CROYDON NETBALL LEAGUE

MINUTES of the Forty First Croydon Netball League Annual General Meeting held on Friday 6th November 2020 on Zoom at 8.00 pm

PRESENT: Officers D Adams, A Allen, L Clark, J Crowhurst, K Gillick, J Handley, J Martin, K Martin, S McSherry, S Palmer, J Penney and J Rowland (Chairman)

Clubs Ace, Chequers, CMO, Coombe, Crickets, Demonettes, Emmanuel, Fusion, Highlanders, Hillcrest, HS, HSBC, Lifeline, Phoenix J, Pleiades, Portas, Roundwood, Selsdon, United, Unity, Wandsworth, Warren and Wellcome.

The Chairman welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

Firstly, the Chairman congratulated the following who have been recognised as winners in this year's London & South East Region Goalden Globes Awards –

- **"Unsung Hero"** *(7 nominees)* **- Kay Martin (United)**
  Outstanding contribution to netball through club/local league and assisted at Region. Volunteered for a minimum of 5 years in any capacity.
- **"Grassroots Coach"** *(4 nominees)* – **Amy Rendle (Roundwood)**
  A person involved in direction, development, training or instruction of netball and holds related coaching qualification.
- **"Muriel McNally"** *(2 nominees)* **- June Tenwick (Past member of Howard/HS)**
  For outstanding contribution to netball delivery through administration, coaching or officiating at grassroots level for a minimum of 10 years.

  June has been/is a valued supporter of the League as a player, umpire, umpire tutor and mentor.

Also nominated from a Croydon Club for the "Young Volunteer" (*4 nominees*) Award were Sophie Hill and Tianna Edmonds (Roundwood) but were unsuccessful this time.

All of the above are a credit to their Clubs and the League and well deserved.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Sandie Richardson – Hillcrest.

This is an exceptional year and all Clubs invited. The following confirmed but were not in attendance – Alpha, Karisma and KCLA. No response from Wandsworth Juniors.

2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM**

Minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated prior to the meeting and were taken as read. There being no amendments, the Chairman was asked to sign them as a true record.

3. MATTERS ARISING –

6. Divisional Secretary Vacancy – filled by Laura Clark from ACE who volunteered after the meeting and welcomed onto Committee.

10.10 **London Youth Games 2019 – Croydon Borough U19 Netball Team**
JM advised that it was a great year where the girls won the Gold Medal. The games new sponsor, Nike invited the team to Nike Town in London for an informative day and two were then invited to Liverpool – World Games, all expenses paid, included in their trip was a videoed interview with the Corbin sisters. The whole squad amazing ambassadors for Netball and a credit to their roots in Croydon.

4. OFFICERS REPORTS

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, all reports had been circulated in advance of this meeting as it was not known when the AGM would be able to take place and in what format.

4.1 ***The Chairman/Secretary*** - Report issued.
4.2 ***Evening League Secretary*** – Report issued.
4.3 ***Press Secretary*** – Report issued.
4.4 ***Fixtures Coordinator*** - Report issued.
4.5 ***Registration Secretary*** - Report issued.
4.6 **T*ournament Secretary*** – Report issued.
4.7 ***Umpiring Secretary*** - Report issued.
4.8 ***Umpiring Mentoring/Pre-Assessment Co-ordinator*** – Report issue
4.9 ***Junior League*** – Report issued

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

Additional copies will be available on the website. Alternatively contact JR who will email requested reports.

The Chairman stated how thankful she is to all the Committee members for their willing support and commitment during the past year and going forward. Their contributions are invaluable in the continuance and development of the League.

5. FINANCE

Report tabled and adopted with the main reports.

The Chairman confirmed that the Winter League entry fee for 2020/21 season will remain at £30.00 and only to be paid upon receipt of invoice from JM. Evening League fees will be confirmed based on the number of scheduled games and again only to be paid upon receipt of invoice from JM.

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

No nominations for the following positions had been received by the required date.

Chairman Jackie Rowland (Independent)

Proposed: Julia Martin (Greenacres) **Seconded:** Sue Cooper (Portas) **Carried**

The Chairman advised that the following members of the Executive Committee were willing to re-stand.

Treasurer	Julia Martin	(Greenacres)
Evening League Sec	Sara Palmer	(Roundwood)
Fixtures Secretary	Sara Palmer	(Roundwood)
Press Secretary	Kay Martin	(United)
Registration Secretary	Sue McSherry	(Highlanders)
Tournament Secretary	Donna Adams	(HS)
Umpiring Mentoring	Jackie Penney	(United)
Umpiring Secretary	Jo Crowhurst	(Lifeline)
Junior League Representative	Karen Gillick	(HS)

Pr**oposed:** Chairman En Bloc Meeting agreed unanimously

DIVISIONAL SECRETARIES

The following secretaries willing to re-stand and no nominations received. Due to the Covid-19 situation the Chairman was able to indicate to the Clubs who their Divisional Secretaries will be when we recommence competition.

