



STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY NETBALL ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 6 JULY 2022 19:00

1. Present

Ursula Smith, Bernie Hancock, Lyn Rowe, Sally Kenrick, Jess Mountford, Julie Tinsley, Diane Furnival, Amy Mountford, Angela Lickorish, Gemma Finney (part)

2. Apologies

Sam Oliver, Becky Nott, Norma Ashcroft, Pat Arnott.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

Agreed a true record.

4. President's Report

None provided.

5. Annual Reports

5.1 Treasurer

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Summary provided by Jess Mountford. No issues – accounts continue to be healthy.

Junior League will break even with the spring season venue hire and club fees still to come in.

Performance pathway is holding a tournament for the first time in 3 years with 37 teams entering. The overall cost of the day will be approximately £2,100 offset by county entries fees making a loss of £650. However, this is covered by the profit made from the academies.

We have invested in coaches this year through the course reimbursement scheme. We have fully funded three level 2 and one level 1 coaches and have part funded a further five level 2 coaches and five level 1 coaches, awaiting completion.

The other costs incurred this year include, £277.50 for the website upkeep, £150.00 zoom subscription.

STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY NETBALL ASSOCIATION			
Income and expenditure as at 31st March 2022			
	INCOME		EXPENDITURE
	£		£
Junior League	6,874.00	Junior League	(7,032.50)
Academy	11,130.00	Academy	(8,544.80)
AENA	1,138.75	AENA	-
Umpire courses and Assessments	315.00	Umpire Courses and assessment	(60.10)
Schools	300.00	Schools	(237.60)
Other	-	Other	(717.27)
County Tournament	-	County Tournament	(100.00)
Presentation Evening	700.00	Presentation Evening	-
Covid-19	-	Covid-19	-
Course Reimbursement	195.00	Course Reimbursement	(2,255.00)
YTD Loss		YTD Gain	(1,705.48)
TOTAL	<u>20,652.75</u>	TOTAL	<u>(20,652.75)</u>
Bank balances as at 31st March 2022			
Lloyds bank			
	£		
Main account	57,116.65		
Schools account	82.17		
	<u>57,198.82</u>		

5.2 Coaching

No report. Lead position vacant.

5.3 Officiating

SCNA OFFICIATING LEAD ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022

It has been a great year for officiating within the County. It has been excellent to get back to some form of normal and continue with our strategies to increase the number of, and support our current, officials.

As highlighted last year, the pandemic enabled England Netball to move forward with significant changes to their officiating strategy, with a movement towards online courses with localised support mechanisms in place. I urge officials to check the Officiating pages of the England Netball website for further details.

A polite reminder that with new structures in place officials MUST now complete the INTO qualification before they can progress to C Award. This is a marked change to the umpiring system and may have a knock-on effect to local leagues and their officiating rules/regulations.

The COVID extensions supplied by England Netball will shortly come to an end so I urge all of those on their officiating journey to check their status. I have been in contact with all individuals who attended a course pre-pandemic to support them in obtaining their officiating qualifications. To confirm if course attendance expiry fell in the period between 16th March 2020 and 1st September 2021 then officials were granted a 22-month extension to award deadlines. Those who fall outside of that window can still access extension if they feel this is appropriate.

A successful rules forum was provided for the Stoke-on-Trent League in Sept 2021. The event was attended by over 80 officials from within the County, and new rules books supplied to all those in attendance.

A return to assessments was granted in Sept 2021 and for the first time myself and active assessors created a schedule of assessment dates for the season. We offered dates for both the SCNA Junior League and local Stoke-on-Trent League to help reach the wide range of officials. This worked really well and is something we will continue to do in future years. I must say we have the best assessors in the country! Always willing to support and offer their expertise and assistance – a small but much valued group. With changes to the mentor/assessor criteria we have a list of individuals who would like to take on these roles within the County. As soon as England Netball release courses I hope to have individuals signed up and a secure future for our assessing team.

Congratulations to all officials who took their tests within Staffordshire this season, with successful passes for 4 INTO Award officials, 7 C Awards, and 1 B Award, plus 2 successful B Award Written Paper passes. We have another 8-10 candidates in the system for summer testing, so expect high numbers of qualified officials come the new season.

I look forward to continuing to work as COL, supported by the great team of assessors, mentors and officials that this County have.

Sam Oldfield

SCNA County Officiating Lead

5.4 Schools

Schools report 2022

Over the last 12 months I have been trying to reach out to more schools (with the help of Gemma)

The last County Schools tournaments saw a little higher participation and a couple of schools entering who hadn't entered before. Thomas Alleyne's School in Uttoxeter qualified for the first time into the West Mids Tournament along with St Joseph's College, Newcastle under Lyme School and King Edward V1th School.

After the tournament a survey was sent out to as many schools as possible to find out their views on changing the U14 and U16 tournaments to weekdays instead of on a Saturday. Overwhelmingly the schools voted for a Wednesday or Thursday pm tournament.

I am now in the process of arranging a date for this to happen in November of this year, possibly at Denstone College. The U19 tournament will still be at Newcastle under Lyme School.

EN have been in touch recently to ask us if we would like to be a pilot County for the next County Schools tournaments. This entails us being able to use the EN branding to encourage more schools to enter, and for an EN partner or Roses player to attend our County Tournament. We would also get exposure on social media as a pilot County. I have said yes to all of the above!

