**1. Present**

Ursula Smith, Pat Arnott, Sam Oliver, Chris Lowndes, Norma Ashcroft, Diane Hooker, Diane Furnival, Kate O’Leary and Sally Kendrick

**2. Apologies**

Julie Tinsley, Julie Dolman, Sophie Clarke, Jeanette Pointon, Jess Mountford and Andrea Horsnall

**3. Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Minutes agreed and signed off as a true representation.

**4. Matters Arising**

Pat – Presentation evening?

Into Officiating Course?

**5. Correspondence**

**5.1 Andrea Horsnall**

It is with regret that Andrea Horsnall has wrote to inform the committee of her resignation of post as County Umpiring Secretary at the end of the season. Thanks given to Andrea for all the hard work - enquiries to be made.

**5.2 Newcastle Festival of Sport**

Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council wants nominations to help recognise the sporting achievements and outstanding contributions of teams and individuals throughout the Borough during the past year. Winners will be honoured through the Newcastle Sports Awards during a special ceremony at Keele Hall on Wednesday 31st May 2017. The awards evening is the culmination of the Borough’s Festival of Sport, which runs throughout May and is aimed at encouraging people to get involved in Newcastle’s wide range of sporting clubs’ events and activities. Nominations to be made by 7th April 2017 to [lucy.taylor@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk](mailto:lucy.taylor@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk).

**5.3 Julie Tinsley**

The MACCAS Project aims to raise awareness of suicide and mental health problems amongst young people especially young men who are at most risk of taking their own life. As part of the MACCAS Project, the team are targeting local sports clubs, as well as local businesses, in order to identify teams of four (this can be as many teams as you like) to take part in this year’s JCB Mud Run. The Mud Run will take place on the 1st July 2017 and is a 5 mile run (it is not crucial that you run, many people choose to walk, it is simply a fun event). The idea is that teams who register will raise their own individual sponsorship and donate the money raised to MACCAS project. There will also be the opportunity to have your clubs names, etc. printed onto a banner. Following the event, we will be looking to work with any local partners who are interested in order to continue to find opportunities to raise awareness and increase support to young people in relation to mental health and suicide prevention. If you are interested in being part of this initiative then please contact [alex.lloyd1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:alex.lloyd1@hotmail.co.uk).

**6. NDO Update**

Report from Kate O’Leary available on Page 5-6.

**7. Goalden Globes Nominations**

Agreed that the county will nominate the following to the categories identified. Nominations before **1st May 2017** direct to Kate O’Leary.

Muriel McNally – Julie Tinsley (Ursula Smith/Chris Lowndes)

Teacher Award – Pat Cobden (Jeanette Pointon)

Grassroots Coach – Julie Dolman (Sally Kendrick)

Young Volunteer – Robyn Spibey (Pat Arnott)

Long Service Awards (25+ years) – Chris Lowndes, Julie Tinsley and Jeanette Pointon (Kate O’Leary/Pat Arnott)

**8. Treasurer’s Report**

Funding for Staffordshire, held by the region, has taken far too long to be released. England Netball and West Midlands has not been helpful in supporting the county. Eventually, we have had a response and the board are happy to release funds for activities that help the future of Staffs Netball. Invoice for £8866.90 raised and agreed; £6133.10 still left to claim. Suggested to put in invoices every month to get the money before the summer.

Assessor payments: mixed messages regarding how much our assessors should be paid. Originally £20 per assessment. Actually, each assessment is £10, or £20 daily. No clarity from England Netball. Invoice raised by England Netball has information missing and is not in line with the material given to the county. Chris will have to stay on top of this as there will likely be errors in the future!

Moving forward, can we go back to region to run a B Award course in Staffordshire (fully funded) as part of the county development plan. Pat to contact North West, as West Midlands are reluctant to support this. MMU to be considered as a venue, Staffs candidates free and others outside the county will be ~£50-£60.