Althea Allen	(Wellcome)	Bibiana Martial	(Wandsworth)
Jo Crowhurst	(Lifeline)	Karen Gillick	(HS)
Laura Clark	(ACE)	Sara Palmer	(Roundwood)
Sue McSherry	(Highlanders)	Jo Handley	(CMO)

Proposed: Chairman En Bloc Meeting agreed unanimously

7. DATES

7.1 Proposed dates had been distributed to the meeting. However, due the current Covid-19 situation could be subject to alteration and all clubs updated as events change. Key dates were pointed out.

7.2 As of today, the Evening League is scheduled to recommence on 5th December 2020 but still could change.

7.3 Friendly matches organized to start on 14th November will have to be deferred to December but this may be subject to change.

Should any Club/Umpire/Person feel unable to take part at all this season, it was confirmed that there is absolutely no pressure to do so, as this season is classified as a friendly season, although we know that most games will still be of a competitive nature, there is no pressure at all.

7.2 Tournaments – At this time there will be none this season unless given authorization by EN.

8. RULES & REGULATION CHANGES

Due to the AGM not being held in July, it was felt any rule amendments/changes should be issued before the possible start of the new season and any AGM. Therefore, they were issued out with the League Reports so that any comments could be fed back and all amendments were highlighted.

The Chairman had not received any comments from Clubs and asked the meeting for their approval. The adoption of all the changes were put to the meeting.

Proposed: Chair Meeting agreed unanimously

9. FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

9.1 **Court 7** – An update of the current position was given. Not been able to access the funding due to the area in question being owned by the School. The cost is around £22,000. Other avenues of funding being looked at.

9.2 **Pathway to Courts** – JR thanked Sue Mason for her quote, however, the school have actually actioned this during half term along with other work they wanted done. The League have agreed a contribution towards the costs.

9.3 **School – Female Toilets -** School governors being approached and hopefully will approve the work. Could be done in the Christmas holidays.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 **2019/20 Season** –

- *Final placings* for 2019 season, Karisma A and Roundwood B need to playoff and this will be organised when safe to do so.
- *The Chairmen's' Cup* – HS A v Wandsworth A final will also be played when permitted.

10.2 **2019/20 Season** –

- *Evening League* - Despite all the efforts of SP to create Evening League restart games in November, these are being held off until, hopefully, **Monday 7th December**.
- *Winter League* – JC had put together a "friendly training games schedule" to start on 14th November. A new date of **5th December** has been provisionally set with the new season games provisionally starting on **9th January**.
- *Covid-19 Documentation* – Will be posted on the League website.

The Chairman advised the League that we are aware that Clubs missed out at the end of last year for scheduled games and this will be addressed when play recommences. This will be by way of a credit on any invoices.

10.3 **County Filter League** – No playoffs this year as no movement.

10.4 **Regional League** – No playoffs. Competition will be run from the new year, if possible. Pleased to report that Roundwood remain in Division 2 for next season.

10.5 **Awards/Trophy Presentation** – Trophies are available for collection from JR. Trophies etc. will be given as usual for whatever season the League can complete under Covid-19 rules.

10.6 **Umpires Awards** – Not all have been presented to date, final announcement to follow.

10.7 **Colours** – Unfortunately not actioned from last season.

10.8 **Qualified Umpire Awards** – Ann Marshall (Selsdon), Charlotte Faulkner (Lifeline), Fran Ryan (United), Kate Ashcroft (KCLA), Lauren Taylor (KCLA), Maddie McIntyre (Roundwood), Shannon Cooney (Roundwood), Sophie Hill (Roundwood), Stacey Faulkner (Lifeline), Tess Ablitt (Wandsworth) and Kaia Nash (Chequers).

10.9 **Courses** – due to the Covid-19 situation these are on hold.

- *Safeguarding* courses via UK Coaching can be accessed online and agreed by EN. Those who need to update should sign up. Cost £30.00.
- *"Modified Rules Forum"* JP & & JC will be putting this together and will be delivered via Zoom. This will benefit Umpires and Players. There is concern that some Umpires are not consistently applying them. Videos

are available in the EN Care Package not only for umpires but players and coaches.

10.10 **London Borough Youth Netball Team 2020** – JM advised that this was cancelled. There was, however, a "Virtual" competition being run but no details were sent through on how to enter.

10.11 **Umpiring Expenses** – The League recommends no change to qualified umpires game fees of £15.00 for the Winter League matches and the Evening League to remain £12.00. As in previous years, Trainees receive £15.00 game fee and will be expected to refund £5.00. They will be invoiced twice per season. JM asked Clubs to remind Trainee Umpires that this is a requirement. There are a few unfortunately outstanding from last season. These Trainees will be contacted once more but failure to pay will result their name being removed from the approved list until paid.

10.13 **England Membership** – Clubs were reminded that all players, coaches and umpires must be current paid up members of EN before any training or any friendly matches and the League games.

10.14 **Julia Martin CNL Long Service Award** – JM advised that the medals have been made but due to the Covid-19 situation the issue of these is on hold at present.

10.15 JM on behalf of the Clubs and Players thanked Jackie Rowland for the enormous amount of work and effort during the past year, and thus so far.

Meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

Chairman ..... Date .....
Mrs Jackie Rowland