



**NORFOLK COUNTY NETBALL ASSOCIATION**

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Annual General Meeting held on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 7.30pm via zoom

**Present**

Mandy Carrick (MC) Hon President  
Anne Harper (AH) Chairperson  
Anna Bright (AB) Treasurer  
Ann Croft (AC) Vice Chair  
Sheelagh Redpath (SR) Vice President, Covid Officer & Lowestoft League  
Jill Masdin (GM) School Secretary  
Sophie Pike (SP) Officiating Lead  
Sue Brown (SB) Umpire Mentor lead  
Gill Jennings (GJ) South Norfolk League  
Jo Walton (JW) West Norfolk League  
Julie Amys (JA) Thetford  
Rosalind Russell (RR) Twose  
Jonathan Webb (JW) & Karen Webb (KW) (Norfolk United)  
Sarah Wagstaff (SW) Thoroughbreds)  
Victoria Arnull (VA) Norwich League  
Myra Hawtree (NH) Social Member Norfolk County Member

**1. OPENING OF THE MEETING:**

Anne opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending  
SR apologised that it was her fault that incorrect zoom details had been sent out

**2. APOLOGIES:**

Gemma Ashton (Performance Lead), Framingham Earl School, Icenians, Kerry Todd (Coaching Lead)

3. **CONFIRM MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS AGM 2021**

Proposed: DS Secoded: SP Agreed

4. **MATTERS ARISING:**

There were no matters arising.

5. **RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE ANNUAL REPORT – Anne Harper Chair**

As chair of Norfolk County Netball Association, I must thank our NDO for all her hard work, time and patience in her role. Jenny is moving on to pastures new and we wish her all the very best in the future. Mighty big shoes to fill!

Ann Croft, our Vice Chair has also decided to leave us. This is a huge shame as Croft has immense knowledge and understanding but she has said she is still prepared to help out at events. So, another massive thank you from all of us.

As for getting back to playing normal netball, sadly some areas have struggled to get people back onto court but I'm pretty sure all 5 areas are up and running again. A special thanks goes to Jo Walton in the West where it has been particularly difficult to encourage teams to play again. However, she's done it! Fantastic Jo!

From last summer to this, players have been enjoying netball again which meant that the work Sheelagh Redpath as Covid Officer had paid off.

Back in November the National Schools' tournament was held for 3 age groups. The U19 tournament was organised for a Thursday afternoon and was very well attended. As we run this event during the week it can sometimes be tricky finding suitably qualified umpires. We were lucky to have our international umpire Gary Burgess officiating for us. This was really appreciated by everyone especially the players who recognised him. Many were excited to play on his court and I'm sure stepped up to the mark to test him!

Each year it is a pleasure to be involved and watch our county's athletes play netball to such a high standard. I just wished more parents were able to come along and watch their daughters play.

Mrs. Julie Flowers is retiring at the end of this year so we must extend our grateful thanks to her for the many years that she has run the U19 tournament. We wish you a happy retirement.

The U14 and U16 tournaments were a great success. Again, the standard of play in both age groups was terrific. It was good that the East was able to run the regional round of the National Schools' event as it had been cancelled the year before due to the pandemic.

Our performance group has again been highly successful. Play days and tournaments have been well supported with Norfolk doing well in both age groups. Again, Gemma and her dedicated team of coaches have had athletes reaching the next step of the pathway – please see Gemma's report for a fuller update.

During lockdown many of our county's netballers found different ways to help communities both here at home and abroad. Some went far beyond what might have been done pre lockdown and gave up many hours of their time to help out wherever they could using their own unique talents.

