



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
8th June 2018
THE VILLAGE HOTEL, PINEHURST ROAD, FARNBOROUGH,
GU14 7BF
7pm start

Minutes

Present: Carol Williams, Jan Johnson, Phyllis Avery MBE, Stephen Ford, Sarah Feast, Estelle Ball, Toni Brunsdon, Julie Arnold, Julie Tucker, Kelly Hartney, Emma Thomson, Emily St. John, Jenny Poore, Ann Selby, Fran Richards, Roz Davitt, Karen Bossom, Bev Goodman, Sally Gray, Sonja Jeffery, Claire Kendrick, Ashleigh Kinch, Sarah Bugdale, Julie Wilks, Martin Wilks.

1) Welcome

Carol Williams welcomed everyone on behalf of the South Board and thanked everyone for making the effort to come to the AGM.

2) Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Ruth Claridge, Sue Garrett, Kate Miller, Jo Coker, Chris Granger, Matt Clifford and Elly Moore.

3) Minutes

Carol explained that a date amendment was made to the minutes last year. Carol also highlighted that a lot of new members were voted in last year.

Proposal from Toni Brunsdon, Seconded by Bev Goodman.

4) Annual Report

Chair

Carol Williams explained that the South were in a difficult situation last year so this year was spent trying to re-engage with members. The board will continue to embrace differences and move forward.

TSG groups have been fantastic in getting the regional competitions completed this year.

Carol gave a big thank you to the Competitions and Officiating groups for all their hard work.

The South are waiting for the franchise borders to be set by England Netball. The board have spent time talking to Surrey Storm, Mavericks & Team Bath.

Julie Tucker brought up the idea of an informal county league. Carol explained that this would be something to discuss after the AGM.

Coaching

Stephen Ford highlighted the need for Performance and Coaching TSGs to work together to get more coaches involved.

Competition

Jan Johnson congratulated Woodley who came third and Weston Park Blades who came sixth in the U14 National Club Finals and these results could now be added to the annual report.

The Entry Tournament ran successfully at the weekend and Jan was delighted to see so many teams playing and the level that was on display. A thank you was given to all the Competitions team and to Phyllis Avery for their help at the weekend.

Jan Johnson announced that the CTSG are working on the fixtures lists for next season and these should be sent out soon.

A questionnaire will be sent out to clubs for any enquiries.

Officiating

Julie Arnold gave apologies to Julie Wilks for missing her off the congratulations list as she has now also been selected to go to the Canadian Championships.

From an officiating point of view, the Entry Tournament was challenging. Julie Arnold thanked South Bucks for helping to provide officials.

Carol thanked Julie Arnold, Kim Schepens and the TSG for all their hard work.

Julie Arnold commented on how well the Officiating and Competitions TSGs are working together.

Performance

Julie Tucker asked if there were any questions. Informal county league to be discussed after the AGM.

England Netball

Emily St. John explained what the Regional Unit Report in the Annual Report showed and summarised a few figures including: over 4000 participants in programmes, and 3000 new participants this year.

Emily mentioned that it is not possible without all the volunteer coaches and officials in the region and thanked them for all their hard work.

Emily mentioned the Commonwealth Gold and how important it now is for the region and volunteers to use this to our advantage to get netball growing even more.

Counties

Carol Williams thanked the counties for their reports.

Annual report proposed and seconded by Julie Wilkes and Fran Richards.

5) Accounts

Kelly Hartney ran through the report and accounts. There was a lower income but also a lower expenditure which would mostly be due to the end of the regional academies.

Open league change in income from 2017 – 2018. Kelly suggested it could be the playoffs (Less teams entering).

Overall there was a drop in affiliations in the region. Some leagues are now no longer affiliating to England Netball.

Kelly Hartney announced that the affiliation fees for the upcoming season would stay the same. Set at £2 for O18, £1 for O11-U18 and £3 School or University.

Sally Gray asked if there could be a taster affiliation rate from September to March and not just from March to August or whether there could be a rate for a few weeks to allow participants to try netball out without the commitment.

Emily St. John to take away to England Netball.

Accounts were proposed by Bev Goodman and seconded by Sally Gray.

6) Changes to the Constitution

No proposals submitted. Therefore no changes to the constitution this year.

The South RMB intend to look at this next year with guidance from England Netball.

7) Election

No applications submitted for the general member positions.

Emma Thomson to double check how long everyone has been on the board.

Nine years is the maximum to be on the board. Carol wants to make sure that the region adopt good governance and then help support the counties with theirs.

The South must take advantage of the success of the Commonwealth games and the run up to the World Cup in 2019 to get more players and volunteers involved.

The South must use this impact to help drive more volunteers in netball.

8) AOB

Sonja Jeffrey explained the need for facilities in Bracknell where venues need more courts. Suggestion made as to extend the league or split venues.

Carol Williams thanked Sonja for highlighting this with the board and suggested talking to the England Netball County Development Officer as they may be able to suggest ways of funding.

Martin Wilks asked whether the large amount of money that the region are sitting on could be used for facility requests like this one.

Carol Williams explained that the South need a strategic plan for the region to look at how and where this money could be used.

Julie Wilks thanked the board for all their hard work this year.

Meeting closed at 7:47pm