THE FOURTY SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE CROYDON NETBALL LEAGUE
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 2nd JULY 2025
SHIRLEY HIGH SCHOOL AT 8pm

MINUTES

PRESENT: **Officers:** Jackie Rowland (Chair), Laura Clark, Sam Keith, Jo Crowhurst, Althea Allen, Jackie Penney, Sara Palmer, Ann Marshall, Julia Martin, Karen Gillick

Clubs: Ace, Apollo, Chequers, CMO, Coombe, Demonettes, Emmanuel Thunder, Fusion, HS, HSBC, Hillcrest, Karisma, KCLA, Lifeline, Phoenix J. Pleiades, Portas, Roundwood, Selsdon, Spencer, United, Unity, Wandsworth, Warren and Wellcome

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Jo Handley, Donna Adams, Sue McSherry

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 Chair was asked to sign them as a true record.

3. MATTERS ARISING

a) First aid courses. CNL had intended to hold two first aid courses over the season, however, take up was poor and only one held.
b) Shirley High School costs: at the end of the previous season CNL had not been advised of the proposed increases. The proposed increases were extortionate. Therefore, after a long consulation with the school/governors an agreement was made. JR confirmed that these costs will not be increased for the 2025/26 season and relevant amendments to costs will have to be made. However, there will be a increase in charges for the 2026/2027 season and these will be considered by the Committee in readiness for the 2026/27 season ready for the AGM.
Question from the floor: What type of increase was proposed by SHS? **Response:** 70% on some aspects and 40% on others.
CNL along with England Netball is committed to Shirley High School and the League already uses Combe Wood School.
As part of the agreement between SHS, CNL & England Netball, the quality and condition of the courts has to be assessed every 10 years.

4. OFFICERS REPORTS

Reports were distributed to clubs prior to the meeting and with no queries from the meeting it was agreed to adopt them in bulk.

Proposed: Jackie Rowland **Seconded:** J Montgomery (HSBC) **Carried**

JR thanked the Committee for their commitment and dedication to the progression of the League.

5. FINANCE REPORT - LEAGUE FEES & EN MEMBERSHIP

Treasurer reported that she only had draft accounts at this stage and apologised for not supplying hard copies for the attendees. The audited accounts will be made available in a few months. JM went through various categories in the accounts giving details of costs and expenses. There are still some invoices to be raised ie Junior date entries.

England Netball fees will be changing as per the report sent out at the end of July –

SCNA Fees will be reduced by £1.00 in order to support members. EN Membership – JR reported that this fee has increased to £44.00 from the 1st August 2025

JR advised the meeting of a number of increases that need to be effective for 2025/26 -

Item	**2024 / 2025 Season**	**2025/2026 Season**
League Entry Fee	£40.00	£45 .00
Court Hire	£17.50	£17.50
Rallies	£40.00	£50 .00 (E/L rally £40.00 entry)
Evening League	£120.00	£140.00
Junior League	£10.00	£10.00
Summer League	£70.00 using SHS £30.00 entry non SHS users	£ tbc on amount of entries
Umpire Fees	£20.00	£25.00 E/L to stay at £15.00

There being no queries raised, the above was agreed and carried.

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chair - Jackie Rowland (Independent)
Proposed – Julia Martin (Greenacres) **Seconded** – Sue Mason (Coombe) **Carried**

The Chair confirmed that the remaining incumbents were willing to stand again.

Secretary	being included in the Chair's responsibilities	
Treasurer	Julia Martin	(Greenacres)
Evening League Sec	Sara Palmer	(Roundwood)
Junior League Rep	Karen Gillick	(HS)
Fixtures Coordinator	Sara Palmer	(Roundwood)
Press Secretary	*Vacant*	--
Registration Secretary	Sue McSherry	Independent
Tournament Secretary	Ann Marshall	Indepentent
Umpire Mentoring	Jackie Penney	(United)
Umpiring Secretary	Jo Crowhurst	(Lifeline)

Divisional Secretaries
The following Secretaries have indicated they are willing to stand again.

