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KINGSTON & DISTRICT NETBALL LEAGUE

**AGM – 20th June, 2022**

**MINUTES**

Meeting started at 8.05pm

40 Club representatives present along with 2 new clubs entering the league next year.

**1. Minutes of AGM 2019**

Taken as read.

Proposed: Weybridge Vandals

Seconded: Walton & Hersham

**2. Matters Arising**

None

**3. Chairperson’s Report / Surrey Representative**

We did it! For the first time in 3 years we have managed to complete a whole season! Thank you everyone for adapting and working together to ensure all the matches were played. I am sure you are all very grateful to those in your clubs that had to rearrange your games where necessary and let’s not forget your Covid officers, for making sure all of your members stayed safe.

I would like to thank the KDNL committee members for their time and input this season. It has been challenging – very at times! We have some changes happening on the committee as you have seen where we have been asking for nominations for existing and new positions, more of that later, when we go through the nominations.

Thanks to the representatives from the divisions that have been on the committee this season, hopefully you all learnt something. We look forward to seeing new representatives next season, or the same ones if you would like to come back and have won your division. Thank you to all of you for attending this evening and just a reminder that by signing in and attending this meeting you are agreeing to the leagues Code of Conduct.

In our 12 divisions we have some changes for next season, and we hope to accommodate all teams on the waiting list into the spaces we now have. Our formations meeting is next month. If you have any requirements, for example, to be at home on the same day as another team, then please send them to Ange by the end of June.

I would like to give you some figures for the results secretary –

* Every fixture week 48 matches are played across the 12 divisions.
* That is 96 results sheets, one from each team, they all come into our central email box and are then sorted into divisions.
* With an average of 8 players per team that is 768 player names that have to be checked.
* 96 umpire names that have to be checked.
* All scores checked to ensure they match.
* Any players that are registered to a lower team, a record of how many times they have played up.

Can I please ask that you consider this when you send in your results sheets. Every time our results secretaries have to request a result sheet again because something is missed or wrong, it adds to their workload.

Most teams seemed to have grasped this, however having tried to simplify the process last year, there were still teams sending in results on the wrong sheet. Please work together with your committee and captains to make sure you know what needs to be done. I have asked for less leniency next season and no reminders on a Thursday before the 5pm deadline. They have enough to do.

KO Cup - we are not running this next season, if we have a clear season and no major weather incidents or viruses, and all matches can be played when they are supposed to be, then we will try to organise it or something similar for the following season.

It was good to see Capital Nuns go through to the County play-offs from Kingston League, congratulations as they won and will be playing in County League next season. It is also great to see that there are now 3 divisions in the regional league, increasing the amount of competition at a high level and giving all teams something to aim for.

The overall winners of the league are Capital Nuns A, congratulations to them and all the division winners who we will announce when the prizes are presented.

Affiliation fees; next season they will be for Senior Players - £41.00 (EN £36.00 + SCNA £5.00 = £41.00)

**Dates for the League:**

Starts on 21st September

17th September 2022

1st, 15th and 29th October 2022

5th and 19th November 2022

3 December 2022

14th and 28th January 2023

4th and 18th February 2023

4th and 18th March 2023

1st April 2023

Now for some other matters.

Regarding umpire / player / club complaints, we introduced a form in 19/20 season, this was to guide those that need to write a report through the process. This will hopefully introduce some consistency with the amount of information provided and help those that have never completed a report before. If you are requested to complete one, please give the relevant details that you feel you would need if you were dealing with the matter, if you aren’t sure, then please contact us to get assistance. Alternatively, everyone behave and we wouldn’t have any complaints.

The results form will stay as it was last season, electronically completed, however you MUST copy in the opposition when you send the results in to the league.

We are still looking for a sponsor for our website, this gives you all access to the divisions and results, which I am sure you will all agree is valuable when you are working out your game strategies beyond can you get 7 players and an umpire! This means whoever sponsors the site gets good exposure to lots and lots of players across a wide age range and with many interests etc.

Finally thank you to all of you and please pass our thanks on to all your club members for helping KDNL to be a continued success.

**Committee Changes and Nominations**

We are having some changes this year – subject to the majority of you agreeing!

After many years Bev Lashley has resigned as Rules Advisor and suggested that maybe we no longer need that position. Bev has been an amazing asset to the league in ensuring that our rules cover every angle – no loop holes, they are clear to everyone and presented in an easy to read format. She has also brought humour, common sense and wisdom to the committee, we are really going to miss her. To say thank you …..

Also I have given notice that I will be leaving at the end of next season, we thought it would be fair to introduce a new role of Vice Chairperson, the aim is that they can work with the committee, see what the chair role involves with the aim of becoming chair next year. We would like to nominate Jo Jones (Thames Ditton) for this role.

We would also like to thank Sandra who returned this season as junior results secretary. She has now left and we would like to nominate Belinda Lee (Swans) to replace her.

