

CROYDON NETBALL LEAGUE

MINUTES of the Thirty Fourth Croydon Netball League Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 4th July 2012 at Shirley High School, Shirley Church Road, Croydon, Surrey, 8.00 p.m..

PRESENT: Officers K Gillick, J Handley, A Ireson, S Marsh, J Martin, K Martin, J Penney, Klara Price, L Roberts, J Rowland (Chairman) and B Martial.

Clubs Ace, All Stars, CMO, Chequers, Coombe Ladies, Crickets, Croham, Demonettes, Emmanuel Thunder, Hayes, Highlanders, Hillcrest, HS, Karisma, Lifeline, Phoenix, Pleiades, Portas, Roundwood, Selsdon Casuals, United, Warren Z's and Wellcome.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - Lindsey Ball and Tina Smith (Independent)

2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM**

Minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated prior to the meeting and taken as read. The Chairman was asked to sign them as a true record.

3. **MATTERS ARISING** -

i) **Holiday Camps** - unable to implement this year but will try next season when resources permit.

ii) **Second Central Venue** - The use of Coloma was investigated but they were not able to accommodate a liaison. Other avenues will be explored if needed.

iii) **First Aid Course** - 30th September. All places have been taken up.

4. **OFFICERS REPORTS**

i) **The Chairman/Secretary** - Report tabled.

ii) **Evening League Secretary** - Report tabled.

iii) **Shirley High Co-ordinator** - Report tabled.

iv) **Tournament Secretary** - Report tabled.

v) **Umpiring Secretary** - Report tabled.

vi) **Registration Secretary** - Report tabled.

Adoption of the reports were **Proposed:** The Chair Carried unanimously

Additional copies are available on request from the Secretary. These can be emailed.

The Chairman expressed her personal thanks to all the members of the Executive Committee for their dedication and commitment to the League during the past year, as without their valuable contributions the League would not function.

5. **FINANCE**

Current Account Balance: £7,152.46 Reserve Account Balance: £4009.41.

Funds will be reversed from the Current Account to the Reserve which were used for the Dinner Dance expenses that needed to be covered prior to receipts for tickets.

Draft Accounts for the 2011-12 financial year were circulated to the meeting together with a copy of the previous year. There has been an improvement in cashflow which has enabled a tighter control over the finances this year. Overspend on the Evening League was due to a price increase which had not been notified earlier. There is also a credit due for courts cancelled due to the bad weather and this will be reflected in the Accounts.

The incorporation of the entry fee together with the court hire for the Spring and Summer League has worked well. We will be looking to introduce this for other areas where applicable.

We have had a few Clubs processing payments online which has highlighted certain issues to be resolved.

This year we have included a request for Club Treasurer's details to be included and once I have these I will make contact regarding any online payments.

The Chairman gave the detail of next seasons EN/Surrey Membership Fees. Affiliation fees for next season are £27.00 for Adults & £18.00 for Juniors (up to 18 years of age). U14 - £10.80 & U11 - £7.80. Online application is from 2nd July.

The Committee is recommending no increase to the entry fee for the Winter League and will remain at £25.00 per team.

A deposit of £50 **per Club** for entry into the Winter League would be required.

The meeting was asked to consider "in principle" whether they would agree to this cheque being banked and used as a "deposit" for entry into the League and Rallies. This would alleviate the necessity to issue out further cheques for them to be destroyed. The cheques would not be banked until 1st August. The majority of Clubs represented agreed in principle. It was appreciated that some may need to refer back to their Treasurers who were not present.

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairman Jackie Rowland (HS)

Proposed: Julia Martin (Greenacres) **Seconded:** Eileen Brandrick (HS)

Carried

As all the following members of the Executive Committee were willing to stand and there being no other nominations received by the Secretary by the due date the Chairman proposed to elect them en bloc.

Secretary	Amy Ireson	(Chequers)
Treasurer	Julia Martin	(Greenacres)
Evening League Sec	Lindsey Ball	(Warren Z's)
Shirley High Co-ordinator	Sara Marsh	(Roundwood)
Umpiring Secretary	Jo Handley	(CMO)
Tournament Secretary	Karen Gillick	(HS)
Press Secretary	Kay Martin	(United)

Meeting agreed unanimously.

Nomination received for the position of Registration Secretary - Jamie Joyce, (Chequers)

Carried.

