside down. Many of you will know my mum for being full of life and always planning her next adventure somewhere in the world. This is an unfair and unjust diagnosis and one that we still struggle to come to terms with.

Aggressive chemotherapy and radiotherapy has been more of a challenge than we were expecting but she faces every day with more strength and determination than the one before. She is without a doubt the strongest, most inspirational woman I've ever met and she's shaped my entire life in a wonderful way.

Throughout these tough times, my family and I have used the services offered by the **Big C** regularly. Whether that is having a cup of tea and a chat with others on the same journey, complementary treatments such as reflexology for mum or counselling for me, they have been truly incredible. Somebody is always there with a warm smile and a sympathetic ear, and they've made this whole situation that little bit more bearable.

<https://fundraise.big-c.co.uk/fundraising/fundraising-pages/coastal-ramblers/>

Ad-hoc -

- We had an email from Lynn Grove just reminding us that we are in a residential area and by hiring the facilities we agree to abide by their letting agreement which is to be quite.

There was a complaint on Tuesday of car horns etc, which may not have been us, but we've apologised anyway and said we'd just highlight it at our AGM, just to keep up the good relationship we have with Lynn Grove.

- MyNet - is being replaced by ENgage. Please see info in the Netball Magazine and online. There will no longer be a minimum of 10 players. Membership fees will be condensed into 3 or 4 different structures. Each county will continue to decide how much comes to them per year. There is also supposed to be access to a free website and league results table. If and when these are up and running and we are able to use them, hopefully it will save us money. Team secretary's - please read up and ensure you know what you have to do - we the committee know nothing further about it.

Netball Accounts 18-19

Income

Balance B/F	878.56
Petty Cash	5.25
	<u>883.81</u>

Rule Books	7.00
League fees Summer (100 x 14)	1,400.00
League fees Winter (180 x 14)	2,520.00
	<u>3,927.00</u>

4,810.81

Expenditure

Summer 18	Inv	
LG - Apr	5417	200.00
LG - May	5463	450.00
LG - Jun	5510	400.00
LG - Jul	5552	250.00
		<u>1,300.00</u>

Winter 18/19		
LG - Sep	LGA26	200.00
LG - Oct	LGA48	400.00
LG - Nov	LGA112	200.00
LG - Dec	LGA134	200.00
LG - Jan	LGA195	400.00
LG - Feb	LGA225	275.00
LG - Mar	LGA276	87.50
LG - Mar	LGA304	275.00
		<u>2,037.50</u>

Committee Expenses	151.58
Scorecards	25.00
Website	85.00
AGM	155.00
	<u>416.58</u>

C/F	
Current	
Account	1,056.73

Balance per accounts	1,056.73
Petty Cash	0.00

4,810.81

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.

5.3 Umpire Secretary

Libby said it had been very difficult to get enough umpires for all the matches as there was simply not enough for various reasons. The committee have come up with a proposal to address this which will be discussed in item 6. Libby thanked all of the umpires that had covered, especially at short notice. Well done to Chloe Lambert, Eleanor Shulver, Rian Martin and Aisha Zaman who have all passed their Into Officiating Award. Also congratulations to Debbie Smith who passed her C Award earlier in the season.

6. Latest League Minutes

The minutes from the latest committee meeting was discussed. Please see attached minutes from the latest committee meeting which was held on Monday 18th March 2019.

Item 1- no questions/issues arising.

Item 2- Teams voted in that players have 30 seconds after time is called to assess whether they need to go off. If after 30 seconds the player needs more time then she will need to leave the court in accordance to Injury Time rules.

Item 3- no questions/issues arising.

Item 4- As part of the proposal for all teams to have two umpires by 2020 several umpires volunteered to attend a mentoring workshop, to be held soon. If players are interested in becoming an umpire they can contact Libby for the next available course. It was suggested that maybe some friendly matches could be arranged so that players can have a go at umpiring before they commit to attending a course. They could be buddied up with a qualified umpire.

Item 5- All umpires agreed for Janice to have their numbers as she is not on the What's App group.

Item 6- A Facebook Poll will be put on the Lowestoft Netball Page so players can vote whether they want a tournament which they can enter as a team or as individuals.

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

After a long discussion it was agreed by teams that they would like to go with Babs suggestion. This will be based on final winter league positions, plus new teams. Teams will be divided into two mixed sections (which will include a 3+ handicap depending on where the teams finished in the winter league) e.g Section A will include teams that finished 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9, 11th etc. The teams in each section play each other in a round robin. Points are awarded as in winter league. Once all matches have been played teams are given a finishing position to create two new sections e.g the top four teams from the two sections combine to make section C and the bottom three teams of each sections combine to make a section D. These teams then play each other in a round robin to get a final summer league finishing position. Babs and Nicola will meet to plan out fixtures. Once this has been completed and umpires have been organised teams will be notified. The committee envisage that Summer Fee costs will be around £100. This will be confirmed once the fixtures are confirmed.

8. AOB

Prizes- It was agreed by teams that they would still like to receive a prize for winning the league/fair player.

Complaint from Lynn Grove School regarding noise levels/honking of horns whilst on the school premises. Committee reminded teams to be considerate of the neighbours as the school is in a residential area.

If any umpires are available to help at a junior tournament on 18th May please speak to Babs.

9. Presentations

Summer League 2018 Results

Winners – Beddown Glamping

Runners Up – CP Kestrels

Fair Player – G Clarke (KOS)

Winter League 2018-19 Results

Div 1 Winners – CP Kestrels

Runners Up – Beddown Glamping

Fair Player - P Tiffen (Sirens)

Div 2 Winners - Beccles Bluebirds

Runners Up – Petes Plastics

Fair Player – P Belson (Petes)

Linda Crisp Umpire Award

This was voted for by umpires, before the AGM.

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