To recognise their goodwill the East decided to celebrate and say thank you to these people. Nominations were received and a selection of the volunteers were awarded, "The Pride of The East Award. "

We held a zoom session to virtually present our winner and then small face to presentations were arranged specifically for these individuals at a netball event which they knew nothing about. Surprise!! Making sure they were completely in the dark was not as easy as it sounds. However, all the recipients were delighted with their awards and congratulations go to Gary Burgess, Jasmine and Vicki Franklin-Brown, Pirry Keohane, Hannah Holmes, Sophie Pike, Sheelagh Redpath, Karla Snowling, Debbie Sutton, Karen Webb, Lynn Withey and Anne Harper nominated by East Region Chair.

Last winter saw the launch of England Netball launching their 10 years 'The Adventure Strategy'. We have an awful lot of work coming our way which will involve a small group of people going the extra mile to ensure Norfolk is delivering the best netball experience for everyone to enjoy. We also have another big project to complete as far as the England Netball Governance plan is concerned i.e. we need to put in place Tier 1 and also some members attended a strategic planning meeting called Working as One – Regional and County planning on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May on zoom being led by Paul Clark (East Region Chair) and Kelly Gordon from England Netball.

Lastly, we are expected to comply with a new Performance Pathway Agreement which has many sections all of which need adhering to and I know there will be a lot of work involved which will be led by Gemma Ashton

I really feel that England Netball need to get their feet firmly on the ground and take a close look at what they are expecting volunteers to do. We as a county committee are having to produce working plans with deadlines to be met. Yet again England Netball are piling up the workload and pressure onto volunteers who do this because we care passionately about our sport.

No questions were received, and the report was proposed by DS and seconded by JW and agreed

## **6. RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE ACCOUNTS - Anna Bright**

Balance at end of 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022 = £28,249.98

The accounts were proposed by JM and seconded by AC and were accepted

## **7. AFFILIATION FEES:**

Current Norfolk fees Over 18 Norfolk £4.80; U18 £3.60, U14 £1.10, Under 11 no charge

Following some consultation with other counties within the region where it would seem that Norfolk was probably lower than others it is proposed to increase all fees by £0.50 which would mean the following Over 18 £5.30; U18 £4.10, U14 £1.60, Under 11 no charge

SW questioned whether it was necessary to base any increase on what others did but more about what money was needed for the county to function particularly with the current financial climate we are in. So do we need to put it up. SW wanted to be able to go back to her club and justify the increase

AB and AH responded as follows:-

All umpiring courses are now online, and all monies go to England Netball and that means that certain activities can't be put on as it would continue to drain the funds if no increase was made. There was also a hardship fund which anyone could apply for together with continual Performance pathway expenses needing to be paid. Also, certain areas in the county i.e. West Norfolk struggle big time re the lack of quality facilities and whilst offering to fund the resurfacing of courts it was hoped that perhaps the county could have offered to have the lines repainted and also to provide post padding.

SW confirmed that in fact Norfolk were really covering potential lost earnings. AH agreed with this, and SW was happy with the responses.

MH asked what the England Netball fees would be for the forthcoming season  
Currently O18 £36.00, U18 £16.30, U14 £8.55, U11 £5.30 Following a 3.7 % increase the fees would be O18 £37.50, U18 £17.00, U14 £8.90, U11 £5.50

MH was concerned that if post padding was to be purchased, would it be the volunteers who would be responsible for putting them on and taking them off at the end of the day which she felt she was not prepared to do. AH confirmed that the question re post padding was guidance given from England Netball and as yet has not been discussed with the leagues as to how they will manage this but yes, it is likely that volunteers would be expected to put them on and remove them at the end of the day.

AB confirmed that Norfolk contributed towards the wages of the Netball Development Officers which amounted to around £3,000

A question which was in the chat room regarding what the East region was confirmed following SR and JW contacting the East Region Treasurer. It was confirmed that no regional fees were charged last season and that those fees had not changed for over 12 years and that for 2022-23 these would be re-instated as follows

O18 £1.20, U18 £0.60, U14 £0.30 with £5 for schools and colleges.