Most CAPs clubs have claimed their £200 funding – still waiting for Stafford and Fenton to make their claims. And we should consider moving the money from Britannia (Co-op) into TSB – raise at AGM to close the account. Thanks given to the hard work from Chris in sorting all of this!

**9. Umpiring**

**9.1 Umpiring Courses**

expectation that they have had match experience and this is not the case. The Into Officiating Course is now required before attending C Award, unless you have relevant experience.

An “Into Officiating Course” is to organised by the county – Pat Arnott to tutor. Agreed that Sept/Oct would be ideal for this course. Dates and venue to be agreed. Additionally, a C Award course is needed for the county, with discussions of two periods within the netball season to be utilised for these courses, January and July. July 2017 course to be run by SoT League – details to follow.

B Award written test now available to via West Midlands/England Netball to apply for in May 2017 at Walsall, with a revision session being run prior to this by Zena Johnston.

**10. Coaching**

**10.1 Coaching Courses**

Courses coming up – please go to the England Netball website:

<https://www.englandnetball.co.uk/coaching/ukcc-coaching-courses/>

**11. Tournaments**

**11.1 Joyce Haynes**

Date changed by SoT League now due to the over-running of the winter league. New date proposed is **Monday 4th September 2017** – all agreed.

**12. Schools**

**12.1 Schools Meeting**

Meeting with the schools to discuss how the county can support them/how to get involved. A sub-committee should be formed to organise; Diane Furnival, Ursula Smith, Julie Tinsley and Kate O’Leary (Chris Lowndes/Pat Arnott as advisors). Meeting to be scheduled for **Tuesday 27th June 2017, around 4pm at Stoke College**. If this does not work then a targeted approach at local and school events would be beneficial.

**13. Academies**

Dates for your diary:

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| **9th April** | County Tournament 22 teams to attend. Tamsin, Senior Players and under 17's playing - is there anyone available to support? |
| **23rd April** | Denstone College Performance Day. U12's to attend a taster afternoon |
| **30th April** | Training |
| **7th May** | AM Training with the presentation evening scheduled for the evening |
| **21st May** | Versatility Tournament, Rugby. Attendance will be low due to the date being in the middle of GCSE: two U16's and four U14's players available! |

Information for next season from England Netball is that the pathway will stay the same as present at County Level, so Satellite and Academy doesn't change. The changes come at the next level as there will be no Regional Academy or Regional Performance Academy - these will be taken over by the Wasp Superleague Franchise. My understanding is there will be provision at U17, U19, U21 and full Superleague squad level.

Staffordshire Performance Pathway Trials are currently being organised. We are just confirming availability of venues before invitations are issued. There are trials for the U17 NPFL on 31st May 2017 - not sure of all the details as yet but I will forward them as I get them.

U17 Wasps play Wales U17's at the Ricoh on Friday 7th April, centre pass at 5 o'clock - please cone to support.

**14. Junior SCNA**

League finished on Sunday so we are just ensuring everything is up-to-date. Four teams that competed at regional did well with them all winning games throughout the season. Final standing available via West Midlands Netball website.

First High5 Club County Tournament was held on 7th April – full match report on the Staffordshire Netball website. U11 league also well received this year.

**14.1 Presentation Evening**

Julie Tinsley is currently organising the slides for the presentation evening. Wasps have been contacted to see if they can support. Nominations open for all categories. Anne Latham Trophy – Carolyn Owen (Sam Oliver to nominate).

**15. AOB**

**15.1 Newcastle Town Netball Club**

Newcastle Town are celebrating a milestone birthday (40 years) with junior and senior tournament as part of the Newcastle Festival of Sport – May 2017. If you are interested in entering a team(s) then please contact Julie Tinsley.

