

MINUTES OF THE NCNA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held on

FRIDAY 21 JUNE 2024

Diamond Centre, Sprowston, Norwich Nr7 8TR

Present:

Mandy Carrick	President
Sheelagh Redpath	Vice President
Anne Harper	Chairperson
Karen Mobbs	Hon Secretary
Sophie Pike	County Officiating Lead
Gemma Ashton	Player Development Lead
Jill Masdin	Schools Rep
Shelly James	Competition Lead / North Norfolk Rep
Gill Jennings	South Norfolk Rep
Karen Oakley	East Norfolk Rep

Clubs Present:

Adelaide Ottaway	Stalham
Penny Kidman	Stalham
Georgia Clarke	Stalham
Vicky Bailey	Stalham
Sarah Wagstaff	Thoroughbreds
Susie Bratby	Thetford
Patricia Allen	Belton
Myra Hawtree	Wrens
Barbara Rogers	Cliff Park
Steve Rogers	Cliff Park
Jo Loombe	Knights / Norwich Netball League

Apologies:

Sue Howard	Vice Chairperson
Anna Bright	Hon Treasurer
Sue Brown	Umpiring Mentor Lead
Lauren Jordan	Safeguarding Lead
Jo Walton	West Norfolk Rep
Anoushka Williamson	Norfolk Development Officer

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

Anne Harper, chairperson, opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were noted.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 June 2023 were received and accepted. Proposed by Sophie Pike and seconded by Jill Masdin. All in favour.

4. MATTERS ARISING

4.1 Charitable Donations

Following the decision at the last AGM the respective families were contacted. In respect of the Jean Liddle tournament, the family agreed that the proceeds could be divided 50/50; County Netball retaining 50% and the balance divided between the three winning teams, approximately £200 to each nominated charity.

However, the family of Lyn Elvin felt all monies should continue to go to Big C. The County respected their wishes and all monies made were donated to Big C.

The Committee then looked at alternative ways to raise funds. The Spring Tournament was one and the Committee was hoping to open up this tournament to unaffiliated players. Some unaffiliated players had also expressed an interest to participate in the Lyn Elvin tournament in support of their past friend.

Unfortunately, County had some difficulties securing insurance due to EN conditions so unaffiliated players were not able to take part. It is hoped that insurance will be in place by the next planned Spring tournament.

4.2 Insurance

The Vice Chair of County has been trying to seek clarity from EN regarding the conditions of insurance since February. Currently, it appears that all insurance is void if unaffiliated players are participating in a game even with a qualified umpire.

It was suggested that Howdens, the insurance brokers for EN, should be contacted direct to seek clarification. Action: Vice Chair

5. TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE ANNUAL REPORT

The annual report was received and accepted. Proposed by Patricia Allen and seconded by Myra Hawtree. All in favour.

The Chair added to her report by thanking all members of the NCNA committee for their hard work and dedication.

6. TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE ACCOUNTS

The year end accounts were received and accepted. Proposed by Karen Oakley and seconded by Gemma Ashton All in favour.

It was confirmed that, unfortunately, EN do not provide a breakdown of payments made in respect of affiliations or income generated by the NDO. A breakdown of membership would be useful to ascertain if numbers are increasing. It was noted that the Chairperson has already made comment regarding this issue within her annual report to the East.

Sheelagh Redpath stated there were approximately 1,872 total affiliations for Norfolk; comprising O18 – 1212, U18 – 339, U14 – 221 and U11 - 100.

It was agreed that, if possible, a breakdown will be circulated post meeting. Action: Chair/Treasurer.

Walking Netball is a Partnership Agreement with EN and all monies are returned to Norfolk county.

The work and value of the NDO was fully discussed and the Chairperson confirmed that all Counties had an NDO.

7. AFFILIATION FEES

EN have confirmed their increase in fees as:

- Over 18 up by £0.90 to £39.90
- Under 18 up by £0.40 to £18.40
- Under 14 up by £0.20 to £10.20
- Under 11 up by £0.15 to £7.15
- Social & Supporting up by £0.34 to £15.35

It was noted that EN set their fees before the Regions, and subsequently Counties, can set theirs. Norfolk have not increased fees for two years. Unfortunately, due to the timing of the release of the proposed EN affiliation fees, the NCNA committee did not have time to review the fees for Norfolk. A proposal will be made at the 2025 AGM.

The current fees for Norfolk are

- Over 18 £5.30
- Under 18 £4.10
- Under 14 £1.60
- Under 11 no charge

Taking into consideration the previous discussions, it was felt by those present that an increase should be imposed. Suggestions were received with a final proposal to increase Over 18's by 70p to £6 received. All other categories to remain unchanged.