Following the above SP proposed and SW seconded that the accounts were accepted

DS asked whether the committee would look at forward planning so that the county would know what they might be spending their money on in the future. It was agreed that this was something the committee would need to look at doing and forward planning expenditure could then be presented at future AGM's.

## **REPORTS WERE RECEIVED FROM:**

### **8.1 COUNTY COVID OFFICERS REPORT – Sheelagh Redpath**

With many of the restrictions being lifted by the Government England Netball did continue to send out their updated Covid Care packages. However, nothing much to report during this season as the leagues seemed to go back to normal rules with either competitive or friendly match play going ahead. Hopefully this role might soon be redundant.

## 8.2 COUNTY OFFICIATING LEAD REPORT – Sophie Pike

### COURSES

More courses have been released this year to meet the demand for Officiating courses. Please note: All courses are online now so learners do not need to wait until one is available locally as this will not happen. Sue Brown & Sophie Pike have been really busy delivering courses online.

### PRACTICAL SESSIONS FOR IOA

County have run one IOA practical session for learners who have completed the IOA online course. Some learners have taken up this opportunity some have chosen not to.

### ASSESSMENTS

Good to get back to assessing in the County. Congratulations to Nicola Gedge, Caitlin Peck, Cassie Bishop, Faye Middleton, Karen Mobbs, Rebecca Burgess, Paul Woodyatt and Elsie Slaats on passing their IOA; Jo Donnelly, Madi Oakley, Mollie Narayn on passing their C award. Both Debbie Sutton (B Paper) and Caroline Billings (A Paper) who sat their A/B paper in February passed.

### THEORY SESSIONS FOR B PAPER

Message has gone out to see who is interested in attending theory sessions in readiness for the B Paper and there are five learners attending these sessions.

### COUNTY TO PUT ON UPDATES/REFRESHER COURSES

This was agreed by the County due to the number of complaints about the standard of some umpires.

Update/Refresher will be a practical session.

Lowestoft league have completed their practical session with 17 umpires completing this session.

Norwich league still awaiting confirmation for dates.

South Norfolk will confirm dates.

West Norfolk still awaiting to hear back.

North Norfolk will confirm dates.

All leagues were informed about this in my report 2 February 2022 and asked to let me know dates and venues suitable.

## 8.3 PERFORMANCE LEAD – Gemma Ashton

Despite a return to a more 'normal' season, we have most certainly experienced a Covid hangover this year and I hope that 2022/23 will be a complete return to our pre-pandemic program.

Trials took place in September 2021 at the UEA Sportspark. This forced a quick turnaround in order to start training in early October 2021. Several of our talent identifiers (selectors) had attended a recent England Netball course on Performance Identification and trials were run in accordance with their recommendations.

The process ran smoothly, and I feel that with every year we run the program, we refine our processes to increase their efficiency. The only disappointing aspect of the trials was the number attending, which was down on typical years and largely due to Covid. This had the biggest impact on the U13 trial, in which we were only able to identify 30 athletes who met the required level. Typically, we would select 2 academies of 20 players.

The short gap between trials and training has exacerbated the issues with kit this season, with lead times stretching to 10 weeks due to covid and Brexit. I have looked into other kit options, but other suppliers seem to have the same issues. It is an extremely time-consuming process for me, and I am keen to hear if anyone has any ideas as to how to make the process easier.

Our two U11 Academies ran at Norwich School Sports Centre and were overseen solely this season by Katie Chillingworth and then assisted by former NCNA athletes, Alice Shaw and Chloe Davies. Athletes trained fortnightly and then came together for 3 matchdays throughout the season. Some difficulties we have experienced this year would be a lack of facility availability due to exams and this will mean we look to find an alternative venue for next season. A big thank you to Katie for stepping up this year and I wish Alice and Chloe all the best as they head off to university.

