**1. Present**

Pat Arnott, Ursula Smith, Sam Oliver, Julie Tinsley, Jess Mountford, Diane Furnival, Jeanette Pointon & Alyx Furnival

**2. Apologies**

Sally Kendrick, Chris Lowndes, Norma Ashcroft, Julie Dolman, Andrea Horsnall, Diane Hooker & Kate O’Leary

**3. Minutes from last AGM**

Signed as a true record

**4. President’s Report**

Report presented by Ursula Smith. We are very lucky in Staffordshire to have a huge number of volunteers and the expertise amongst those volunteers to take Staffordshire forward in an ever-changing netball world. Many thanks to all those who have made any contribution this season. I hope we never take you for granted!

I am sure that in the following reports, we will hear about the many successes we have had in Staffordshire this season. Congratulations to all in advance! The introduction of a County High Five league will, I’m sure, give our youngsters a better start on the ladder as netball becomes ever more competitive. We must also remember that our success will be seen not only in what we are winning but whether we can keep our youngsters playing when they are not winning! Keep up the good work everyone!

**5. Annual Reports**

**5.1 Treasurers Report**

Summary provided by Chris Lowndes. No issues – accounts are healthy. Academy coaches still have to claim their expenses and we have money from the junior league to be banked, which should ensure that the league breaks even. We have invested in the county by buying rules books for the rules forum, iPads have been purchased for academy coaches, umpires have been given money back once attending umpire courses, and the new high5 league has been subsidised by county funds. We have been granted £8000+ from West Midlands, although the cheque is yet to be received, but I am optimistic that the additional Staffordshire funding held by the region should be easier to access over the next twelve months.

Moving forward, we would like to fund more umpiring courses and we need to find a B Award course to support our Staffordshire candidates. Additionally, we need to remove money from the Britannia account (now the Co-op) as they are struggling. I would like to move all monies into the TSB – vote unanimous in favour for closing Britannia account and moving monies to TSB.

Thanks to Jess for all her support this year. Thanks is also given to Chris for her hard work this year too.

 

**Figure 1: Financial Summary 2016-2017**

**5.2 Coaching Report**

Report from Pat Arnott. No courses have been run in Staffordshire this year so we have no new qualified coaches (that we are aware of). England Netball now set the calendar for these courses and, unfortunately, this is much more difficult to organise. In the future, we will put together a request through the region early in the season to ensure that we get courses running in the locale. Kate O’Leary to investigate as part of the county plan.

**5.3 Umpiring Report**

No report, a short summary provided by Pat Arnott. We have had around 10 qualified C Awards this year and a number are in being mentored successfully. Its positive news that young umpires are now coming through – many of those who were qualified this year are U18. Additionally, we have a young umpire who is umpiring regularly at regional level – well done for breaking through Robyn!

B Award course has been requested to be held in the locale. However, West Midlands have not been accommodating, making it extremely difficult for us to progress the County plan for umpiring. Instead, we have contacted the North West region who are more than happy to oblige. Dates will be circulated once details have been finalised.

Andrea Horsnall has resigned her post as umpiring secretary – thanks is given to her

**5.4 Schools Report**

Report provided by Diane Furnival. Staffordshire round of the National Schools was competed in November 2016. The following schools made it through to the West Midlands competition:

***U14***

*Winners:* St Joseph’s College

*Runner Up:* Newcastle-under-Lyme School

***U16***

*Winners:* Newcastle-under-Lyme School

*Runner Up:* St Joseph’s College

***U19***

*Winners:* King Edward VI, Litchfield

*Runners Up:* St Joseph’s College

We would like to try to encourage more schools to attend and investigate why there is reluctance to be involved. Discussion of a two-tiered system to support schools in tournament play.

Staffordshire High Five Tournament was competed in February 2015, with ten schools in attendance. Results were as follows:

*Winners:* Newcastle-under-Lyme School, Newcastle Partnership

*Runner Up:* Oldfield’s Hall, East Staffs Partnership

Young umpires who attended were excellent. We would like to allow two teams per area to enter the competition next year in order to enable the competition to grow and encourage further participation. Thanks given to Julie, Chris and Ursula for supporting the competition.

