



**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
16th JUNE 2015
THE VILLAGE HOTEL, PINEHURST ROAD, FARNBOROUGH, GU14
7BF
7.15pm-8pm**

Minutes

Present: Bill Alexander (RMB Chair), Phyllis Avery (RMB Treasurer), Carol Alexander (RMB), Priya Samuel (RMB), Jan Johnson (RMB), Kelly Whittaker (RMB), Jenny Obin (Regional Coordinator), Lois Rideout (Berkshire & Oxfordshire NDO), Peter Bennett, Chris Granger, Sarah Feast, Karen Bossom, Sarah Gibson, Gillian Frackelton, Elly Moore, Roz Davitt, Nina Gill, Sarah Kucera, Tara Capp, Mary Stanley

1) Welcome

Bill Alexander welcomed attendees to the meeting.

2) Apologies for absence

Apollo Netball Club, Jenny Poore, Chantel Moore, Helen Willard, Carey McCormick, Joanne Odro, Carol Williams, Kat Valk, Caroline Robbins

3) Minutes

Elly Moore proposed the minutes of the AGM held on 14th June 2014 to be accepted as a true record. Jan Johnson seconded the proposal and the motion was carried forward.

4) Appointment of Tellers

No-one appointed as none were needed.

5) Annual Report

Coaching

Bill Alexander expressed that the board are really pleased to now have a TSG for coaching.

Competition- Carol Alexander

Overall view to hold the Regional round of National Schools at Wavell School again for this season.

Officiating- Carol Williams

Carol Williams unable to attend. Bill noted that the biggest challenge in the South is the number of umpires we have. As of next season the OTSG will be allocating for all open leagues and U19.

Karen Bossom asked the rationale behind allocating for the four leagues.

Bill explained that teams were continuing to struggle sourcing umpires. The officiating TSG experienced a high volume of calls across the season for umpires for games. The current system was working for some clubs but not for all.

The OTSG are trying to provide and monitor a service. We know it's a huge amount of work but will be beneficial in the long run. If umpire pulls out it becomes the responsibility of the TSG. Umpires will be paid travel expenses only. Will see how it goes and re-visit after the season. We are encouraging more umpires onto the Approved Umpires List (AUL) to increase numbers available.

Karen Bossom agreed that was a good idea. Bill clarified that clubs do not need to pay the umpires. NS will pay expenses of umpires. Estimated costs for the season approx. £17,000.

Sarah Gibson asked if umpires would be allocated for the junior Regional Leagues. Bill explained that at present we are not expecting to do this, a step too far at present. We need to get C awards onto list to boost the junior AUL. As clubs grow, they also need to grow their own infrastructure and develop umpires who can be then be added onto the AUL.

If there is a plea for the following season, we would need more volunteers in order to attempt to take this forward.

As a region we have been very successful at moving B award umpires on to their A award. The officiating TSG has asked EN not to use all our A umpires on the same Sunday for Premier League to allow for umpires to be available for Regional leagues.

Sarah Gibson asked for one request to be considered, could an umpire do two games in a row for U13s and U14s?

Bill added that we can look at this however there are guidelines of two hour breaks between games from EN. Bill requested that if clubs do have umpires who are not on the AUL, they should put them forward for the OTSG to approve to be added to the AUL.

Performance- Phyllis Avery

Bill expressed that this has been a great year for Team South with their achievements of winning the Plate Competition at the Closing Weekend and finishing 5th overall in the league.

Phyllis mentioned the South Summer Camps coming up at Bradfield. Nearly 50 athletes are attending however they are in need of more coaches for the summer camp. Preferably Level 2 coaches but also Level 1 for assistant coaches.

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 attention and all information and explanations required for the audit were received.

Page 10 shows the Income and Expenditure Account as of 30th April 2015. A large amount of income is from affiliations. Bill highlighted a balance of income over expenditure and

expressed it is not the intention to make money and will look different next year with umpire allocations.

Page 11 shows the Balance of Accounts as of the 30th April and demonstrated a healthy balance. Recommendations from EN are to hold 3-4months of running costs in reserve in case of emergency. We do receive some funding from EN for academies. In 2017 this could change with the new WSP. Regional Academy Athletes are asked to contribute towards costs. They pay £150 each for the season (for L&SE the contribution is £500 each for 12 months). Elly doesn't factor into the expenditure. Training costs are much lower. South try to keep theirs at a balance. Team South athletes also pay £120 per year towards training costs.

Page 12 shows the Umpiring Account as of the 30th April. All umpires receive expenses for Regional Open League umpiring which is administered by Jenny Poore. Regional League Umpiring expenses were £6448.56. This increased from last year reflecting the allocation of umpires to division 2. This figure will increase substantially as the Region will, from next season, provide umpires for all open divisions and U19s.

EN contributes to running costs for the RA and RPA.

Regional Unit Report – Kat Valk

Now have a full complement of EN staff which hasn't always been the case.

The members received the Annual Report proposed by Bill Alexander and seconded by Karen Bossom.

6) Accounts

No changes were proposed to the South Region Affiliation fees for 2015/2016 and they will therefore be:

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| Middle/secondary School Affiliation Fee | - | £3.00 (no fee for Primary Schools) |
| Region Over 18 First Registration 2015-2016 | Adult | £2.00 (No fee for 2 nd claim unless out of region) |
| Region Under 11 First Registration 2015-2016 | Under 11 | No Fee |
| Region Under 14 First Registration 2015-2016 | Under 14 | £1.00 (No fee for 2 nd claim unless out of region) |
| Region Under 18 First Registration 2015-2016 | Under 18 | £2.00 (No fee for 2 nd claim unless out of region) |
| Region University Affiliation Fee 2015-2016 | All Ages | £5.00 Organisation Affiliation |
| Region Over 18 Back2Netball 2015-2016 | Adult | £1.00 |
| Region Under 18 Back2Netball 2015-2016 | Under 18 | £0.50 |
| Taster Rates 01/04/2016 to 31/08/2016 | | |
| Region Taster Rate Over 18 | Adult | £0.80 |
| Region Taster Rate Under 11 | Under 11 | £0.00 |
| Region Taster Rate Under 14 | Under 14 | £0.50 |
| Region Taster Rate Under 18 | Under 18 | £0.50 |

The members received the accounts for 2014/2015 and proposed by Sarah Feast and seconded by Chris Granger. Affiliation fees accepted unanimously.

7) Elections

Vice Chair and General Members advertised. One nomination received for vice chair. There would be no vote as there was no more than one nomination per vacancy. Bill advised that the newly elected member of the board is as follows:

Vice Chair- Carol Williams

Bill added that Netball South are an active small RMB. Adverts for TSGs on website following the AGM to recruit volunteers for the TSG groups. The finance TSG is an executive group made up of board members only.

Regional Management Board

Bill Alexander – Chair
Carol Williams – Vice Chair
Phyllis Avery – Treasurer and Performance TSG Chair
Carol Alexander – Competitions TSG Chair
Priya Samuel – Coaching TSG Chair
Jan Johnson – General Member
Kelly Whittaker – General Member
Matt Young – Co-Opted Member

AOB

Sarah Feast asked regarding commercial leagues. Bill clarified that 'Go Mammoth' umpires are covered by their EN insurance. Would need to go back regarding other commercial providers. Bill will go back to EN and raise the questions.

Meeting closed at 8pm