The U13 Academies have been run by head coach, Lucy Collishaw and assistant coach, Caitlyn Edwards this season. Due to the smaller numbers, we have worked with 2 groups of 15 and this has proved difficult when some players don't attend, leaving numbers short. Sadly, Lucy will be stepping down at the end of this season and I am under no illusion that it will be extremely challenging to replace her. Thank you to Lucy for her massive contribution whilst coaching with us, I know she plans to stay involved when she can, but she will be sorely missed.

I have led the U15 academy this season as head coach, supported greatly by Claire Wells as my assistant and Josh Marlow as our S&C coach. It has been an intense but successful season and as the year draws to its conclusion, it will be emotional to say goodbye to athletes who have been with us for up to 4 years. I hope that several of our year 10's will progress into the Mavericks pathway as our links and success within Mavericks has grown considerably over the past couple of years.

Competition for the U13s and U15s has been pretty scarce and is an area that we need to develop for the future to ensure that we continue moving forwards.

For 2022/2023 season England Netball have instigated new contracts with all County Associations and covers the delivery of the performance pathway. I hope this will mean more support from EN, who haven't been involved with any part of the pathway for several years.

There are also changes for 2022/2023 for the performance pathway that is offered by VNSL franchises. This hasn't been announced yet but from what I understand shouldn't negatively impact us as a county.

Thank you to the NCNA committee, and particularly Anna Bright, for their continued support.

Roll on next season!

### ***NCNA Representation in 2021/22:***

Eliza Barclay – Saracens Mavericks U21 captain and VNSL training partner. Part of BUCS winning side with Hertfordshire University.

Caitlin Rump – Loughborough Lightning U21.

Esme Papworth – Saracens Mavericks U21.

Jade Popoola – London Pulse U21 and England Roses U19.

Jemima Watson – Saracens Mavericks U17 captain.

May Seldis – Saracens Mavericks U17.

Eva Buckley – Saracens Mavericks U15 competition squad.

Isabelle Last – Saracens Mavericks U15 development squad.

Ava de Cooper Wride – Saracens Mavericks U15 competition squad.

Jessica Wright – Saracens Mavericks U15 development squad.

Amelia Copley – National League Prem 2 with Thoroughbreds.

Chloe Webb – National League Prem 3 with Norfolk United.

### **8.4 COMPETITION LEAD –Michelle James**

**Jean Liddle Tournament.** Was successfully held on 24th April with 16 teams competing.

Cup Winners: Thoroughbreds Plate Winners: Sirens Total raised: £653.00 all proceeds going to charity.

**Lynn Elvin Charity Tournament.** This Tournament has been postponed until September 2022

**East Region Senior League (ERSL).** At the end of the season Norfolk now only has 2 teams (1 NU's & 1 TB's) in the ERSL. Both clubs were unsuccessful at the play-offs. East Region Youth League Entry Tournament to be held on 11/12th June 2022.

### **8.5 COACHING LEAD – Kerry Todd – no report received**

### **8.6 NORFOLK UMPIRE LEAD MENTOR – Sue Brown**

The Norfolk mentors/coaches are a group of volunteers who work with up and coming new umpires by sharing their knowledge and expertise to help the umpires work towards a qualification. Which is a big commitment along with their other roles (players, coaches, umpires), so thank you to you all for your time and I am sure all the newly qualified umpires out there would also like to express their gratitude as the help of mentors is invaluable.

Mentoring is offered to umpires working towards an assessment either the England Netball Into Officiating Award or the Europe Netball C Award. Coaching is offered to umpires working towards assessment in the Europe Netball B and A Awards.

A Award and Panel umpires can coach B to A umpires, B Award umpires can coach C to B umpires and C Award umpires can mentor Into Officiating and those umpires working towards their C Award assessment.

Since the return of netball following the pandemic, the mentors have been very busy supporting and working with the learners to gain their confidence again in umpiring, which has paid off as we have had many learners achieve their qualifications.