The Chairman gave the Leagues' sincere thanks and gratitude to Lynne Roberts for her efforts serving on the Committee as she had decided to retire, for at least a year! Presentation was made.

Also Klara Price (Chequers) retiring for a different reason, as expecting baby shortly. Presentation was made.

7. DIVISIONAL SECRETARIES

The following secretaries are willing to stand again. The Secretary had not received any further specific nominations and The Chair proposed en bloc.

Jackie Penney	(United)	Karen Gillick	(HS)
Lindsey Ball	(Warren Z)	Sara Marsh	(Roundwood)
Bibiana Martial	(Wandsworth)		

The Meeting agreed unanimously

8. DATES

List distributed to the meeting and will be posted on the Website. Key dates were pointed out.

9. RULE & REGULATION CHANGES

Rule change - addition under membership. 4.7

"Teams entering the League agree to fulfill their scheduled match commitments in a season. Failure will result in a penalty agreed by the Committee and could include refusal to enter the League the following season. Written appeals will be viewed on an individual basis and must be received within five days after the fourth cancelled game."

Wording to be included for the Evening League as well.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 10.1 **County Filter League** - Roundwood earned their place for next season. HS had gained entry via the Surrey League over 2 years ago. Commiserations to Demonettes just missing out.
- 10.2 **County Academy Players** - Laura McDermott (Portas) selected. Delighted to report that Alima Priest (HS) had been selected for the England U17 & U19 squads.
- 10.3 **Presentation Dinner & Dance** -The Chairman presented awards that were not able to be given out on the night. The event was well attended and enjoyed by everyone.
Hillary Hills was presented with a gift for services to Netball and the League over the years.
- 10.4 **Qualified Umpire Award** - "C" Awards ~ Anna Clancy & Jamie Joyce (Chequers) - Emma Clark & Felicia Dickson (Roundwood) - Nanci Crumpton (Portas) - Stacey Byatt (Crickets) and Julie Pummell (Hayes).
- 10.5 **At the Surrey League** - Sandie Richardson advised that it was reported at the Surrey League AGM bleep and written tests will be introduced next season for C Award applicants.
- 10.6 **Surrey Lions Awards** -
Young Volunteer of the Year - Sophie Clark (Roundwood)

Young Netballer of the Year - Alima Priest (H&S)

Amy Robinson (Chequers) has been awarded the London & South East Regional Young Netball Volunteer Award following her Surrey Lion's Award of 'Young Volunteer of the Year' from last year and is going forward for the London & South East Region Golden Globes Awards 2012.

- 10.7 **Player/Umpire Forum** - being organised for Wednesday 19th September - venue tbc.
- 10.8 **Chairmans Cup** - Won by Demonettes 'A', with HS "A" and Coombe runners up.
- 10.9 **Rally Structure** - The format will be looked into to accommodate a lower divisions competition, where appropriate .
- 10.10 **London Borough Youth Team** - Julia Martin advised the team won Bronze. Overall the Borough came 1st in the whole Competition and won the Jubilee Cup.
- 10.11 **Umpires Presentation** - nominations very slow this year and will be presented at the Beginning of Season Rally.
- 10.12 **Handbooks** - Clubs reminded to ensure that all team Captains have a copy and are aware of the contents. Clubs will be notified when they are available for collection from the Pavilion.
- 10.13 **Facebook & Other Social Media** - EN brought in new directive which is being adopted by the County League next season. Wording will be included in our Etiquette this year for inclusion in our Rules and Regulations next season.
- 10.14 **Evening League** - details sent out last week. Commencing one week earlier this year. Schedules will be distributed by the end of July.
- 10.15 **Umpiring Expenses** - The League recommended £15.00 for Winter League matches and the Evening League to remain £12.00. Meeting Agreed.
- 10.16 **Pavilion** - Plans are being developed for an extension together with a post storage system. The Chairman explained how this would work.
- 10.17 **CRB verifiers**- Sandie Richardson, Jackie Rowland, Barbara Taylor and Julia Martin.
- 10.18 **Safeguarding Officer** - Clubs advised that they need to appoint a person. This can be the Club Chairman and covers all ages. The League will look at setting up a course in order that everyone can comply.
- 10.19 **Thanks to the Chairman** - Lyn Handley expressed thanks to Jackie Rowland on behalf of the Clubs and Committee members for the work carried out on behalf of the League.

Meeting closed at 9.07 p.m.

Chairman
Mrs Jackie Rowland

Date