The recommendation to hold an EGM to increase the fees was received, proposed by Sarah Wagstaff and seconded by Vicky Bailey. All in favour. Motion carried. Action: NCNA to arrange EGM

8. TO RECEIVE REPORTS

All reports by the County Committee members were available on the County website and had been circulated via social media.

The reports were accepted. Proposed by Jill Masdin and seconded by Barbara Rogers. All in favour.

9. CONSTITUTION

There were no proposed changes to the constitution.

10. ELECTION OF OFFICERS & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

10.1 Current Committee

President Exec	Mandy Carrick
Vice President Exec	Sheelagh Redpath
Chair Exec	Anne Harper
Vice Chair Exec	Sue Howard
Hon Treasurer Exec	Anna Bright – standing down
Hon Secretary Exec	Karen Mobbs
County Officiating Lead	Sophie Pike
Competition Lead	Michelle James
Schools Representative	Jill Masdin
Player Development Lead	Gemma Ashton
Umpiring Mentor Lead	Sue Brown
Safeguarding Lead	Lauren Jordan
Resolution Officer	Mandy Carrick
Belongings & Inclusion Officer	Roz Russell – standing down
Development Officer	Anoushka Williamson - resigned
East Norfolk Representative	Karen Oakley
North Norfolk Representative	Michelle James
Norwich Representative	Vicky Askew
South Norfolk Representative	Gill Jennings
West Norfolk Representative	Jo Walton

Unfortunately, since the publication of the agenda, Anna Bright, Treasurer, and Roz Russell, Belongings and Inclusion Officer, have resigned from their respective posts. The NDO, Anoushka Williamson, has also resigned to take up a full-time position with the Football Association. This post is being advertised by EN.

The Chairperson gave thanks to Anna Bright and Roz Russell for their hard work. Thanks to Roz, the UEA diversity programme will now include netball on its rota of sports.

Vicky Arnall, publicity officer, stepped down from the role during the year.

10.2 Nominations invited for

- Hon Treasurer: no nomination received, position vacant
- Coaching Lead: no nomination received, position vacant
- Publicity Officer: no nomination received, position vacant.
- Youth Representative: no nomination received, position vacant.
- Belongings & Inclusion Officer: no nomination received, position vacant
- Membership Secretary: nomination received
- Junior representative: proposal received

Sheelagh Redpath had been nominated as Membership Secretary. Proposed by Sophie Pike and seconded by Jill Masdin. All in favour.

Barbara Rogers offered, in conjunction with Vicky Franklin Brown (not present), to take on the Junior Representative post. This was agreed. All in favour. Joint role to be agreed after the meeting. Action: Chair

Sarah Wagstaff suggested that BTec students could take up one or more of the roles as part of their course. The Chairperson agreed to investigate further and contact Jenny Day. Action: Chair

Gemma Ashton agreed to publish the roles and responsibilities of the vacant posts on various social platforms and to clubs. Action: Gemma Ashton

Kate Clements from Thetford, who was unable to attend the meeting, had expressed an interest in joining the committee. R&Rs of the vacant positions to be sent to Kate. Action: Gemma Ashton

It was noted that Helen Rowe is trying to establish a junior club but a CAPS accreditation was required. It was unanimously agreed by all present that more junior clubs are needed; Thoroughbreds are inundated with enquiries. Action: Chairperson to ascertain what a CAPS accreditation is.

[PostScript: After the meeting Sue Howard offered to work with Anna Bright as interim treasurer until a new treasurer is appointed.]

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 Coaching

The level 2 coaching training course is a full day's session. Anne Harper to raise at the next East Region meeting to ascertain the reasoning. Action: Chair

The Chairperson reminded those present that funding is available for Level 2 coaching. Applications need to be made to the County.

11.2 Umpiring

In response to questioning, Sophie Pike confirmed that it is an EN directive that those umpires working towards an IOA accreditation must have their mentor present when umpiring any game. If this is not possible, the co-umpire must be qualified. This is for insurance purposes.

11.3 Leagues

The Chairperson encouraged teams from the Norwich Netball League to support and participate in some of the smaller leagues.

12. EAST REGION LONG SERVICE AWARDS

In recognition of their service and dedication to netball, long service awards were presented by Anne Harper to Gill Jennings, Jill Masdin, Jo Loombe, Karen Oakley, Mandy Carrick, Myra Hawtree and Sarah Wagstaff.

Over the coming weeks further awards will be given to Marilyn Motala, Gary Burgess, Avril Chandler and Jo Walton.

13. Date of the Next Meeting

The next annual general meeting will be held on Friday 27 June 2025.

Future annual general meetings will be held:

19 June 2026
18 June 2027
16 June 2028

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 9:05pm