



**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
14th JUNE 2014
THE VILLAGE HOTEL, PINEHURST ROAD, FARNBOROUGH, GU14
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10.15am – 10.50am**

Minutes

1) Welcome

Monica Vaughan welcomed attendees to the meeting and thanked everyone for a successful Golden Globe Awards evening on Friday 13th June.

England Netball [EN] have now launched 'The Big Summer of Netball' and are willing to support clubs and counties to deliver new activities focused towards the 16-25 age group. The region is also willing to offer funding. Please contact the Regional Management Board to find out more about support from the region.

EN won 'Sports Governing Body of the Year' at the BT Sport Industry Awards 2014.

The Active People Survey [APS] showed disappointing participation figures last year particularly for the 16-25 age groups, resulting in £275,000 of EN funding being at risk. EN are working with Sport England to rectify this. However, updated results emailed by Paul Clark have since shown a 34,000 increase in participation.

The County Engagement Day will follow the Annual General Meeting [AGM].

2) Apologies for absence

Sue Baldwin, Karen Bossom, Sarah Feast, Gillian Frackleton, Bev Goodman, Kate Hopcraft, Jenny Poore, Ann Selby and Josie Wells.

3) Minutes

Phyllis Avery proposed the minutes of the AGM held on 15th June 2013 to be accepted as a true record. Sally Gray seconded the proposal and the motion was carried forward.

4) Appointment of Tellers

No-one appointed as none were needed.

5) Annual Report

Competition- Carol Alexander

All clubs and schools attending National Finals finished in the top 10 in the country.

Officiating- Carol Williams

The Umpires' Forum was held at Aldershot Football Club on Saturday 17th May 2014 which focused on the positive ways that umpires can be supported over the next season. The next Forum is being planned and will cover areas raised by umpires.

Performance- Phyllis Avery

The Annual Report covers both the Netball Performance League [NPL] and Performance itself. Team South have had weekly training sessions with Elly Moore and Lisa Manning with support from the Team Manager, Sue Baldwin.

The NPL squad have only had two home fixtures to save on expenses, however, this gives less opportunity for the regional team to be supported.

Jan Harper added that South Bucks used to organise a trip for U12s etc. and it is a shame that they don't have that same opportunity.

Phyllis discussed that the Regional Academy [RA] and Regional Performance Academy [RPA] have been running throughout the year. RPA athletes currently have 6 hours contact with coaches which will be rising to 8 hours per week, whereas RA athletes currently have 2 hours per week, rising to 4 hours.

A number of South Athletes have been selected into the National Academy: Ashleigh Dekker, Alana John, Charlotte Maxfield, Tash Pavelin, Elsa Wakeman and Fran Williams. Chartie Curtis and Lucky Dicks-Ilori have also been selected into the National Academy Potential Group.

Fran Williams was selected for the Netball Europe U17 competition, as well as the National Academy Squad of 12 to tour Botswana in August 2014.

The Academies Festival took place in April 2014 at The Dome, Chichester for County and Satellite athletes.

Counties were given assistance with their planning applications for performance funding. An Academies Workshop will be taking place on 12th July 2014 to run through manuals for Satellite and County coaches have for planning.

Finance – Phyllis Avery

The auditor stated their opinion on the financial statements in the Annual Report. There are no matters of concern to bring to members and all information and explanations required for the audit were received.

Page 9 shows the Income and Expenditure Account as of 30th April 2014. A large amount of income is from affiliations.

Page 10 shows the Balance of Accounts as of the 30th April and demonstrated a healthy balance.

Page 11 shows the Umpiring Account as of the 30th April. All umpires receive expenses for Regional Open League umpiring which is organised by Jenny Poore. Regional League Umpiring expenses were £4263.68. This figure will increase substantially as the Region will, from next season, provide umpires for Division 2 in addition to Division 1.

EN will now contributing to running the RA and RPA.

Sally Gray asked if this is a percentage or the full cost. Phyllis Avery responded that the academy can run within the amount of funding given, though this is not set.