**15.2 Stoke-on-Trent College**

SoT College has become part of the Wasps Netball family, being a U17 training hub for the Superleague franchise. Initial proposals focus on developing the partnership between the College, Wasps and Staffordshire University to create a regional satellite programme for Staffordshire that promotes the Wasp brand and allows students the opportunity to participate in elite netball without travelling afar. Youngsters aged 13-17(inc) are invited to attend the Easter Camp on **Wednesday 19th April**. There will be further coaching sessions for all interested parties with both college and Wasps coaches coming along to deliver these activities. Please contact Trevor Humphreys, SoT College Institute of Sport Performance Manager for further information: [trevor.humphreys@stokecoll.ac.uk](mailto:trevor.humphreys@stokecoll.ac.uk).

**15.3 Ursula Smith**

First Aid Course to be booked locally as part of the Staffs funding. Ursula to organise.

**16. Date of the Next Meeting**

Calendar of meetings for this year:

AGM: Wednesday 3rd May 2017, 7:30pm

Thursday 7th September 2017, 7:30pm

Tuesday 31st October 2017, 7:30pm

Meeting closed at 9:29pm

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***Staffordshire NDO Update***



**Back to Netball**

* During 2016/17 we engaged over 260 ladies in B2N sessions.
* In September a new session started at Uttoxeter LC with over 76 women attending! Other new sessions started in Burton-Upon-Trent, Kidsgrove & Shelton.
* We have successfully hosted 2 festivals throughout the year and engaged over 80 women.
* An updated list of all B2N opportunities in Staffordshire is available on the county website here: <http://www.staffordshirenetball.co.uk/back-to-netball.html>

**Netball Now**

* Pay & play sessions ran last summer at Stafford Manor High in association with the Stafford League. The session engaged 62 women, 12 who were new to netball. It also acted as an opportunity for up and coming umpires to practice.
* The same session will run summer 2017 from May-August.

**Walking Netball**

* Since the first programme launched in June 2016 we have engaged over 70 women in Walking Netball sessions across the county.
* Age UK North Staffs has continued to successfully run their Walking Netball session at Chesterton Sports Centre, Newcastle-under-Lyme.
* We have also started another 2 new sessions in Newcastle-under-Lyme at MAC, in partnership with NULBC.
* A new session also started at Rugeley LC in February. More sessions are being planned in Lichfield & Stafford with partner organisations.
* An up to date list of all session can be found here: <http://www.staffordshirenetball.co.uk/walking-netball.html>

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**CAPS**

* **Newcastle Town** successfully reaccredited as a Silver CAPS club in March 2017
* **Abbots Bromley** successfully accredited as a new Bronze CAPS club in March 2017

The county CAPS clubs:

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| Silver | Fenton Manor, Stafford, Tean Valley, Harriers, Newcastle Town |
| Bronze | Abbots Bromley |

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**Further and Higher Education**

* We have a newly appointed University Netball Officer at Staffordshire University – Melanie Paterson who has engaged 55 students in social netball.
* 4 Colleges engaged with England Netball this year. These are; Stoke on Trent College, Stoke on Trent 6th Form College, Burton and South Derbyshire College and Stafford College.

**Junior clubs**

* Collectively new junior clubs and/or new sections to existing clubs have engaged 110 participants.

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**Coaching and Officiating**

* The next UKCC Level 1 is at TCAT in April 2017.
* Other coaching courses are; Level 1 in Redditch (June), Level 2 at TCAT (March) and Wolverhampton (August).
* The last C award course was full with 20 learners and hosted at Staffordshire University (Jan 2017).

**School Games**

* This years Winter School Games (High 5) was hosted at Fenton Manor on Tuesday 7th February with 10 schools in attendance. Thanks to Julie T, Ursula, Chris, Jeanette, Carolyn Owen & Vicky Mitchell-Blunt for their invaluable help!
* The Summer School Games (Year 7) were held at Keele University on Friday 24th June with 10 schools in attendance. Huge thanks to Ursula, Zoe and Grace for their help on the day!
* For full results visit: <http://www.staffordshirenetball.co.uk/staffordshire--stoke-on-trent-school-games.html>
* The 2017 summer school games are being hosted at Keele University on Friday 23rd June from 10am – 2.30pm. If you are able to support the running of the event it would be greatly appreciated!