



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
2nd JULY 2016
THE VILLAGE HOTEL, PINEHURST ROAD, FARNBOROUGH, GU14
7BF
14:00 – 15:00

Minutes

Present: Bill Alexander (RMB Chair), Carol Williams (RMB Vice Chair), Phyllis Avery (RMB Treasurer), Carol Alexander (RMB), Jan Johnson (RMB), Kelly Whittaker (RMB), Holly Hart (Regional Manager), Emma Whitehouse (Regional Coordinator), Sarah Feast, Gillian Frackleton, Sue Baldwin, Jenny Poore, Jane Tunney, Julie Arnold, Jennie Underwood, Lesley Williams, Olivia Johnson, Elly Moore, Toni Bronson, Sue Garratt

1) Welcome

Bill Alexander welcomed attendees to the meeting.

2) Apologies for absence

MK Netters Netball Club, Karen Bossom, Roz Davitt, Michelle Maye, Barb Snow

3) Minutes

The minutes from the AGM held on the 16th June 2015 were accepted as an accurate record.

4) Appointment of Tellers

No-one appointed as none were needed.

5) Annual Report

Coaching

Bill Alexander expressed thanks to Priya Samuels who has previously chaired the Coaching TSG but has now stepped down from the RMB.

Competition- Carol Alexander

Thanks were given to members of the Competition TSG for their hard work in delivering the Regional competitions this season.

Officiating- Carol Williams

A question was asked on whether umpires will still be centrally appointed to leagues which Carol Williams confirmed.

Performance- Phyllis Avery

Bill expressed that this has been a very good year for Team South Tigers. A decision has been taken to carry out an independent review of the NPL for the last season.

Finance – Phyllis Avery

The auditor stated their opinion on the financial statements in the Annual Report. There are no matters of concern to bring to members attention and all information and explanations required for the audit were received.

Page 11 shows the Income and Expenditure Account as of 30th April 2016.

Page 12 shows the Balance of Accounts as of the 30th April and demonstrated a healthy balance. There is currently a high level of uncertainty around Sport England investment for England Netball moving forward. This this in mind, it is felt that this money should be held, as there may be cause to invest in staff in the coming year.

Regional Unit Report – Holly Hart

Now have a full complement of EN staff achieving great levels of success across the Region.

The members received the Annual Report:
Proposed by Sarah Feast and seconded by Jennie Underwood.

6) Accounts

We have changed bank account from Lloyds to Santander this year, and also made the move over to internet banking. This has increased efficiency when paying expenses.

On page 12 England Performance League should read Netball Performance League.

A question was raised regarding TSG meeting expenses as these appear to have doubled in the last year. Kelly Hartney explained that accounts had been condensed into a small number of headings for ease of use. It was confirmed that the RMB consider the accounts in detail and that all costs are accounted for. It was agreed that a commentary would be included for future accounts to explain discrepancies.

Accounts were proposed by Jennie Underwood and seconded by Julie Arnold.

No changes were proposed to the South Region Affiliation fees for 2015/2016 and they will therefore be:

Middle/secondary School Affiliation Fee	-	£3.00 (no fee for Primary Schools)
Region Over 18 First Registration 2015-2016	Adult	£2.00 (No fee for 2 nd claim unless out of region)
Region Under 11 First Registration 2015-2016	Under 11	No Fee
Region Under 14 First Registration 2015-2016	Under 14	£1.00 (No fee for 2 nd claim unless out of region)
Region Under 18 First Registration 2015-2016	Under 18	£2.00 (No fee for 2 nd claim unless out of region)
Region University Affiliation Fee 2015-2016	All Ages	£5.00 Organisation Affiliation
Region Over 18 Back2Netball 2015-2016	Adult	£1.00
Region Under 18 Back2Netball 2015-2016	Under 18	£0.50
Taster Rates 01/04/2016 to 31/08/2016		
Region Taster Rate Over 18	Adult	£0.80
Region Taster Rate Under 11	Under 11	£0.00
Region Taster Rate Under 14	Under 14	£0.50
Region Taster Rate Under 18	Under 18	£0.50

A discussion took place regarding a possible reduction in South affiliation fees to 'give back' to grassroots clubs. This was not agreed, as it was felt money was needed to be kept in reserve due to aforementioned EN financial uncertainty.

The members received the affiliation fees for 2015/2016 and proposed by Lesley Williams and seconded by Sue Baldwin. Affiliation fees accepted unanimously.

7) Change to Constitution

Bill proposed a change to the current Netball South Constitution (4.15). This change would allow Netball South to elect a President, a non-voting member of the RMB, in recognition of their contribution towards netball in the region.

The proposed change to the constitution was accepted by Sarah Feast and seconded by Julie Arnold.

Bill then proposed that Phyllis becomes the first Netball South President. This was accepted by Sue Baldwin and seconded by Lesley Williams.

8) Elections

Chair, Treasurer and General Members advertised. One nomination each received for Chair and Treasurer. There would be no vote as there was no more than one nomination per vacancy. Carol Williams asked the members to accept Bill as Chair. This was agreed by Sarah Feast and seconded by Jenny Poore.

Bill asked the members to accept the other nominations for Treasurer and General Members. These were proposed by Sarah Feast and seconded by Toni Bronson. The elected members are as follows:

Treasurer: Kelly Hartney
 General Members: Carol Alexander
 Jan Johnson
 Stephen Ford

Bill added that Netball South are an active small RMB who would welcome any new members to the Board.

Regional Management Board

Bill Alexander – Chair
Carol Williams – Vice Chair
Kelly Hartney – Treasurer
Carol Alexander – Competitions TSG Chair
Jan Johnson – General Member
Stephen Ford – General Member

AOB

A question was raised regarding Guernsey, and the requirement for them to contribute more to enter Netball South leagues. Guernsey are part of the South region, but are not supported by Sport England so no additional funds are available to support travel/entry costs. It was explained that any subsidy provided would have an effect on costs for other teams and that refunds are given if surplus charged for umpire expenses.

The Superleague franchise announcement has been made. Discussion was held on whether there would be an enhanced NPL. Elly Moore explained that each Region will have an NPL set up with a defined player pathway.

It was noted that Team South Tigers have had two members picked to travel with the U19s to Jamaica later this year; Ashleigh Decker and Chartie Curtis.

England Netball have recently stopped their funding support to County Academies due to a lack of athletes moving through, so the question was raised on whether RMB would provide financial support moving forward. Some County Academies are supported through the RMB currently and no further decisions can be made until further clarity has been received on investment to EN.

Meeting closed at 3pm