

Staffordshire County Netball Association AGM

2 May 2019, 7:30pm at Staffordshire University, Leek Road, Stoke-on-Trent, ST4 2DF

1. Present

Ursula Smith, Sam Oliver, Julie Tinsley, Diane Furnival, Peter Owen & Jeanette Pointon

2. Apologies

Pat Arnott, Sally Kendrick, Chris Lowndes, Julie Dolman, Jess Mountford, Kate Woods, Tracey Cooper (Harriers)

3. Minutes from last AGM

Signed as a true record.

4. President's Report

Report provided by Ursula Smith. Another remarkable season for netball and, going forward, there are many things to look forward to and so many changes afoot, that it's hard to keep up!

Will the World Cup in Liverpool later this year have the same effect as the Commonwealth Games last year? It's very exciting to see netball reaching spectators and fans that it has never reached before even if it makes life even more hectic locally. The increase in participation in grass roots netball has continued. Our Staffordshire local community clubs are thriving and some are bursting at the seams!

Every season we have to adapt to more changes asked of us by our governing body. Sometimes, it is just a change of age group in our academies; sometimes it's a change of management, e.g. membership and affiliation, that asks even more of our wonderful volunteers. We always seem to step up to the mark- but it is becoming more difficult to recruit volunteers to some of our County posts and I'm asking that this season, we try to think of easing the burden so well shouldered by the few. We need to recruit more, and younger volunteers. I don't know how, but I do know we need to do it!

I cannot thank our volunteers enough. Whether you give up one hour a week or many hours as I know some of you do, your contribution is invaluable and, I hope, appreciated by all the netballers in the County. Keep up the good work everyone!

Agreement that a flyer will be produced with incentives given to those who volunteer for vacant posts.

5. Annual Reports

5.1 Treasurers Report

Summary provided by Chris Lowndes. No issues – accounts are healthy. We should continue in the same vein to promote umpires and other resources where possible.

Thanks given to Chris for her hard work this year.

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Income and expenditure account from 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019

	Income		Expenditure
Academy	17,826.50	Academy	16,728.84
Junior League	11,887.00	Junior League	12,851.91
AENA	4,878.20	AENA	60.10
Other	3,360.00	Other	4,475.26
Schools	220.00	Schools	533.00
Corporate Games	2,860.00	Corporate Games	2,720.00
Excess Expenditure over income	0	Excess Income over Expenditure	3,662.59
	41,031.70		41,031.70

BANK BALANCES as at 31st March 2017

TSB accounts

	£
Main account	58,434.39
Schools account	82.17
	58,516.56

Figure 1: Financial Summary 2018-2019

5.2 Coaching Report

No report.

5.3 Umpiring Report

No report, summary from Julie Tinsley.

22 new Into Officiating umpires, 3 C Awards and 1 B Award this year (4 further umpires have passed their B written paper). Congratulations to all.

5.4 Schools Report

Report provided by Diane Furnival.

Staffordshire round of the National Schools was competed in November 2018. The following schools made it through to the West Midlands competition:

U14

Winners: Newcastle-under-Lyme School

Runner Up: King Edward's, Litchfield

U16

Winners: St Joseph's College

Runner Up: King Edward's, Litchfield

U19

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Runners Up: St Joseph's College

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Staffordshire High Five Tournament was competed in March 2019, with ten schools in attendance. Results were as follows:

Winners: St. Teresa's (South Stoke)

Runner Up: Cooper Perry (Stafford & Stone)

Struggling to motivate schools to engage with the county netball opportunities. There has been a lack of affiliation this year despite targeted recruitment sessions run by the counties early in the academic year. Due to the school netball infrastructure, this seems to satisfy the pupil's needs/wants and the county is a step too far for teachers and students alike.

Thanks given to Diane for all her hard work in the post – it is a tireless task and the county appreciate everything she has done in her tenure as School's Secretary.

5.5 Academies

No report.

5.6 Tournament Report

Report provided by Sam Oliver. The Joyce Haynes tournament was held on 3rd September 2018 with 15 teams competing across the five SoT League divisions. Congratulations to Harriers Red who were the tournament winners, runners up Tean Valley 1.

