

WORCESTER CITY NETBALL LEAGUE

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Monday 28th September 2009 at 7.30 pm At Christopher Whitehead Language College, Worcester

Present: All teams were represented with the exception of the following who would be fined for non-attendance:- Alfabets, Ladybirds, Lasers, Mo Jo's, Mountfield, Pacers, SCS Sparkeys,

1. CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME

Ensured everyone has signed in and collected their match ball which has been donated by the League for all teams that have attended this evening. Unfortunately item number 10 on the agenda has now been withdrawn due to Gayle Penn informing us of her illness.

2. APOLOGIES

Link Ladies, due to withdrawn from the League, Pat Butson, and Gayle Penn.

3. ADOPTION OF REPORTS AND MINUTES OF 2008 AGM

The minutes of the 2008 Annual General Meeting together with reports had been circulated to all teams with the agenda. It was proposed by: Debbie Clack and seconded by: Pippa Curtis and unanimously agreed that the reports should be adopted and signed by the Chairperson as a true record of that meeting.

4. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS – SUE MAUND

Welcome to this years AGM/Presentation. Congratulations to all the winners and runners up for the 2008/09 season. I was going to welcome Gayle Penn who is our new H&W Netball Development Officer for All England but she has sent her apologies due to illness.

Thanks to all the committee who have worked tirelessly throughout the year making all the leagues run smoothly with no major issues having to be resolved.

Hopefully this coming year we will be able to arrange umpiring courses for all levels due to Gayle offering to help with the arranging of courses and testing.

The winter indoor league is once again very popular with teams. We are running leagues over two nights this season Wednesdays and Thursdays to accommodate the amount of teams entering, but having to travel further a field for the venues.

May I remind everyone that the County AGM is on Monday October 19th at Stourport Club at the Dome at 7.30pm. Every team will be invited either by email or letter.

5. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – CATHERINE MULLEN

"Good evening and welcome to Worcester City Netball League's A.G. M. Thank you for representing your clubs. Please ensure that you have signed in and received your gift.

At the end of tonight's A.G.M. we will present this season's trophies. Refreshments will be on offer prior to the presentations.

Firstly I would like to thank our committee; who have worked tirelessly over the last year enabling your league to function. All of these people are prepared to represent you again this year and for that I thank them.

I have also to thank you, I took on this role more than a little trepidously and had to be persuaded to do it but I have enjoyed working with the committee members and yourselves. We have received a number of suggestions through the year... Sunday matches are smaller divisions playing each other 4 times as a direct result of a suggestion from you and the journeys to Malvern also come from a request to make sure the divisions all play home and away indoors and due to demand these are the only available courts.

This year the vacancies on the committee are Umpiring secretary and Press Officer. One role being more labour intensive than the other, press officer would mean contacting the press towards the end of each season with a simple league report including winners and runners up of each division. I do think our sport lacks coverage in our local paper so if anyone thinks they could fit this bill please step forward. We are aware there have been difficulties with umpiring this season and are looking to ways to rectify our current position. An umpiring secretary would be a good start...

The tournament this year was well supported and was organized by Donna Barrett – Lloyd. Thank you to her and all of you involved, there really was a carnival atmosphere all through the evening.

Finally I must thank Bev Weaver our A.G. M. secretary for the thorough preparations for tonight and all the other committee members who have contributed to organising this evening. I hope you enjoy the food.

Good luck to you all in your future netball endeavours".

6. TREASURER'S REPORT – TRACEY DIEU

Appendix 1 – Report for 2008/09

Tracey advised that everyone should've been given a balance sheet when they arrived and as the official treasurer was absent, any queries regarding this could be put in writing to the committee.

The chair called for any queries to be raised as some committee members present may be able to respond.

An enquiry was made as to what we intend to do in spending the balance. The Chair confirmed that there was some expenditure that was still due to come out of this account, i.e., cost of the match balls for this evening, all the prize money and player of season vouchers, plus trophies and refreshments provided for this evening etc. These costs are pretty substantial and therefore will reduce the balance accordingly.

No other queries raised on the accounts for 2008/09.

7. RULE AMENDMENTS

Proposed amendments by the Committee had been circulated to all teams prior to the meeting. No questions or amendments had been received by the due date and therefore the proposed amendments to rule 5.1 were approved.

An enquiry was raised as to whether we could have something like a League Approved C award, due to the shortage of C award umpires available for premier matches. Not aware of such an award at present but this can be looked into further by Gayle Penn. Hopefully, with Gayle's support we can press forward on more umpire courses and testing.

8. CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS

There were no proposed amendments by the Committee to the constitution. No questions or amendments had been received by the due date therefore no changes were made to the current constitution.

9. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Notification of vacancies for officers had been circulated to teams with the agenda and no nominations were received prior to the meeting for Umpiring Secretary and Press Officer. However, a late nomination put forward on the evening was received for Press Officer, nominating Katie Webb, proposed by R Atkins and seconded by Sue Bentley. This was unopposed and therefore Katie Webb will take up the post of Press Officer for the coming year.

Umpiring Secretary – Still no nominations received, offered to floor, still not takers. Enquiry raised as to what happens if vacancy not filled. The chair confirmed that this role is being absorbed throughout the current committee members and will continue to do so until someone comes forward to take on role. If anyone is interested and wants to find out more please approach one of the committee members.

An enquiry raised about who will be organising courses if vacancy not filled. This will still be arranged by the committee and notification will be published on the website.

Disciplinary committee will consist of current Chairperson and Secretary of WCNL with the additions of Janet Chappel, Pat Butson and Pippa Curtis who are happy to continue to offer their services should they be required over the coming year, so our thanks to them.

10. EXTRA ITEMS

Only one received in advance and that was from Gayle Penn, Netball development Officer for Hereford and Worcester. Unfortunately due to illness Gayle was unable to attend tonight's meeting but wanted all to know that she would like to make as many contacts within the league as possible and will be available to help or advise on any netball issues where possible. Gayle can be contacted on 07545 924953 or gaylep@englandnetball.co.uk.

11. INTERLUDE FOR REFRESHMENTS

12. PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

In the absence of Gayle, Sue Maund kindly presented the Winners, Runners Up and Player of Season for the following seasons: Summer 2009, Winter 2008/09, and Indoor 2008/09.

13. CLOSE OF MEETING

Chairperson thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 20:20 hrs