There is still no news of the England Netball mentoring scheme, which was to be in place for September 2021, however I believe this is still in the planning. In the meantime, the East Region have delivered a couple of the mentoring courses, of which 3 learners from Norwich attended and two of those have now been endorsed as a mentor and already working with learners.

If anyone is interested in becoming a mentor, please get in touch and I can discuss the criteria and see if it is something you can help with.

If anyone has any queries or questions around mentoring from a mentor or mentee point of view, please get in touch, I am here to support both.

## **8.7 SCHOOLS SECRETARY– Jill Masdin**

### **National Schools Competition – county round**

These were held in November 2021 at the UEA and, although COVID did affect some schools, we still managed to have some great competitions.

Representing Norfolk in the East regionals held in January at Stanborough School were;

U19 – Norwich School & Wymondham College

U16 – Norwich School & Norwich School for Girls'

U14 – Norwich School & Wymondham College

Thanks, as ever, to all those involved in helping run all our schools' tournaments and leagues in our areas as well as our county finals.

Hopefully we will restart our league finals in March next year for the U13 & U15s as this year we felt that there were too many schools affected by COVID.

A successful introduction in the North area has been a 'rock up & play' concept. This means that on a given night each week one age group are invited to Aylsham School. On the day, we know which schools are going and a mini tournament is organised. It has been implemented to encourage more girls to have the opportunity to play netball against all schools in the area in a chilled atmosphere and with relaxed umpiring, at times. This is going to be discussed with all the other areas to see if they want to use this format as well as, if they want the serious matches that are being played. Anything to get more girls playing netball around the county!

## **8.8 NORFOLK NETBALL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER – Philippa Hicks**

Over the last year Netball has been recovering from the impact of Covid, and as we have seen the sport return we just wanted to start by saying a huge thank you to the Norfolk Committee, League Committees, Clubs and Members for their continued support over the last season. It really has been a



team effort in getting everyone back to the court and we could not have done it without the passion and support from our wonderful volunteers.

We have continued to see women and girls return to the netball court and have had some great successes over the season, some of which we will detail in the report below.

After over 9 years as the Norfolk NDO, Jenny Day has moved on to pastures new as a School Games Organiser, we would like to thank Jenny for the work she did over this time and to wish her luck in her new adventures. A new NDO has been appointed and they are very much looking forward to meeting and working with everyone in the County.

**League, clubs and members** - We are pleased to report that by the end of the season all 5 leagues had returned to play, although it is worth noting some are running with less teams at present. In total 54/77 clubs have returned, with 1322 members now affiliated to England Netball and the County (19/20 membership was 1582, so currently an 84% return rate). We will continue to work with the committee, leagues and clubs to support those who have not yet returned but wish to over the next season, please do contact your new NDO if your clubs require any help in getting players back to the court.

**Junior Netball** – A successful junior tournament was held on the 14th November on the new netball courts at Old Buckenham High School. Teams from Trowse, NU Alysham and Langley/Beebles played under 13's. it was a great participation tournament with lots of fun had by all.

**Norfolk County School Cup 2022** – A number of schools took part in the County School cup event, 9 schools in the under 11's age group, 19 schools in the under 12 age group and 20 schools in the under 13 age group. It was great to see so many different schools in attendance at the event.

**Adult Participation Programmes** - During the 2021/2022 Season Walking Netball, Back to Netball and Netball Now sessions have returned across the county with some great numbers taking to the court. Due to the pandemic all participants were considered new as they had not played in the previous 12 months prior to joining. A huge thanks to our casual coaches Kerry Todd and Denise Skeels who have been assisting in the delivery of these sessions.

Figure 1 – Programmes and Participants

Programmes and Number of participants

Back to Netball	142
Walking Netball	90
Netball Now	181
<b>Total</b>	<b>413</b>

A number of festivals have been organised to give Back to Netball and Walking Netball participants further playing opportunities including the UEA SportsPark Walking Netball festival – 16th January – 4 teams took part with lots of regular and new faces taking to the court for a wiggle and a giggle.