Queensbury Plate was competed on 17th December 2018 with 12 teams entered. Thank you to all those who helped out with the umpiring on the evening. Winners were North Staffs Alsager, and runners up Tean Valley Diamonds.

A huge thank you needs to be given for everyone's support in the administration and umpiring tasks.

We do seem to only gain support from SoT League teams so we do need to try to go encourage others leagues to get involved.

Scope for new tournaments (Fast5, Handicap, Pick your Bib, Mixed Netball, etc.) to re-fresh interest. We need to ensure that these competitions are relevant and exciting to encourage participation. Something to discuss throughout the year.

5.7 Staffordshire Junior League Group Report (Junior SCNA)

Report presented by Julie Tinsley.

Really good – league just getting bigger and bigger! Two new clubs entered this year which means that we now will have to use Stafford on a more permanent basis. A few hiccups but all-in-all a good season.

SCNA presentation evening on 12th May 2019 is a sell-out!

Thanks given to Julie for all her hard work.

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6. Constitution Changes

Constitution changes have been made to bring these in line with current England Netball practices. We will ratify these at an Extraordinary AGM on Wednesday 19th June 2019, 7:00pm at Staffordshire University.

7. Election of Officers

Job guidelines have now been provided by England Netball. We need to start to bring new individuals into the committee to start future proofing the county. Flyers to be made advertising any vacant positions.

New committee members as below. These will be ratified at the EAGM.

Position	Member	Vote
President	Ursula Smith	Carried
Vice-President	Jeanette Pointon	Nominated: Ursula Smith Seconded: Diane Furnival Carried
Chair	Vacant	
Vice-Chair	Sally Kendrick	TBC
Secretary	Vacant	
Treasurer	Chris Lowndes	TBC
Assistant Treasurer	Jessica Mountford	TBC
SJLG Co-ordinator	Ursula Smith	Carried
Membership Secretary	Julie Tinsley	Carried
Schools Secretary and Tournament Rep	Vacant	
Umpiring Secretary	Sam Oliver	Nominated: Ursula Smith Seconded: Julie Tinsley Carried
Tournament Secretary	Sam Oliver	Carried
Coaching Secretary	Vacant	
Publicity Secretary	Jessica Mountford	Carried
Disciplinary Secretary	Peter Owen	Carried
Academy Head Coach	Julie Dolman	Carried
Safeguarding Officer	Julie Tinsley	Carried
Committee Members	Kate Woods (EN) Diane Furnival	Carried Nominated: Sam Oliver Second: Julie Tinsley Carried
Representative from each Staffordshire League	League Secretary (SoT) League Secretary (Stafford)	Carried Carried
Life Members	Norma Ashcroft Pat Arnott	Nominated: Julie Tinsley Second: Ursula Smith Carried

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8. Affiliation Fees for 2019/2020 Season

Summary provided by Julie Tinsley.

All clubs and teams must be aware that EN terminology forms must be changed as the term “affiliation” and “subscription” are now being replaced by “membership”.

New membership system means that individual players must now affiliate themselves. There are implications as you will only identify your primary membership, not any “secondary” claims as in previous years.

England Netball and the county have agreed to hold their fees for the next year. West Midlands fees may increase slightly.

MEMBERSHIP FEES 2019-20						
	ENGLAND NETBALL	WEST MIDLANDS	COUNTY	TOTAL		
SENIOR IND.	36.00	3.00	4.00	43.00		
Aged 18 & under	16.30	1.50	2.20	20.00		
Aged 14 & under	8.55	1.00	1.45	11.00		
Aged 11 & under	5.30	0.50	1.20	7.00		
SEC/MID	26.50	0.00	3.50	30.00		
JUN/INF	Free	0.00	0.00	Free		
COLLEGE/UNI	175.90	20.00	49.10	245.00		
Social & supporting	13.75	0.00	0.00	13.75		
NB:	County association fee £60.10					

9. Date of AGM 2019

Wednesday 6th May 2019, 7:00pm at Staffordshire University.

Meeting closed at 9:05pm.