

Netball South

Minutes and Actions

Attendees:	<i>Carol Williams (CW) Julie Arnold (JA) Phyllis Avery MBE (PA) Julie Tucker (JT) arrived approx. 45min into meeting</i>	<i>Matt Clifford (MC) Sarah Feast (SF) Kelly Hartney (KH) Lucy Farrell (LF) - EN</i>	
Apologies:	<i>Estelle Ball (EB) Jan Johnson (JJ)</i>		
Date:	19/3/19		
Venue:	The Holiday Inn, Farnborough		
Subject:	RMB Meeting		
Distribution:	Attendees and apologies		
Item	Description/Action	To be actioned by	Target date
1	<u>Apologies</u> Julie Tucker, Estelle Ball		
2	<u>Conflicts of Interest</u> Matt declared that he would be involved with the entertainment provided at the upcoming Golden Globe Awards		
3	<u>Minutes of last Meeting</u> All okay		
4	<u>Actions from Minutes</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 polo found in the South Office. • Job descriptions for RMB roles were added to the South Regional website • In preparation of the AGM on 11th June. RMB vacancies and application forms were shared on the South website. The positions of chair, vice chair, treasurer and general members were advertised. 		
5	<u>RMB members stepping down as of AGM</u> Carol decided to step down as chair due to the feeling of not being able to fully commit to the role due to the lack of flexibility to be able to attend required meetings. Kelly decided to step down as treasurer as she felt she could not fit in the time around a very busy job and young family Estelle Ball decided to step down as general member		

6	<p><u>Regional Strategic Planning Update</u></p> <p>The strategic plan was signed off with the view to amend it following the World Cup to encompass any changes made by EN during this time.</p>		
7	<p><u>RMB Reports</u></p> <p><u>Competitions TSG</u></p> <p>Eagles are champions of Open div 1 and will represent South at National Prem Playoffs in April</p> <p>Eagles and either Team Matrix or CD Phoenix will go to U14 National finals</p> <p>Two from Weston Park, Eagles & MK Dons will go to U16 National finals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have received quite a few more requests for rearrangements mainly due to NPL fixtures. There was some confusion as to whether U17 NPL fixtures counted and as the regulations did not specify which age groups U17 was allowed this season. Rules around rearranging games next season will be different and there is a possibility no rearrangements will be allowed. • A charge of inconsistency has been levied at the CTSG and we feel we have done our utmost to be consistent but as always clubs will interpret things differently. Some of the group are extremely upset at these allegations and we have all considered resigning. • We are currently reviewing all the rules and there will be amendments. • A survey has gone out to all Regional clubs and the results are coming in slowly. These responses will be analysed as part of the rules update. One of the survey questions asks if Junior div 1 games should/could be moved to Sundays (opposite Open) so as to avoid the majority of clashes. • The consistency of umpiring at junior games has been questioned several times this season. Could the OTSG consider reinstating the Junior AUL and/or allocating umpires for a minimum of U14 & U16 div 1 matches? • Entry forms for the Junior Regional Leagues entry tournament have been published. <p>National Schools</p> <p>The National finals took place last weekend. The results will be uploaded to the website but great success for South</p>	JJ	

teams. U14 Hurst =5th, U16 Brighton =2nd, U19 Worthing College crowned champions.

Entry Tournament 2019/Playoffs

Junior Regional Entry Tournament will be held at The G4S Netball Centre, Saint Hill, East Grinstead. U16's - U19's 1st June 2019, U13's - U14's 2nd June 2019.

Senior Entry/Playoff Tournament 12th May 2019 at Wellington Health and Fitness Club, Dukes Ride, Crowthorne, Berkshire RG45 7PT.

Guernsey

Guernsey U14 are entering the Regional League tournament in June and have requested that they have home and away fixtures next season. They have offered to contribute to teams who travel, not sure on the amount at this time, but will Netball South be able to provide a bursary for the clubs travelling as we have with Open team this season?

Membership

Changes to the membership process are imminent and there will be a roadshow in Reading in May. As part of the working group I have access to do some testing and will be available to assist clubs and leagues in the South with the changeover.