**5.5 Excel Academies**

Report from Julie Dolman. The Performance Pathway has comprised off 100 athletes, U16 Academy and Development, U14 Satellite and U12. This year, we have seen the introduction of three away days at Denstone College, allowing the athletes to reflect on their own performance of fitness, with assistance of MMU and match play performance, through the use of video analysis. Four iPads have been bought to allow this to happen.

U16 & 14's have been away to Shropshire to play their Performance Pathway Athletes and also competed in the third Staffordshire Tournament. The Tournament comprised of 24 teams, over 200 athletes attended. The versatility tournament is this year being held in Rugby. Due to the date being in the middle of GCSE's, unfortunately the majority of our Year 11's will not be attending.

Last year Imogen Faulconbridge and Olivia Moore achieved a position in Regional Performance Academy and Annie Turner achieved a position in Regional Academy. With the introduction of the new Wasps Superleague Franchise, the pathway for the athletes has opened up. An opportunity arose for Staffordshire athletes to have their own trial session with Tamsin Greenway, where two players were selected for the U 17 wasps, Annie Turner, who became the season’s captain and Millie Allbutt. As a one off opportunity Staffordshire were able to field an U19 squad against the U17 Wasps team with players past and present enjoying the opportunity. It was a great result for Staffordshire who only lost to Wasps by one goal! Looking forward to next season, there will no longer be an England Netball Regional Academy or Regional Performance Academy as this is being replaced by Wasps U17, U19 and U21's. There will also be the introduction of HUBS - more information when I get it as there is a meeting scheduled in June to discuss what this will look like. U16 and U14 Academies and Satellites will remain the same with **trials on the 3rd & 4th June and 18th June** respectively.

Coaches have been attending the Wasps mentoring program and I would like to invite coaches (Level 1 or 2) within the county who are interested in what happens in the pathway to contact me to come along to any of the training sessions.

U12's has comprised of 23 athletes and at the second trial only three athletes trialled. There has only been five sessions plus and introduction afternoon at Denstone. I think a review needs to happen ASAP RE: this age group. Suggestions include the trials being held at the same time as the other athletes, solely done on basic skills selection rather than position; fit the sessions into the Performance Pathway diary; have an open door policy for those late comers who have not attended High-5 or athletes who develop throughout the year (this has happen over the other age groups), including movement between groups and ages. Pat Arnott has decided to resign from her role at the U12's - thank you for all your time and effort in this crucial part of the pathway.

Overall the year has been another success and now with the aim of Superleague for the counties athletes, the sky is the limit. None of this would be possible without the support of all those involved. A big thank you from myself for all the support given.

Thanks given to Julie for her hard work, and additional thanks to Pat for her service as U12 coach.

**5.6 Tournament Report**

Summary provided by Sam Oliver. Queensbury plate was competed on 19th December 2016; Stafford Diamonds were the winners, with runners-up Fusion. Thanks given to Tamsin Greenway for attending and presenting the trophies/medals and Wasps ball to our winning teams. Joyce Haynes to be competed in September 2017. Need to ensure that these competitions are relevant and exciting to encourage participation.

**5.7 Staffordshire Junior League Group Report (Junior SCNA)**

Report presented by Ursula Smith. Besides a total of 30 teams competing in the U12, U14 and U16 age groups in 2016/2017, we also introduced a High Five League which comprised of 8 further teams.

Julie Tinsley, as usual, sorted out the venues and the fixtures. Even in a season of unforeseen closures of facilities, she managed to ensure all the matches were completed before Easter -thank you!

The Premier Division, which we added last season, mirrored Regional rules with neutral, qualified umpires. As a consequence, both U14 and U16 age groups were better prepared for regional competition. Newcastle Town and Stafford represented Staffordshire in the Under 14 West Midlands Regional League coming 7th and 12th respectively. Fenton Manor and Tean Valley were our Under 16 representatives, finishing in 7th and 8th place - an improvement in both age groups on last year. Congratulations to all these teams for their County level success and regional endeavour!

Even though we included our U11s in our league system this season; Stafford, Tean Valley and Newcastle Town still held High Five festivals to give all our younger players a chance to play competitively. We also held our first County Club High Five Tournament- Newcastle Town were U11 Champions and Tean Valley U10 Champions.

