

Netball South

Minutes and Actions

Attendees:	Carol Williams (CW), Phyllis Avery MBE (PA), Matt Clifford (MC), Kelly Hartney (KH), Julie Arnold (JA), Jan Johnson (JJ), Toni Brunsdon (TB) Sarah Feast (SF) from item 3		
Apologies:	Julie Tucker		
Date:	21 May 2019		
Venue:	The Village Hotel, Farnborough		
Subject:	RMB Meeting		
Distribution:	Attendees and apologies		
Item	Description/Action	To be actioned by	Target date
1	<p><u>Conflicts of Interest</u></p> <p>Matt Clifford is unable to discuss Officiating TSG application from Sarah Clifford as they are partners.</p> <p>No other conflicts.</p>		
2	<p><u>Feedback from previous chairs meeting – Phyllis Avery MBE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All regions have been asked to create a “history of the region” which would need to be added to the South region website. The board will discuss how they wish to proceed with this after the AGM on June 11th. • The Army will be at every national event and regions are encouraged to build a relationship with The Army or other armed forces. • An audit is being carried out on all Superleague Franchises • It is suggested that the region should hold a governance session. Martin Lindsey from EN is able to deliver, we would just need to agree upon an appropriate date and venue. • Gary Burgess at EN is working on compiling an up to date list of working officials, tutors and assessors. • The amount of “teacher award” applications hit a record high at the Goalden Globe Awards this year which is positive and demonstrates that we are managing to engage with schools • All chairs are offered an invitation to the national GGA on July 14th. It is likely that the normal schedule for the GGA will return to normal from next year as the award were only brought forward this year so as to not clash with the Netball world Cup. • Fran Connelly of EN summarised by stating it had been a positive end of the year with EN meeting all targets. The launch of Bee Netball, Netball Connected, the ENgage membership and the Netball World Cup are some of the main focuses for the year ahead. EN are also working on the new strategic plan. 	<p>All</p> <p>JA/JJ</p> <p>CW</p>	July 19

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The performance pathway was not discussed at the meeting 		
3	<p><u>Feedback from OTSG chairs meeting – Julie Arnold</u></p> <p>JA stated that she was unable to attend the entire duration of the meeting buck reported back the main points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It's suggested that county umpiring secretaries should also attend Officiating TSG meetings. In a bid to improve conversion rates and to prevent course clashes, counties will be required to send strategic course plans to England Netball. The deadline for these plans to be submitted is mid-July. A Technical Officials course is being planned, the region must identify a suitable date for this to take place The mentoring programme was about to be discussed as JA had to make her apologies. 	<p>JA</p> <p>JA</p>	<p>Sept 19</p> <p>July 19</p>
4	<p><u>Leagues Affiliation- Carol Williams</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarification from England Netball was made in regards to “authorised activity” and how it affects the insurance of players and umpires. Insurance cover, provided as part of an EN member benefit, is only valid where the individual is participating in an “authorised activity”. As of next season, leagues that do not require players to be EN members will fall short of being considered as authorised activity. This means that the usual insurance cover, which is provided as part of EN membership, will not be valid if the event of an accident occurring during participation within a league that is not considered as authorised activity. EN members who choose to participate in non authorised activities are encouraged to purchase their own insurance to cover any accidents whilst playing or officiating on this league. It is important, therefore, that there is complete transparency about which leagues are recognised as authorised activity by England Netball so that players and officials are aware of their insurance policy cover. Through the new membership system, ENgage, any league will be able to register themselves (and thereby be considered as authorised activity). This is currently live on the EN website To be eligible to become a registered league you must meet the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Competition regulations require all players to be 		