We have also worked with Surrey and Met leagues to create a role of Leagues Umpiring Secretary Role - covering KDNL/SNL/Met

They will be responsible for accessing information via ENgage. They can then contact the new learners to ensure they get in touch with our officiating team (Jackie Penney) as well as with the appropriate league, who can help to guide and encourage them on that process. Help with finding mentors etc. We would like to nominate Tracy Marchetti for the role.

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**4. Treasurer’s Report**

A copy of the League’s accounts were available to all Club Representatives.

See Attachment 1 – Accounts 2021/2022

**5. Results Secretaries’ Report**

After a slow start with the new on-line forms eventually all clubs/teams used this new system well and as result secretary it was an easy system to use. All clubs must make sure that they use the correct result sheet with all information correctly filled out …. New result sheets are issued at the start of the season with all the other correspondence.

Many thanks to all those clubs/teams that send their results in early – the earlier the results are in the quicker I can update the tables.

Big thanks to the rest of the committee – we all help each other out and this season I have had to sort all 12 divisions for quite a big chunk of the season which has proved tricky but with their support manageable.

If you have a club email address please ensure it is monitored on a regular basis. Please also make sure that, when asked for, certain emails are acknowledged (as requested in the title) to save the KDNL Secretary having to chase up for confirmation of receipt.

Any problems please don’t hesitate to contact me and I will help if I can. 😊 Look forward to working with the new junior result secretary for the next season.

**6. Surrey Representative Report**

Again, we have been asking the county for more support with the umpiring shortage. We have expressed a concern that our pre-qualified umpires are being asked to travel over to Croydon for assessment/testing and we feel that this is unfair due to the timing and distance required to attend. We have asked that they also do testing/assessing in the north of the county so those who play/live in and around Kingston/A3/Chertsey and surrounding areas are supported in this area. We have asked that anyone offered a test place in Croydon but want it closer to their own area let us know and we will contact the officiating SCNA representative to try to arrange for them.

SCNA currently have a healthy bank balance and so if you are wanting to sign up for Into Officiating/C/B/A award courses and also coaching courses then apply to SCNA for financial support, which is usually 50% of the cost.

Umpiring courses can be found on the Engage system under Course Bookings. You can also complete a Register of Interest Form so once a course becomes available then EN will contact you to let you know.

**7. Election of Officers**

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| **POSITION** | **NAME** | **CLUB** |
| Chairperson | Melani Hinshelwood | Carlton |
| Vice Chairperson | Jo Jones | Thames Ditton |
| Secretary | Angela Best | Unattached |
| Treasurer | Rachael Coleman | Focus |
| Div 1-6 Results | Clare Seddon | AC Phoenix |
| Div 7-12 Results | Belinda Lee | Teddington Swans |

Chairperson: Proposed: Walton & Hersham Seconded: Elmbridge

Other positions: Proposed: Brads Seconded: Seymours

**8. Presentation by Amanda Brooker on the Engage system.**

Amanda covered various areas of the system that seem to get overlooked, for example adding your club to the league within Surrey etc., which in turn ensures that all members of that club receive emails from EN and the county NDO.

* She also advised secretaries: to “archive players” no longer registered with their club.
* Ensure that your Club ground address is added into the system so that people looking to play in a certain area can pick this up.
* Add a club logo to differentiate your club from others around the country with the same name.
* Ensure that your club secretary details are updated.

**9. Proposed Rule Changes**

Please see attachment 2.

**10. Presentation to Division Winners**

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| **Division** | **Club** |
| 1 | Capital Nuns A |
| 2 | Putney Ladies A |
| 3 | Teddington Club A |
| 4 | Ashtead Allstars A |
| 5 | Capital Nuns B |
| 6 | Reigate |
| 7 | Fetcham Hawks |
| 8 | Putney Ladies B |
| 9 | Putney Ladies C |
| 10 | Ashtead Allstars C |
| 11 | Teddington Thunder B |
| 12 | Rosslyn Park Blues |

Amanda and Bev presented cheques and netballs to the winners and netballs to the 2nd placed teams.

**11. AOB**

No ‘any other business’.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm.