Thanks to the coaches, umpires, results officers as well as the parents and, of course, the players for making it all possible. It is good to see more youngsters helping to officiate and more parental help at all levels. There is a great range of ability within the league and we hope we cater for everyone.

The Staffordshire County Presentation Evening is being held at the Moat House, Festival Park on Sunday, May 7th. It is a sell-out with 350 guests celebrating Staffordshire’s netballing successes for 2016/17.

**6. Constitution Changes**

No changes to the constitution this year.

**7. Election of Officers**

It would be great to gain more information on the job guidelines for each position as we do not have anything formal for new members coming in to each role.

New committee members as below.

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| **Position** | **Member** | **Vote** |
| President | Ursula Smith | Carried |
| Chair | Pat Arnott | Carried |
| Vice-Chair | Sally Kendrick | Carried |
| Secretary | Sam Oliver | Carried |
| Treasurer | Chris Lowndes | Carried |
| Assistant Treasurer | Jessica Mountford | Carried |
| SJLG Co-ordinator | Ursula Smith | Carried |
| Affiliation Secretary | Julie Tinsley | Carried |
| Schools Secretary and Tournament Rep | Diane Furnival | Nominated: Ursula SmithSeconded: Jeanette PointonCarried |
| Umpiring Secretary | **Vacant** | Enquiries to be made |
| Tournament Secretary | Sam Oliver | Carried |
| Coaching Secretary | Pat Arnott | Carried |
| Publicity Secretary | Jessica Mountford | Nominated: Sam OliverSeconded: Jeanette PointonCarried |
| Disciplinary Secretary | **Vacant** | Enquiries to be madeDetails to be emailed to Diane Furnival and Julie Tinsley |
| Excel Academy Head Coach/Scout | Julie Dolman | Carried |
| County Safeguarding Officer | Julie Tinsley | Carried |
| Committee Members | Norma AshcroftKate O’Leary (EN)Jeanette PointonDiane Hooker | CarriedCarriedCarriedCarried |
| Representative from each Staffordshire League | League Secretary (SoT)League Secretary (Stafford) | CarriedCarried |

**8. Affiliation Fees for 2016/2017 Season**

Summary provided by Julie Tinsley. Fees have been increased by England Netball by £10 per senior player – this is to be frozen for four years. County fees will remain as stated, unless West Midlands fees change the final roundedness of fees.

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| **AFFILIATION FEES 2017-18 (subject to change)** |
|  | **ENGLAND NETBALL** | **WEST MIDLANDS** | **COUNTY** | **TOTAL** |
| SENIOR |  | 360.00 |  | 30.00 |  | 40.00 |  | 430.00 |
| SENIOR IND. |  | 36.00 |  | 3.00 |  | 4.00 |  | 43.00 |
| Aged 18 & under |  | 163.00 |  | 15.00 |  | 15.00 |  | 193.00 |
| Aged 18 & under |  | 16.30 |  | 1.50 |  | 1.50 |  | 19.30 |
| Aged 14 & under |  | 85.50 |  | 10.00 |  | 0.00 |  | 95.50 |
| Aged 14 & under |  | 8.50 |  | 1.00 |  | 0.00 |  | 9.50 |
| Aged 11 & under |  | 53.00 |  | 5.00 |  | 0.00 |  | 58.00 |
| Aged 11 & under |  | 5.30 |  | 0.50 |  | 0.00 |  | 5.80 |
| SEC/MID |  | 26.50 |  | 0.00 |  | 0.00 |  | 26.50 |
| JUN/INF |  | Free |  | 0.00 |  | 0.00 |  | Free |
| COLLEGE/UNI |  | 175.90 |  | 20.00 |  | 40.10 |  | 236.00 |
| Social & supporting  |  | 13.75 |  | 0.00 |  | 0.00 |  | 13.75 |
| **NB:** County association fee £60.10 Second claim pay Staffordshire county fee unless already paid Staffordshire county fee through another Staffordshire affiliated club |

**9. Date of AGM 2017**

Wednesday 2nd May 2018, 7:30pm at Staffordshire University.

Meeting closed at 9:05 pm.