

**KINGSTON & DISTRICT NETBALL LEAGUE  
AGM – 12<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2009  
MINUTES**

**Apologies:** None

Meeting started at 8pm

**Minutes of AGM 2008**

Taken as read. **Passed.**

**Matters Arising**

None.

**Chairperson's Report**

Good evening ladies and gents, welcome to the KDNL AGM. KDNL has enjoyed another year of high standard netball generally played in a good spirit, although regrettably the committee has had several umpire and player complaints to deal with of which I shall speak a little more later.

Congratulations to all the division and knock out cup winners.

On behalf of you all I would like to say a very big thank you to all the committee and club reps for their help in running the league throughout the season. They have contributed enormously to the smooth running of the league. I look forward to welcoming the new club reps to the committee at the first meeting, if I manage to remember to turn up this year! The committee is here to enable you all as players and officials to enjoy netball within the rules of the league and as I have done each year urge you all to look inside your clubs for the next generation of committee members and ask them to get involved. We will need to recruit new executive committee members to enable the league to continue in the foreseeable future as Mel has suggested that this might be her last as treasurer.

During the season we have had a few umpire complaints which we have responded to and will keep on record as stipulated by county. EN is endeavouring to improve umpiring standards overall and as such are asking that the prelim umpires update their skills and take the C award. EN will not recognise the prelim qualification and want C award to be the minimum standard required to be qualified and be insured as such. It has been agreed that those prelim umpires wishing to re-qualify will not be required to take a C course prior to taking the test although they can do. To support this SCNA have asked that all leagues consider adopting C award as the minimum recognised qualification hence the proposed rule change we'll come to later. We also feel as a committee that we need to continue the introduction of scorers down the league and hence the committee is proposing div 2 teams will require scorers next season. Scorers are becoming increasingly important as the C award does not now expect you to score during the test.

The other issues the committee have spent an inordinate amount of time on are two rather unpleasant incidents. The first of which involved player indiscipline and aggression and has led to a 5 match suspension from the league for 1 player and a final warning to the team involved. Each club should heed this as an indication that as a league we will not tolerate dangerous or aggressive actions by players and ask clubs to ensure that members play the game in the right spirit at all times. Whilst the rule changes and umpiring emphasis over the last couple of seasons is to allow contesting for the ball this should never be an excuse for violence.

Unfortunately another club has been expelled from the league for deliberate playing of an unregistered player and falsifying the result sheet. They will not be invited back into the league until at least the 2010/11 season. This is very disappointing, the rules around registration are there to make it safe for us to play and umpire netball hence teams and players must be affiliated to EN and registered with the league prior to them playing. To enforce this there will be no leeway at the start of next season and therefore please ensure your club secretaries get the affiliations paid up quickly at the start of season. The insurance and affiliation does not come into effect until the fee is paid.

Moving on to better things we have a few gaps within the league and we hope to fill most if not all of these places from our waiting list.

### **Surrey Representative's Report**

Surrey lions awards were presented at the SCNA AGM and the winners will be posted on the website shortly. Carol McGrail the Chair of SCNA encouraged all clubs to check the criteria and increase the number of nominations in all categories next year.

EN is increasing affiliations by 70p for adults and 50p for juniors. SCNA fee remains at £6.50 therefore new combined fee £28.70 and £20.50 juniors.

The new injury time rule is not being applied yet in local leagues, SCNA are seeking further guidance from EN.

I'm afraid I don't have the dates for next season yet, these will be organised in a couple of weeks after which we will meet to sort out the divisions. Although it seems likely we will be starting on 17<sup>th</sup> September.

Thanks again to all the committee members who have worked so well together. Have a great summer and see you in September.

### **Treasurers Report**

Our funds stand at £704.44 as of the end of April 2009. As always we still have most of our expenditure in June with the AGM and administration costs. So yet again the real balance is lower for a couple of months until the league fees are all in and banked.

This year I will not make the same mistake I made last year. Some cheques were presented before the league fees were paid in. I spent 6 months challenging our bank about this as I received no notification by phone or letter and was only aware once I received a statement. As a result of this we will look into changing our bank next year. The charges are under miscellaneous with the cost of the website maintenance last year. We also still have to pay for the last 12 months maintenance so the web costs are going to look expensive in next years accounts.

Without a rally our income was less than our expenditure.

Instead of medals this year, we have decided to give the winning teams of the leagues a cheque for £40.

### **Website**

The website has been redesigned and we have appointed a new web manager. Thanks to Will Seddon for all his hard work over the last 5/6 years. The good news is we have also secured a sponsorship deal that means that the website annual costs will be paid for. We will have to pay for the redesign and the transfer of the domain but that should be it as long as the sponsorship remains in place. We have sponsorship from Kukri and Trial Side in Woking who are also offering discount to members of the league on kit and equipment.

### **Results Secretaries Report**

Angela Best read out the winners of each division and the Senior and Junior Knockout Cups. There have been no problems this year from the higher divisions although Clare Seddon has had some problems with results sheets being sent in from the junior divisions. She has had to deduct points from some teams. Please be responsible for your own clubs result sheet and do not rely on other clubs to send them in for you. They can be scanned and e-mailed to the Results Secretaries.

### **Committee Nominations**

The Executive Committee were voted in.

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>CLUB</b>
<b>Executive Committee:</b>		
Secretary	Janet Swain	Walton & Hersham
Chairperson	Jackie Durbridge	New Malden
Treasurer	Melani Hinshelwood	Carlton
Senior Results	Angela Best	Ark
Junior Results	Clare Seddon	Cobham
Rules Advisor	Bev Lashley	Tiffin

Proposed by Julie Drury, Cobham  
Seconded by Amanda Brooker, Thames

### **Carried**

A representative from each club that won their division in the 2008/2009 season will join the above to form The Committee.

## **Proposed Rules Changes**

Please see Attachment No. 1.

## **Presentation of Trophies**

Jackie Durbridge and Angela Best presented trophies to all division winners and to the Knockout Cup winners and runners up. She thanked Julie Drury and Sue Punter for umpiring the Knockout Cup final.

Cheques were given to division winners this year instead of trophies.

## **AOB**

Janet Swain – KDNL Secretary: it there are any changes to Club Secretaries information such as addresses, e-mail, telephone numbers please don't forget to inform me so that I can update my records.

Mole Valley – asked for clarification of qualifications for lower division umpires. These are Divisions 1 – 7 (inclusive) C Award and for Divisions 8 & 9 a competent umpire who has attended a beginners course **(Ange I need to clarify this)**

Meeting Closed at 8.45pm

## Attachment No. 1

### Rule Change Proposals

#### Rule 2.2(i) – Walton & Hershaw Proposal

For: 37  
Against: 0  
Abstentions: 3

**Carried**

#### Rule 2.2(ii) & 2.3 – Walton & Hershaw Proposals

For: 2  
Against: 35  
Abstentions: 2

**Not Carried**

#### Rule 4.4(i) – Committee Proposal

For: 33  
Against: 6  
Abstentions: 0

**Carried**

#### Rule 4.4(iii) – Committee Proposal

For: 37  
Against: 3  
Abstentions: 0

**Carried**