Our aim must always be for more schools to enter the tournament.

Exciting times are ahead!!

Bernie Hancock

Discussion

Bernie advised that the survey indicated that Thursday afternoon was the preferred choice for schools but for under 19s, it was Wednesday afternoon. The idea of having an England Netball partner at the tournament was welcomed by everyone.

The county rounds are usually in November but Bernie considered may be moving it forward owing to the often inclement weather.

Schools have indicated that they would like an under 12s tournament. Could be made into a tournament like it has done previously.

Denstone College may be able to offer courts. They have 6 courts available.

It was noted that a lot of primary schools do not have all the equipment they need to play netball, for example, one local primary doesn't even have netball posts.

Actions:

- 1- Hold county tournament the week before half term in October this year.
- 2- Explore use of Denstone College courts.
- 3- Future consideration to be given regarding the lack of equipment in primary school at committee meeting level.

5.5 Performance Pathway

Amy provided a verbal report:

There is good attendance with between 80-90 players. County tournament of 50 teams.

Attended Shropshire tournament and did some extra match play days also.

Julie and Vicky took a squad to Severn Stars, which was successful and they won.

2 apprentice volunteer coaches have been taken on. Leah – Level 2 coach and Nicola – working towards Level 2 who are doing really well. Julie, Vicky and Tracy are stepping down. Amy has replaced Julie. A few people have expressed an interest in helping, once Amy has settled in she will touch base with them. Dionne has joined the coaching team.

There are 10-15 players in franchise hubs. 6 went onto National Performance League squads, spread across Wasps, Stars and Loughborough.

Under 13 trials have been completed. Took 35 and all accepted places. Some girls had injuries so will be able to trial in September instead and long as they submit form before deadline.

Under 15 – haven't got an academy yet as there were so many (60) there need a further trial session. After this season EN procedure is that trials take place in September rather than June.

New EN rules have been implemented. There are only 20 places available on the under 15 pathway now. Previously there were 40. As a county we have committed to 2 development groups. Under 15 EN Player Development pathway – Maximum of 20. Under 14 and 13 is Staffordshire managed so we can choose how many are in them.

Athletes can choose which pathway they wish. Another change is that under 15 athletes must be on the County Pathway in order to trail for a EN Development pathway/school games squad. There are no longer open trials.

The franchises are not part the EN pathways. They have to attend a separate trial. Every franchise can only take 20 athletes under 17, 19 and 21. Trying to spread the talent rather than them all being under the same franchise.

There has been a better than usual response from under 15s.

5.6 Tournaments

No report. The post of Tournament Lead remains vacant and no tournaments have been held.

5.7 Junior SCNA

STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY JUNIOR NETBALL LEAGUE

REPORT 2021-22

After the pandemic we finally got back to playing netball !

47 teams entered the Junior league playing from Bee Netball all the way up to Under 16.

Prior to Christmas we ran our Premier division to determine our qualifiers at U14 & U16 level. Fenton Manor & Stafford Netball Club were successful in both age groups and represented us at West Midlands Regional Junior League.

The Development divisions in both the winter and spring season were highly competitive with some excellent netball played.

A huge congratulations to all our Players, Coaches, Umpires & Volunteers who give up their valuable time to make the league the success it is.

Julie Tinsley

6. Constitution Changes

It was agreed that given the considerable differences between England Netball and the SCNA current constitution that full consideration should be given at a later date at an EGM.

Action:

1. EGM to be held before next committee meeting at Tuesday 6 September 2022 at 7.30pm.

7. Election of Officers**NOMINATIONS 2022**

Position	Member	Nominated by	Seconded by
President	Vacant		
Vice-President	-		
Chair	Sally Kendrick	Ursula Smith	Bernie Hancock
Vice Chair	Pat Arnott	Angela	Lyn Rowe
Secretary	Angela Lickorish	Lyn Rowe	Ursula Smith
Assistant Secretary	Vacant		
Treasurer	Vacant		
Assistant Treasurer	Jess Mountford	Sally Kendrick	Ursula Smith
Staffordshire Junior League Co-ordinators	Ursula Smith Julie Tinsley		
Membership Lead	Julie Tinsley		
Schools Lead	Bernie Hancock		
County Officiating Lead	Sam Oliver		
Tournament Lead	Vacant		
County Coaching Lead	To be reviewed		

Publicity Lead	Lyn Rowe	Sally Kendrick	Amy Mountford
Disciplinary Lead	Peter Owen	Julie Tinsley	Lyn Rowe

8. Membership 2021-22 and 2022-2023

MEMBERSHIP FEES 2022-23					
	ENGLAND NETBALL	WEST MIDLANDS	COUNTY	TOTAL	
Over 18	37.50	3.00	FREE	40.50	
Under 18	17.00	1.50	FREE	18.50	
Under 14	8.90	1.00	FREE	9.90	
Under 11	5.50	0.50	FREE	6.00	
SEC/MID	27.50	0.00	3.50	31.00	
JUN/INF	Free	0.00	FREE	Free	
COLLEGE/UNI	180.00	20.00	49.10	249.1	
Social & supporting	14.00	0.00	FREE	14.00	

County association fee £63.00

9. Date of AGM 2023

Tuesday 6 September 2022- EGM at 7.30pm followed by committee meeting

Tuesday 10 January 2023 at 7.30pm - Committee meeting

Tuesday 14 March 2023 at 7.30pm Committee meeting