Officiating TSG

- The Regional fixtures are now complete apart from one rearranged game scheduled for the Reserve Date of 24 March. Generally, we have coped well with the umpire withdrawals.
- Umpires will now be invited to officiate at the Regional Play Offs in May and availability will be sought for the Junior Entry Tournament scheduled for the first weekend in June.
- Regional Schools went well from an umpires' perspective with no withdrawals before the day, which is always a blessing. Court Managers were happy to offer support and mentoring to those umpires who requested it.
- 6 Umpires from the South were invited to the National School Finals held on 16 March, with Megan Samuel being appointed to an U19 Semi Final.
- Victoria Ogden from Guernsey, Channon Heaney and Sam Sear have all successfully passed her Umpire B Awards Assessments recently.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certain umpires sat the February A/B Written Paper, but the results are yet to be issued. • The Game Management Presentation held on 24 January was attended by over 140 people. Berkshire County Netball contributed to most of those and they have also contributed to the cost of it. I have not heard anything negative subsequently to the presentation and everyone I have spoken to seems to have gained something positive from it. • Technical Officials have been getting further experience at Surrey Storm, London Pulse and the occasional game at Severn Stars, which has been good news. Those attending the World Cup are due to be at the Ricoh Arena over the Easter Weekend for further training. • The B Award Course held on the 10 March was well attended, not only with umpires from the South, but with umpires from other Regions. • It was hoped to hold a Technical Officials Course during the Regional Play Offs, but unfortunately the Tutor is away and therefore we will need to reconsider something for next season. <p><u>Financial report</u> Decided not to increase south taster rates.</p> <p>Generally finances have improved. However, will not know exact figure until court fees invoice has been received.</p> <p><u>England Netball report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are major changes on the horizon, a more detailed overview will be shared soon however some highlights include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Individual membership and sign up launches this summer with a simplified fee structure and system ○ *Regions, Counties, Leagues and Clubs will all be offered their own free websites this summer ○ *Leagues will be able to access a free competition management tool through the websites that will transform league administration and management <p><i>*Subject to meeting basic criteria, such as affiliating their players</i></p> • The second editions of the newsletters about the membership changes were sent in February to Regions/Counties (you can find a copy here: 		
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	<p>https://email.englandnetball.co.uk/t/4NYO-HLAC-332EFWV789/cr.aspx) and clubs and leagues (you can find copies here https://www.englandnetball.co.uk/membership/exciting-changes-england-netball-membership-2019/)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A regional workshop to introduce the changes and the benefits is provisionally planned for Reading for the 11th May @ Theale School, based around the league matches taking place there. The workshop is aimed at clubs, leagues and our local staff. Reading has been selected due to hosting a large number of clubs and teams across the league in the region. We will be equipping our local staff to deliver this workshop and shorter versions of it to enable us to offer counties and leagues short sessions linked to their AGMs and other events over the following months. 		
7	<p><u>Funding Applications</u> Hardship case – the South region paid the Surrey storm fees on the behalf of Niamh Love for the 2018-19 season. It was also made clear that we would be unable to repeat this for next season.</p> <p>South Africa Indoor championships bursary- the South decided to award a £50 gesture to any individuals for recognition of achievements. It was agreed that being selected for the World Indoor Championships was worthy or recognition, thus £50 was awarded to Natalie Miller</p>		
9	<p><u>GG</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date set as Friday 3rd May at 6.30pm • Drinks on arrival with a manned buffet for the main course and desert. • Venue Holiday Inn, Winnersh • £18 ph budget on food for approx. 100-120 attendees • Speaker TBC • Matt Clifford elected to provide entertainment for event 		
10	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>Rescheduling of games – We need access to the timetable of U17 matches from EN. We need a case by case evidence trail for each rescheduled game. Triage days were considered, however, denied due to issues with umpires not being able to umpire twice and venue issues. We may have to consider the possibility of no rescheduling. Moving the junior league to a Sunday could provide some relief.</p>		

	<p>Monitoring of performance athletes and CPDs – it was discussed whether the South RMB should consider monitoring this. However, according to the EN regional roles definitions, this is something that belongs to the county and franchise remits, not the region.</p> <p>First Aid Qualification changes – UK coaching has changed the accepted First Aid guidelines which caused EN to amend their CAPS criteria to fall in line. A 6hr (E)FAW course is now required for both. There has been poor communication about these changes and there still seem to be questions left unanswered. It is felt that wider communications about this need to happen, Preferably, directly from EN.</p> <p>Phyllis Avery MBE to attend chair meeting at the super league final on 18th May in place of Carol Williams.</p>		
11	<p><u>Next Meeting</u> AGM Tuesday 11th June 6pm Village Hotel</p>	LF	

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Approved and signed:

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(Chair)

Action	Date	Complete Y/N
Confirm with status of Storm fees		
Job descriptions on South website		
Advertise elected members vacancies		
Collate reports for AGM by end of April		
Receive U17 franchise schedule dates		