Priya Samuel asked if the performance money is funded for four years. Anna Young explained that there is payment by result. The figures are planned for four years but this funding is not guaranteed. It must be signed off but is not protected.

Kelly Whittaker asked if the athletes will still be charged. Phyllis Avery and Monica Vaughan responded that EN have enquired as to how much each region charge their athletes with a view to charge the same amount across the country.

The region tries to support athletes but this will have to self-sustain at the end of the whole sports partnership in 2017. RA and RPA athletes are currently charged £150 for 12 months.

Sally Gray questioned how players would benefit from the EN funding. Monica explained that the number of contact hours with the coaches will increase.

Jan Harper asked if there are any plans to introduce a further RA in the region. Phyllis Avery and Monica Vaughan explained that there aren't at the moment. This is because EN are taking a player focused approach and it is not a region specific performance pathway. There are also not sufficient athletes in the area to justify two RAs.

6) Accounts

No changes were proposed to the South Region Affiliation fees for 2014/2015 and they will therefore be:

Middle/secondary School Affiliation Fee	-	£3.00 (no fee for Primary Schools)
Region Over 18 First Registration 2014-2015	Adult	£2.00 (No fee for 2 nd claim unless out of region)
Region Under 11 First Registration 2014-2015	Under 11	No Fee
Region Under 14 First Registration 2014-2015	Under 14	31.00 (No fee for 2 nd claim unless out of region)
Region Under 18 First Registration 2014-2015	Under 18	£2.00 (No fee for 2 nd claim unless out of region)
Region University Affiliation Fee 2014-2015	All Ages	£5.00 Organisation Affiliation

The members received the accounts for 2013/2014 proposed by Chantel Moore and seconded by Mary Stanley.

Regional Unit Report - Anna Young

Back to Netball [B2N] has continued to be successful and we are still engaging a lot of people through programmes and festivals. Many clubs introduced B2N section.

There is a new High 5s Coaching Workshop for Teachers and Coaches. There was initially a slow uptake because of limited workforce but tutors have now been identified as willing to cover the region and more workshops will be planned for the coming year.

The CAPS process has changed over the last four years and clubs have worked really hard with us to get through the process.

Netball Now is a new pay and play programme which involves no coaching but a facilitator and umpire are present. This programme appeals to two audiences- those not currently playing who cannot commit to a club and also to those who through the summer do not have many training sessions.

The array of new programmes shows a participant centred approach by EN. Netball Development Officers piloted Netball Now last year. This programme links into the 'Big Summer of Netball' initiative. There will be opportunities for counties and leagues to run Netball Now. EN are working on a partnership agreement.

Sally Gray asked if existing programmes can be renamed to Netball Now. Anna Young explained that current pay and play sessions can continue. In the next few weeks, the partnership agreement will be available which should be signed and returned in exchange for the branding and marketing materials.

There has been three Regional Coordinators over the past twelve months. Tracey Southgate will not be returning from maternity cover and the region would like to formally thank her for her work. Amy Hewick moved across from the South to London and South East from maternity cover to a permanent contract. Natasha Billouin joined the team in January and will finish on 20th June. Interviews for the Regional Coordinator will take place next week.

Anna Young will be having a baby in October but hopes to work as close to her due date as possible. The region is keen to make sure that service in the south is not affected by these staff changes.

Amendments to the Annual Report:

- Change Elly's hours from 28 to 26
- Remove Lily-may Catling from National Academy Athletes
- NTL to NPL on Performance section title

The members received the Annual Report proposed by Sally Gray and seconded by Jan Harper.

7) Elections

Monica Vaughan will be stepping down from her position as chair. There would be no vote as there was no more than one nomination per vacancy. Monica advised that the newly elected members of the board are as follows:

Chair- Bill Alexander
General Member- Priya Samuel

Bill Alexander thanked Monica on behalf of the Board and the region for her work in the south.

Meeting closed at 10.50am.