# Minutes of Committee Meeting

# 20/09/23

**Attending:** Jude Groves (chair), Kathryn Oldfield, Jennie Burton, Kerry Brooks, Julie Dyer, Emma Hickey, Denise Snow, Gemma Cowan, Catherine Hassall, Chris Green

Apologies: Sue Anderson

No contact: Frankie Nutt

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| **1.** | * The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting * Apologies as recorded in the minutes. * Minutes from the last meeting were accepted as a true representation of the previous meeting   Chair’s update   * JG confirmed that everyone had a copy of the NSW give back offer (another copy attached for reference) * JG will be submitting the county plan on Friday (copy attached to minutes) * County rounds for junior regional league have been held. Seeding tournaments are upcoming. Redmaids U16’s were recently beaten, this may encourage other schools to compete. | JG to submit to NSW |
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| **2.** | Vice chair updates   * JB was inundated with lots of different communications regarding umpiring so communication to be streamlined to email only * CG - none |  |
| **3.** | Sue – Junior League   * Apologies sent for non-attendance, however all start of season plans are progressing including county round of regional junior tournament.   Julie – Senior league update   * Greatest number of teams we’ve ever had – active umpires and venues are at a stretch. * Umpire requests are high. There are 118 active C awards, requests would suggest a lot aren’t bothering to umpire * On the busiest day the following number of umpires is required:   20 x A/B and 90 x C   * Wanting to get back to 10 teams per division next season. * Two teams in Div 8 have dropped out. To balance divisions an additional Div 9 team has been promoted. * There is concern around Oasis as they have 14 players across 2 teams. * Some players are still not affiliated and all teams/clubs have been chased. Points will be deducted if they continue to play. | Now 130 |
| **4.** | NDO Update – Kerry Brooks   * There should soon be public access to CPD courses related to NetballHer * Some clubs have been making up court short kits * Emily Siddy is in role at Team Bath so we hope for a closer relationship there now * Mixed netball festival ran smoothly on 3/10 hope to make this an annual event * 24 girls attended a netball Youth Camp in August and another is booked on October 24th * Going with a more direct approach with the club starter fund | JP to publicise the court short kits to social media  KB to put together a poster for the club starter fund and JP to share |
| **5.** | Officiating Update – Gemma Cowan   * Two COL meetings attended at national and regional level. * Clarification gained regarding bleep test. This is required for senior regional but not for junior regional. * Regional Juniors require: Div 1 - B’s or signed off Cs; Div 2 - Cs * 4 x C Award assessments planned for October. The academy trials are used for mentoring/signing off umpires and signing off mentors. * Sign off of Emma Dorrington for mentoring. Great use of time at academy trials for signing off umpires. * Signed off 4 more umpires for Div 1. Still signing off mentors as well to continue to grow this team. * It was noted that Denise raised at the national COL meeting that of the £50 paid by examinees for the A/B paper Avon receives no money however has the expense of hiring the room etc. * It was noted that Denise raised at the national COL meeting the lack of inclusion in the format of testing. Information regarding inclusion information is not passed back to the county by EN. * An organised mentoring day for WTBs was discussed as being needed * It was noted that people don’t appreciate how long the umpire pathway takes * Continue to encourage people to use the England Netball EOU form as this is working | Suggested action to document how long the umpire pathway takes and put this in writing to clubs – not assigned |
| **6.** | Finance Update – Catherine Hassell   * CH shared the final accounts for 22/23 season with the committee (copy attached) * CH explained that due to court cost increases we made a loss during this year and so we will need to pass this increase on to clubs for next year * CH starting on this year’s budget now | CH to send DS and GC info on what they have to work with for officiating.  Clubs need to be made aware of increased costs – not assigned  CH to share final budget with clubs  JP to share to the website |
| **7.** | Bookings & Venues Update – Emma Hickey   * ABW failed to open up on the first week. They gave the second week for free due to this. * Bradley Stoke outdoor reported as slippy. * Bradley Stoke indoor nearly ready for use |  |
| **8.** | Coaching & Academy Update – Frankie Nutt   * No information provided by FN |  |
| **9.** | Membership Update – Emma Hickey   * JD and EH did all start of season checks and emails have been sent as reminders to those clubs that have members who have not affiliated yet. |  |
| **10.** | Publicity Update – Jacqui Page   * We now have an Instagram as well Facebook and Twitter. There’s talk that Twitter made become a paid for platform. * Template for scores done and going up regularly. * Template for league tables coming soon. * Juniors to have similar design to go up when they start this season. * Teams posted their team pictures. We get regular requests from players looking for new clubs and teams. |  |
| **11.** | AOB   * KO stepping down as Secretary, the league will look to replace ASAP * Lynne Giles hasn’t got back to GC or DS about a meeting to talk about WSM league umpires and development |  |
| **12.** | Close of meeting |  |