A number of teams attending the Regional Back to Netball and Walking Netball festival's held in Cambridgeshire on 19th March. Both Lynn Grove Walking Netball and Old Catton Back to Netball teams were in attendance.

A very successful Netball Youth Camps were run in collaboration with the Suffolk NDO Donna Finch in which 32 girls attended a one-day camp at Langley Prep School. We hope this will continue over the forthcoming year and we continue to work with schools to offer further camps in the County.

The first mixed netball tournament was held on 5th March 2022 with 9 teams entering. Although the weather was not great, it was a really successful day and a great opportunity to engage men in our great game.

**Learning and Development** The following courses have been delivered across the East over the 2021/2022 season, and were accessible to netballers from the Norfolk County:

- 1 x Bee Netball was successfully delivered on 15th January in Thetford.
- The East provided L&D with insight to accommodate 6 x L1s, so one per county. Level 1 courses are now completely virtual so learners can attend any course they are available for.
- 1 x L2 course was delivered in Ipswich Suffolk, this was to accommodate learners from Suffolk and Norfolk.

The new One Awards were launched in March 2022 (formally known as the Golden Globes), with a slightly revamped nomination process and a rebrand, we are delighted to confirm that an outstanding 22 nominations received from Norfolk alone.

### Regional staff contacts

Netball Development Offer to be appointed shortly

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8.9 **PUBLICITY / WEBSITE** – No report as position not held

### 8.10 **LOWESTOFT LEAGUE – Karen Oakley**

The league recommenced with normal playing rules on Tuesday 7th September, split between two venues - Lynn Grove Academy (2 courts) and Colville House, Lowestoft (1 Court). 13 teams played up to Christmas in a round robin format. It had been agreed at the AGM in July 2021 that after Christmas teams would be re-grouped into two divisions depending on where they finished prior to Christmas. Due to the lack of netball some teams had struggled to get a full quota of players and it was agreed that until new members can be found and as these matches were friendlies then anyone short of players could borrow from other teams. This worked very well as no matches needed to be cancelled or postponed. After Christmas it was decided not to split into two divisions as final placing with teams using other players didn't give a true reflection but to continue with the round robins format.

At the AGM held face to face on Tuesday, the League said a fond farewell to Karen Oakley as Vice Chair and thanked her for her many many years of involvement on the committee.

The following current committee members were re-elected: Chair Sharon Boyd, Secretary Sheelagh Redpath, Affiliation Melanie Sandford, Fixtures Nicola Caswell, Umpiring Eleanor Shulver. It was with great pleasure for the first time in a long time at an AGM that the following members stepped up to be on the Committee Cherie Knights, Kelly Jo Gage, Katherine Turton.

The following awards were presented:-

Fair players to: Lorraine Baldwin from Luna and Ava Rogers from Loddon.

The Linda Crisp Award for services to Umpiring went to Madison Oakley for not only achieving the C Award at 16 years of age but for her commitment to umpiring not only in Lowestoft but around Norfolk and other East region counties. Madison was not able to be at the AGM, so flowers and a shield were presented by Sammy Harwood (Linda's daughter) and Wendy Moore (Linda's sister) to a very proud mum Karen Oakley.

Sheelagh Redpath received the Lyn Elvin Award for her commitment and dedication in keeping netball going particularly during the Covid period

It was agreed that the summer league would run through until the end of July and would again be friendlies but this time with a handicap system.

### 8.11 NORTH NORFOLK LEAGUE – Cheryl Zeebroek

#### 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022

The league recommenced from 9<sup>th</sup> May 2021 with a pay and play format. This ran through the Summer until the beginning of Sept where our Sunday league got back in to action. This has happened through the Spond app which currently has 82 members.

#### Sept to early January 2022

The league ran every two weeks with 6 teams playing a rotation of 9am and 10am games. During November a new team expressed interest and teams had raised to the committee that they would like to play more often.