	<p>Personal Members of England Netball 2) All committee members must be a Personal Member of England Netball</p>		
5	<p><u>Treasurer report- Kelly Hartney</u></p> <p>A full breakdown of the finances will be provided at the AGM in June and are always available on request. Main points are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National school brought in £1,900 • Affiliations brought in £8,000 and the board decided not to increase regional fees next season • Play-offs cost £500 • Goalden Globes cost £3,500, however, it is noted that £600 was regained in ticket sales which was an increase on £225 from last year. • Approx. £164,000 sitting across accounts which is higher than anticipated. This is because funds were originally put aside to cover the cost of a replacement to the EN position's role at RMB should the post not be replaced by EN. We also were concerned that we may need to pay towards the new links with super league franchises. Neither event came to pass, hence the build-up in funds. • These points to be drawn out at the AGM and the board to consider at its first meeting after the AGM how to use the surpluses to support the Regions members. • The board will need to make a decision soon about teams that are travelling to Guernsey for competitions. 	<p>All</p> <p>All</p>	<p>July 19</p> <p>July 19</p>
6	<p><u>Applications to board</u></p> <p>Applications for elected members will close on Monday 27th May. So far there is 1 nomination per role which means they can be elected at the AGM as long as there are no objections and a vote will not be necessary.</p> <p>No current members are due re-election. Role of President to be discussed for a further 2 year term.</p>		
7	<p><u>AGM</u></p> <p>This is taking place at 6pm on Tuesday 11th June at the Village Hotel, Farnborough.</p> <p>The annual report is in progress but is still requiring several reports for inclusion. This will be circulated to attendees in advance on the meeting. Hard copies will also be available at the AGM.</p> <p>As per above, any elections will take place at the AGM.</p>		
8	<p><u>Regional Plan</u></p> <p>This is now ready to be circulated to Counties and leagues via Lucy and other EN staff.</p>	<p>LF</p>	

			June 19
9	<p><u>Entry Tournament – Jan Johnson and Julie Arnold</u></p> <p>This year a record high of 90 teams entered this tournament. This was broken down into 20 U13 teams, 24 U14 teams, 26 U16 teams and 19 U19 teams. Currently there are no restrictions to eligibility to regional play tournament but suggestions are welcome on how best to bring in restrictions for next season. Ideally 2 divisions of 8, with all other teams being directed back to county level. It is recognised that not all counties hold a county competition and this has resulted in the high numbers. The RMB to work with and support counties to set up county competitions.</p> <p>Understandably, a huge amount of time and effort went into the organisation of the tournament this year including the hire of 9 courts and up to 36 umpires for the two days. As a result expenses were quite high.</p>	CW	Sept 19
10	<p><u>Next Year's regulations- Jan Johnson</u></p> <p>A full draft of the regulations for next year are available on request. The main changes are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clubs must identify players who play at a higher level at to which franchise at the beginning of the season • In case of an unsuitable venue on the day the away team can reschedule at the cost of the home team If not, the home team must concede • Any additions of changes to squads must be communicated to the NS-RL administrator by 5pm on the Thursday before the fixture date at the latest • OTSG will assess suitability of AULs • Rearrangements must only be made through CTSG <p>It is suggested that we share a spreadsheet of any previous reasons for rearranged fixtures. Going forward this must be more detailed and provide a full explanation of why the game cannot be played on the set date in the case of players being unavailable due to higher playing, the name of the player and franchise they are playing for must be noted.</p>		
11	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>Surrey Storm are reducing their number of academies down to 5 in order to improve the quality of coaching.</p> <p>There is generally positive feedback from the NetbALL Connected and Bee Netball workshops.</p> <p>As a result of the competitions questionnaire that was recorded earlier this year, feedback suggested that 6 out of 14 clubs were not happy to have rescheduled games moved to a Sunday. 3 clubs also encouraged the idea of introducing an U15 league. This could help to reduce the very high number of U16 teams,</p>		

	however, it could also just prove to create more teams in general. There is also the possibility that the region could re-categorise the age groups to match the EN age groups; U13, U15, U17, U19.		
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	<u>Date of Next Meeting TBC – Tuesday 18th June 2019 6pm</u> at The Village, Farnborough		

Date:

Approved and signed:

(Chair)

Action	Date	Complete Y/N
Circulate Regional plan to counties and leagues and put on website	June 19 LF	
Add items to next agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to use surplus revenue • Decision on bursaries for Guernsey • Discuss actions on the history of the region 	July meeting	
Invite County Chairs to a meeting with Martin Lindsay on governance	June 19 CW	Email sent waiting for people to respond
Work with counties to develop junior competition	Sept 19	
OTSG – JA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrange a Technical officials course through EN • Invite CUS from Counties to attend OTSG meetings 	July 19 Sept 19	