**ATTACHMENT 1**



**ATTACHMENT 2**

**KDNL Committee Proposed Rule Changes for 2022/2023 Season**

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| **CURRENT RULE**  **3. Players and Teams**  3.2. (i) All clubs must register its teams by a date agreed by the current Committee.  (ii) All clubs must register its teams with the results secretaries before the commencement of the second half of the season, whether or not any changes are made to the teams.    **PROPOSED RULE CHANGE**  **3. Players and Teams**  3.2. (i) All clubs must register its teams no later than 17.00 hours on a date agreed by the current Committee.  (ii) All clubs must register its teams with the results secretaries before the commencement of the second half of the season, no later than 17.00 hours on a date agreed by the current Committee whether or not any changes are made to the teams.    **RULE CHANGE CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOUR.** |
| **CURRENT RULE**  3.4.  (ii) A club may use a player registered to play in a lower team(s) in its higher team(s) on no more than two occasions. If a club uses a player registered to play in a lower team(s) in its higher team(s) on three occasions or more that player will be deemed to be registered with the higher team(s). **See Guidelines below**  **PLAYING UP GUIDELINES**  A player who plays up for a Club's higher (league) teams on three occasions during either half of the season will automatically be re-registered with the Club's next highest placed team.  **Example**  C team player 1st Play up match for B team  2nd Play up match for A team  3rd Play up match for A or B team  Player automatically becomes a registered **B** team player and the rule on playing up starts again.  **PROPOSED RULE CHANGE**  3.4. (ii) A club may use a player registered to play in a lower team(s) in its higher team(s) on no more than two occasions. If a club uses a player registered to play in a lower team(s) in its higher team(s) on three occasions or more that player will be deemed to be registered with the higher team they have played up for on most occasions (or if three different teams the lowest placed team by division). **See Guidelines below**  **PLAYING UP GUIDELINES**  A player who plays up for a Club's higher (league) teams on three occasions during either half of the season will automatically be re-registered with the Club's next highest placed team.  **Example**  C team player 1st Play up match for B team  2nd Play up match for A team  3rd Play up match for A team  Player automatically becomes a registered **A** team player and the rule on playing up starts again.  **RULE CHANGE CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOUR.** |
| **CURRENT RULE**  4.4. (i) All league matches in **divisions 1 to 7 inclusive** and all Knockout Cup Matches must be officiated by England Netball affiliated umpires with either the England Netball ‘C’ Award qualification; or higher qualification  (ii) All league matches in **divisions 8 to 12** must be officiated by:-  (a) England Netball affiliated umpires who have attained the England Netball 'C' Award qualification; or  (b) England Netball affiliated members who have attended an England Netball 'C' Award course within the last two years.  **PROPOSED RULE CHANGE**  4.4. (i) All league matches in **divisions 1 to 7 inclusive** and all Knockout Cup Matches must be officiated by England Netball affiliated umpires with either the England Netball ‘C’ Award qualification; or higher qualification  (ii) All league matches in **divisions 8 to 12** must be officiated by:-  (a) England Netball affiliated umpires who have attained the England Netball 'C' Award qualification; or  (b) England Netball affiliated members who attended an England Netball 'C' Award course that was due to expire between 16 March 2020 and 21 September 2021; or  (c) England Netball affiliated members who have attended the England Netball 'C' Award virtual course and are actively working towards attaining the C Award qualification (i.e - passing the online written assessment and receiving mentoring from a county endorsed assessor/mentor.  **Or**  (c) England Netball affiliated members who have attended the England Netball 'C' Award virtual course and are actively working towards attaining the C Award qualification, they must have passed the online written assessment and have at least started receiving mentoring from a county endorsed assessor/mentor  **RULE CHANGE CARRIED (the second option C above) – ALL IN FAVOUR.** |
| **CURRENT RULE**  5.1. Both teams must complete and provide to the appropriate results secretary a results sheet SHOWING EACH PLAYER’S FULL NAME IN PRINT, signed by the umpires (who must also provide their England Netball affiliation number for the season during which the match is played). **Result sheets to be received by the following Thursday.**  **PROPOSED RULE CHANGE**  5.1. Both teams must complete the online result sheet and provide it to both the appropriate results secretary and the opposition club’s secretary. All forms must show each player’s full name. Umpire information to be inputted by the team captain must include the umpire’s EN affiliation number and qualification).**Result sheets to be received by 17.00 on the following Thursday.**  **RULE CHANGE CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOUR.** |
| **CURRENT RULE** (FYI Rule 3.2 penalties, which this refers to, are for playing unregistered players)  5.3. Teams **will** be deducted points as follows:  (i) Breaches of rules 3.2, 3.4 (i), 3.4 (iv) 4.4 (i) and 4.4(ii) (minus) –5 points  **PROPOSED RULE CHANGE**  5.3. Teams **will** be deducted points as follows:  (i) Breaches of rules, 3.4 (i), 3.4 (iv), 4.4 (i) and 4.4(ii) (minus) –5 points  (ii) Breaches of rule 3.2   1. first breach (minus) -1 point 2. second breach (minus) -3 points 3. third and all subsequent breaches (minus) – 5 points   **RULE CHANGE CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOUR.** |

**FOR APPROVAL ONLY:**

Expenses are paid to all committee members attending committee meetings during the year. Currently this is £5 per meeting and is paid at the end of the season. Some members have to travel much further distances than others so we are proposing the following:

For up to a 20 mile round trip - £5 per meeting

For 20-40 mile round trip - £7.50 per meeting

For over 40 mile round trip - £10 per meeting

**ALL IN FAVOUR.**