#### Jan to May 2022

We are now running a weekly format, with 7 teams. Games are at 9am and 10am, Sundays at Aylsham High School.

	Players	Juniors	Umpires	Qualifications
Venus	10	0	1	B
Stars	10	10	0	N/A
Planets	14	0	1	Beginner
Lions	12	2	4	1 B, 2C and a beginner
Jets	9	0	0	2 have IOA beginners
Supernova	10	0	0	KB progressing into an award
Stalham	10	1	0	N/A
Totals	<b>75</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>6</b>	

Table is updated weekly and posted on the spond app. Our code is LVIRO.

Although we lost some teams pre and post covid we now have three new teams playing. Stalham, Supernovas and Jets.

As you can see from the table above some teams lack umpires. This was highlighted on our SWOT analysis. At present Shelley has liaised and secured several umpires that will travel from Norwich to support these teams to ensure that the league can run smoothly

### Jean Liddle

This happened again this year on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2022

16 teams played over the morning and afternoon.

£653 was raised for charity.

The North Norfolk netball committee supported the Aylsham High prom committee in raising funds through a coffee and snack shop.

### 8.12 NORWICH NETBALL LEAGUE – Jason Gill

We had an almost uninterrupted winter league.

The indoor league consisting of 6 divisions of 6 teams played at UEA finished with all games being played with promotions and relegations.

The 2 friendly leagues played at open academy on Monday and City Academy on Thursday were, again successful with only a couple of weeks effected by the weather.

We are now halfway through our summer league and have a few new teams competing.

We have 6 divisions of 8 teams playing at various venues Monday to Thursday.

Some newly qualified umpires and progressing umpires keep the games in order, for the most part.

We are in need of some volunteers for the committee to keep things running but hope to recruit soon.

### 8.13 SOUTH NORFOLK NETBALL LEAGUE – Gill Jennings

Now that Covid restrictions have eased we managed to play a full winter league from September 2021 to March 2022 albeit with only five teams. We lost approximately 4 teams post Covid, however, for the teams and players that did enter, this was a just all about getting back on court. We had four rounds of playing each other which was a good mix of not so competitive games and competitive games for all. I think this worked well and all players enjoyed the mix.

Final Tables South Norfolk Winter League 2021 - 2022

	Played	Points	Won	Drew	Lost	GF	GA	GD	Position
PHOENIX A	16	48	16	0	0	680	341	339	1
PINK ARROWS	16	29	8	0	8	412	465	-53	3
SWIFTS	16	36	11	0	5	535	401	134	2
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DISS	16	6	0	0	16	217	633	416	5
THETFORD	16	24	5	0	11	461	454	7	4

Due to being a very small league we struggle with attracting new teams due to having very few umpires.

Although we have very good courts at Rickinghall village Hall, we are mid-way between Norwich league and West Suffolk league, which also may be a hinder to our ability to gain new teams.

Instead of organising a summer league 2022 we are currently holding 'Netball Now' sessions until July. We held the first session this week with 14 participants; not a bad turn out and we did have a few new players come along, however, it has been mainly made up of existing players. Subsequent sessions have seen an increase which has been good.

#### **8.14 WEST NORFOLK LEAGUE – Linda Rumbold**

How nice it is to be back!

WNNL has managed to stage a comeback, finally, and a few thank yous are in order; to Jenny for organising Netball Now to whet the appetites of some pre-existing players/teams as well as some new; to Sheelagh for her support and enthusiasm when she visited us and to Jo (Walton) for helping deliver Netball Now and for the hands on work she does untiringly every Tuesday evening.

We did have 17 teams before the pandemic and although we have only had 7 this season there has been a great atmosphere and the pleasure of being back at KES is palpable. We have one team returning in September, we hope there will be more and that we will be able to run a proper, competitive league - we may have to experiment with the format, we may adopt a handicap system.