Althea Allen	(Wellcome)	Jo Crowhurst	(Lifeline)
Karen Gillick	(HS)	Laura Clark	(ACE)
Maria Marshall	(Lifeline)	Sam Keith	(Phoenix J)
Jo Handley	(CMO)	Donna Adams	(HS)

Proposed: Chair En Bloc Meeting agreed unanimously

7. LEAGUE RESULTS & DATES

Chair reported that all dates went well, only one date had to be cancelled due to the weather and conditions of the courts.

a) Summer League **-** Started 2nd June and running for five weeks
b) Evening League - SP will be confirming with relevant clubs re entry for 2025/26.

c) Winter league dates are not finalised. CNL may end up with two divisions of 9 teams.
d) Beginning of Season Rally 6th September 2025
e) 13th September first league date

8. RULE & REGULATION CHANGES

Rules & Regulations for 2025/26 with proposed amendments had been circulated to clubs prior to the AGM. All changes were explained as to why they had been brought in ie previous abuse of rule/s. Discussion took place on some of the major rule proposals, in particular the rule of Premier/Regional/County/Poly players playing down in CNL. We know this could be difficult for some clubs/teams but we need to be consistent with our rules and fair to all clubs/teams. Various proposals were then put to the vote as detailed below.

6.6 Proposal: (1 vote per club)

Proposal (twenty teams)	**Yes**	**No**	**Abstain**	**Decision**
Adoption of the amendment to rule 6.6	13	5	1	**Agreed**
Game cancellations: Sanction of a point deduction	ALL			**Agreed**
£20.00 fee if a game is cancelled. (game could be played earlier)	ALL			**Agreed**
6.7 Player could play twice (Play up) on a Saturday	ALL			**Agreed**
Removal of the player limit. For all clubs	19		1	**Agreed**

For players playing up or changes like cancellations; Divisional reps must be advised ASAP and **not** by an email on the morning in question. Teams must ensure that they receive a response to the cancellation or the request

EN-Gender & Participation Policy Includes an appendix that gives a resume of the specifics and to be included in our rules.
Clubs should contact EN if not received this information, as they will need to amend their rules in line with EN. JR will forward a link to clubs in due course.

Proposed: Jackie Rowland (Chair) **Seconded**: Debbie Grainger (Independent)

9. FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

a) Chair introduced Lucy Tisi the new Development Officer for Surrey. She can be contacted through Engage or contact JR and messages can be forwarded.
b) Under 18's league has been going very well. This season HS/Roundwood joint top winners.
c) CNL will be hosting an informal Umpiring Q&A forum on Monday 8th September at Shirley High School Margot Rangecroft asked if feedback could be put on the CNL website and this will be looked into.
d) Pavillion area improvement: Pleased to say that Masons Roofing will begin work on 11th August. JR reporte that CNL hasd received funds from a variety of sources in addition to the crowdfunding and thanked everyone for their contributions.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

i) Dates for next season are to be confirmed, it is likely that there will be two divisions with 9 teams in some divisions. Which has an impact on the dates in use.
ii) BOS date is confirmed as the 6th September. First league date is confirmed 13th September
iii) First Aid - If required a course will be run during the season.
iv) CNL Registration lists - Sue McSherry will send out details in August

v) Medals and trophies from 2024/25 season of persons/clubs who were not at the Presentation evening were handed out.

vi) JR confirmed awards given at the SCNA AGM regarding the Surrey Lions Awards, were amazingly awarded to a number of persons and a club from CNL. Congratulaitons.

vii) Newly Qualified Umpires – detail included in JP's report and JR offered the Leagues thanks to JP & SP for their work in supporting and training. newly qualified umpires. These umpires will be reimbursed their test fee as part of CNL ongoing support.

viii) Regional League**:** Roundwood continue to do well and are enjoying the high level of play.

ix) County League**:** CNL now has three teams represented - Roundwood, Wandsworth, and United.

x) JM spoke about the Croydon team for the London Youth Games and thanked the clubs where the girls came from for their help.

Tribute

CNL paid tribute to Mrs Maureen Clarke – SCNA President on her recent award of an MBE in recognition of her voluntary services to Netball. She gave a resume of her netball involvement over the past 60 years which was a small part of her massive effect in so many ways to players, umpires, officials and committee members. JR thanked Maureen for all her support and commitment towards CNL and presented her with a bouquet of flowers.

There being no further points raised the meeting closed at 21.30 and JR thanked everyone for their contribution and attendance.

CNL/Committee …….

Mrs Jackie Rowland – Chair