

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017 THE VILLAGE HOTEL, PINEHURST ROAD, FARNBOROUGH, GU14 7BF 7.30pm-9.30pm

#### **Minutes**

Present: Carol Williams, Jan Johnson, Phyllis Avery, Charlotte Malyon, Emma Thomson, Emma Whitehouse, Jenny Poore, Elly Moore, Fran Richards, Kate Miller, Julie Arnold, Jenny Underwood, Sheila Martin, Estelle Ball, Jo Coker, Chris Granger, Julie Tucker, Maria D'amero, Alix Burnage, Charlotte Burnage, Rebecca Jennings-Evans, Charlotte Jennings-Evans, Lisa Wayman, Rayma Marie, Lesley Killpack, Victoria Jackson, Michelle Farndell, Alison Kinch, Paula Grant, Mary (Bambury Netball Club), Ann Selby, Jo Davies, Laura Hextall, Maria Maler, Farrah Wayman, Toni Brunsdon, Sue Garret, Tracy Barrett, Belle Barrett, Sophie Peck, Carolyn Peck, Chantel Moore, Karen Bossom, Ruth Claridge, Sarah Feast, Bev Goodman, Sally Gray, Matt Clifford.

#### 1) Welcome

A welcome from Jan Johnson. In the absence of a Chair, Jan Johnson nominated Carol Williams to chair the meeting. Seconded by multiple members.

Carol Williams took over the role of chairing the meeting. She welcomed the members and commented on the large turnout. A number of members had also called to inform that they were stuck in traffic and would be arriving during the meeting.

## 2) Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Royals Netball Club, Red Kites, Andover Arrows, Roz Davitt, Kelly Hartney (Treasurer).

#### 3) Minutes

Carol Williams went through the minutes of the last AGM and highlighted a correction at bottom of page three in section six, Accounts. The date was incorrect on membership fees and needed to be changed from 15/16 to 16/17. Carol asked for these minutes to be accepted.

Proposal from Phyllis Avery, Seconded by Fran Richards.

### 4) Appointment of Tellers

Question from the floor whether it was possible to apply on the night for a position on the board. According to the constitution, members could not apply to stand as a Board Member on the night. They will have to be co-opted throughout the year should a vacancy arrive, following the correct application process.

## 5) Annual Report

#### **Acting Chair**

This had been a difficult year for the Board. Carol Williams wanted to draw attention to the hard work of Bill and Carol Alexander who had worked in the South for many years in many different capacities and to thank them for all their contributions and service to the Region during that time.

EN have been through many staffing changes this year and this has been difficult for the Board and to ensure that we were delivering as well as we could.

Thank you to the County Chairs that have supported the Board and particularly the two County Chairs co-opted onto the Board for the past 6 months. Carol advised that the Board was looking forward to the next year and were encouraged by the number of new members who had applied for a position on the board.

# Coaching

Stephen Ford made a request for help on the TSG. The TSG is trying to support higher level coaches and also participation coaches. Proposing that we try to create informal conversations to find support for coaching.

## **Competition**

Jan Johnson presented her report and added that this last weekend we had the Entry Tournament for our Juniors and U19s. It was a very successful tournament. We now also have development leagues for U13s, U14s, U16s and U19s. The first league games will be in October. Phyllis Avery wanted to thank Jan Johnson for her hard work throughout the tournament. Stephen Ford would like to thank Jan for considering the Development League.

## **Officiating**

Carol Williams as Chair of Officiating highlighted the success of the umpires from the South, especially Nigel Gill for completing his A Award.

### **Performance**

In addition to the report, Phyllis Avery reassured members that the RMB is working with all Franchises locally to the South Region including Mavericks, Surrey Storm and Team Bath to ensure talented athletes are not being overlooked from this Region. Team South Tigers U17s performed very well at the NPL 2017 August tournament, beating Surrey Storm twice.

# 6) Accounts

Carol Williams presented the Accounts in the Treasures absence. These had been prepared in this format following last years questions. Overall there has been little change in the accounts with some movement in some areas. There was a loss from the cancelation of the Goalden Globes 2017 which we do not anticipate happening again. There were no areas of concern raised through the auditing of the accounts.

A member asked that in future can we see separate costing comparing the before and after the cut-off date?

Due to the AGM taking place in September we can't change the affiliation fees for this year and these have remained the same.

Accounts were presented and proposed by Jo Coker and seconded by Jennie Underwood.

# 7) Changes to the Constitution

Carol presented 4 minor changes to the Netball South Constitution. These were

- 4.1 When someone is appointed to the Netball South board for expertise but are not affiliated to netball, the board will subsequently ensures that the person is affiliated.
- 4.12 The above goes the same for anyone to be co-opted that they will be made a member
- 4.4 A member of EN staff will be at RMB meetings as appropriate.
- 4.15 The President may attend RMB meetings, contribute to the discussions, provide information, knowledge to the members but will have no voting rights

A question from the floor was asked to whether South Constitution is in-line with England Netball's new governance. Carol advised that it was not and that this is probably one of the first pieces of work that the Regional Management Board will need to complete.

Changes were proposed by Sue Garrett and seconded Julie Tucker.

#### 8) Election

Carol Williams stood down as chair for the meeting and Jan Johnson took over the meeting. Jan explained that there had been one nomination of the Role of Chair from

Carol Williams. As there were no other nominations no vote was required and Jan asked members to accept Carol as Chair. This was accepted by Chris Grainger and seconded by Jo Coker.

Carol Williams took over the role of Chair.

Carol then asked members to accept the nominations for the role of Vice Chair and General Members.

Stephen Ford – Vice Chair Sarah Feast – General Member Matt Clifford – General Member Julie Tucker – General Member Julie Arnold – General Member Estelle Ball – General Member Toni Brunsden– General Member

The elections above were proposed by Sue Garrett and seconded by Maria D'amaro.

In addition Carol advised the members that Phyllis Avery was nominated to the role of President and would like this nomination also accepted.

This was accepted by Chris Granger and seconded by Julie Arnold

Meeting closed at 8.20pm