This season we have lost a few games to covid but as far as we know no cases were linked to the league. We have followed some basic protocols, one way system, no handshaking and sanitising the ball and posts before the start of the game and at every break. I don't think anyone has felt unsafe and I hope that the current rise in cases that seems to have begun will not quell ardour and that next winter season will not be beleaguered by restrictions.

We are still experiencing court problems - some of the lines are again non-existent which causes problems for players and umpires alike. However, the Head of Department at the school is very motivated to help and liaise with the new trust to get the courts refurbished and new posts are already on order.

We have several umpires who are wanting to progress their qualifications and we are hoping that more will come forward from the 2 new teams we have in the league.

Our AGM is on the 28 June 2022 and although we still hold Committee Meetings via Zoom, this will be face-to-face which we thought would be more welcoming for the new teams - and a better way to coerce, I mean co-opt, new faces to Committee roles. I am very pleased that all existing officers are willing to stand again and thank them for their support through very challenging times. A testament I think to the regard we hold for the game that is netball and WNNL.

AH asked that all reports be voted on block. Proposed by SB and seconded by AC and agreed.

#### **9. PROPOSALS/CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION (IF ANY)**

It was confirmed that the changes made to the constitution were more about tidying up some of the information etc i.e. changing the numbering and abbreviations written out in full. No one had any comments to be made so AB proposed and JM Seconded and changes were agreed.

## 10. ELECTION OF OFFICERS / COMMITTEE

The current positions on the committee are Vice Chair, Secretary and Publicity Officer. AH asked if the following who were all willing to stand be voted in on block

Hon. President – Mandy Carrick  
Vice President - Sheelagh Redpath  
Chair - Anne Harper  
Treasurer – Anna Bright  
Covid-19 Officer – Sheelagh Redpath  
Officiating Lead – Sophie Pike  
Competition Lead – Shelley James  
Performance Lead – Gemma Ashton  
Schools Secretary – Jill Masdin  
Coaching Lead – Kerry Todd

Proposed by RR and seconded by GJ and agreed

**Vice Chair:** AC is stepping down as our vice chair. AH thanked AC for all her hard work over many years – it's a shame but we know that she will not be disappearing from netball.

It has only been this week that AH had an email from someone who was happy to take on the role, this person is Sue Howard and is keen to join the committee. The appointment of Sue Howard as Vice Chair proposed by MH and seconded by SW was agreed.

**Hon. Secretary:** AH thanked SR for stepping in and acting as Interim secretary for the past year. Debbie Sutton had been proposed by Premier and seconded by Wymondham Wildcats and this was accepted unanimously

**Publicity Secretary:** Currently some of this work had been undertaken by the previous Norfolk NDO and it was not known if the same would happen when the new NDO starts.

VA asked what the role entailed. AH confirmed that it was keeping Website, Facebook etc up to date which could include rules updates or requests for umpires for tournament etc.

VA confirmed that she was happy to do it for an interim period. MH asked if VA had enough time with her current Norwich duties; VA confirmed "Absolutely" as she did this as part of her day job.

AH asked for a proposer and seconder and SR confirmed that virtually everyone hands had gone up so it was confirmed as a unanimous vote to accept VA as Publicity Secretary. AH thanks VA.

JW asked if it was possible to know who the new NDO was. AH confirmed that it was Andrea Eggleton who some members might know from Rookies. It was noted that whilst Andrea was not from Norfolk she was on the border in Cambridgeshire and would be due to start late June/July 2022

## 11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

MH wanted to re-confirm what the total cost of O18 members in Norfolk would be. £37.50 + £5.30 + East region fee £1.20 making a total of £44 for O18's together with club fees etc.

There being no other business AH thanked everyone for attending and apologised about IT issues at the start.

12. **DATE OF NEXT AGM** 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023

The meeting closed at approximately 8.30pm.