

# NORTH LONDON NETBALL LEAGUE

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

25<sup>th</sup> June 2009

at Our Lady of St George & Mount Carmel, the Parish Centre, Enfield

**Present:** A representative from each team in the league except those who are withdrawing next season. Due to exceptional circumstances some club representatives were unable to attend.

**Apologies:** None

### 1. Chair's Opening Remarks

League Chairman, Cathy Gallagher thanked all representatives for coming along and all clubs for helping to make the 2008/09 season a successful one.

Winners and runners up of each were announced as follows and trophies were presented.

Division	Winner	Runner Up
Premier	Minchenden B	Cumberland A
First	Minchenden C	Hyde Park B
Second	Minchenden D	Hyde Park D
Third	Poly B	Old Fincunians B
Fourth	Troy B	Brittania A
Fifth	Minchenden G	Poly C

### 2. Minutes of last year's AGM and Matters arising

#### Matters arising from the minutes of the last year's AGM

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

Cathy Gallagher, chair of the league asked for teams to agree the minutes as a true and accurate record - All teams approved.

### 3. Secretary's report

Lucy Mitchell thanked everyone for coming to the AGM and for making this season such a success. She also thanked everyone on the committee for all their hard work in making sure that the league ran smoothly. The secretary's report is below.

We have come the end of yet another successful season for the North London Netball League. I believe the standard of play has improved, and so too has the umpiring, particularly in the upper divisions.

With the introduction of the bond this year we have had very few matches cancelled and there have been only a small number of occasions where we have needed to deduct funds from club bonds. The bond has therefore been very successful and seems to have acted as an effective deterrent to those teams who were cancelling matches frequently.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Minchenden NC on an incredibly successful season having won the premier division as well as divisions 1, 2 and 5. They also won the end of season rally.

As last year, we are continuing to amend the league rules where necessary. As the league develops and changes shape, we need to change some rules and introduce others. This will, we believe, help to make the administration of the league more robust, fairer and easier for clubs to understand.

#### **End of season rally**

The summer rally held on Sunday 26th April 2009 went very well. Minchenden NC won the upper rally and the lower rally was won by Troy B.

Thanks to all those who helped out with the organisation of the rally.

#### **Summer League**

The Summer League is again proving popular and is currently under way.

Thanks to Kathy Newman who has organised it again this year and to Cathy Gallagher and May Isolda for running Wednesday and Thursday nights respectively.

#### **4. Treasurer's Report and Financial Statement**

The financial statement and report (attached) were circulated and discussed.

Claire Darling announced that although the league is running at a loss, the League reserves are still very healthy. This leaves the League in a strong position to go forward. With the current economic climate it was therefore suggested that subscription fees for next season remain the same.

The committee proposed the financial statement and accounts to the league and they were seconded by Old Fincunians.

#### **5. Umpiring Secretary's report**

Maria Mitchell gave a brief report on umpiring within the league (attached).

Ruth Shields of Oakwood NC raised a query about reimbursing £60 for an umpire mentoring scheme that was previously set up and failed to run. Maria Mitchell to resolve with Ruth directly.

#### **6. Publicity Secretary's report**

Lesley Tischler gave a brief report on the league website and potentially starting up a newsletter (attached).

#### **7. Proposed Changes to the constitution and rules.**

The committee proposed some minor changes to the rules, which have been circulated, discussed and \_\_\_\_\_ agreed \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ all.

#### **8. Election of Officers for 2009/10 Season**

Cathy Gallagher explained that both Lucy Mitchell and Sue Brown are resigning from their joint role as secretary. May Isolda has offered to stand as Secretary and Lucy Mitchell has offered to stand as Fixtures Secretary. There are no other committee members standing down and there were no other nominations. These nominations were seconded by Minchenden, as follows:

The officers are:

President

Carole Pennery

Chair

Cathy Gallagher

Secretary	May Isolda
Treasurer	Clare Darling
Registration Secretary	Kathy Newman
Fixtures and Results Secretary	Lucy Mitchell
Umpiring and Coaching Secretary	Maria Mitchell
Publicity Secretary	Lesley Tischler
Welfare Officer	Julia Holloway

## 9. Election of New Teams

The committee proposed that Monkfrith enter a B team into the league for the next season space permitting. Palmers Green NC seconded the motion.

## 10. Dates for Winter Season and Registration evening.

Cathy Gallagher read out the dates for the next season and there was some discussion about ensuring there were no clashes with the Broxbourne league in Hertfordshire. Asco requested permission to rearrange clashing fixtures. The league agreed to consider rearranging fixtures on a case-by-case basis. The committee agreed dates for the 2009/10 season are as follows:

September	5 & 19
October	3, 17 & 31
November	14 & 28
December	5 & 12 (Spare date)
January	9 (Spare date), 16 & 30
February	6 & 20
March	6, 20 & 27 (Spare date)

Rally                      Date to be confirmed

## Registration Evening

All clubs must send a representative to the registration evening for the 2009/10 season to pay the balance of the registration fees and pick up fixtures lists etc. This drop-in meeting will be held this year on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August at the hut in Broomfield Park, Aldermans Hill, N14 from 7 – 8pm. The committee will be sending out details and forms nearer the time, but please make sure this is in a club diary and that someone from each club can attend to register the teams.

## 11. AOB

### Award for Carole Pennery

Lindsay Sartori presented an award on behalf of the league to Carole Pennery in recognition of her outstanding contribution to the league.

### 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

With the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the league fast approaching it was agreed that a sub committee should be set up. Any volunteers would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Cathy Gallagher or May Isolda for more information.

**AGM for next year will be held in June 2010 on a date and in a venue to be advised.**

**The meeting closed at 8:20pm**