

# NORTH LONDON JUNIOR NETBALL LEAGUE

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 25 JUNE 2009

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

**Present:** Asco, Britannia Youth, Cheshunt, Cumberland, Minchenden, Oakwood, Palmers Green, Troy, Turnford

**Committee:** Sonia Williams, Kath Newman, Julia Holloway, Clare Darling

**Apologies:** St Paul's

**Absent:** Hillside Flames, Islington

### 1. Welcome & Introduction

Sonia Williams opened the meeting, welcoming all club representatives and made an official introduction to those who were not familiar with her. Sonia also expressed thanks and appreciation to Julie Brown for a very smooth hand over and all her help and advice throughout the season. Thanks were also extended to teams and clubs for their co-operation and for helping to make the 2008/09 season a successful one. Also "Big Thank You" to Ruth Shields for managing and organising the results as quickly as possible.

At this point Ruth commented on the length of time it takes to receive score cards which caused some delays in publishing the results. Ruth also announced that she will be stepping down as Fixtures Secretary but has agreed to remain as Registration Secretary.

Following discussions it has been agreed that all clubs **must leave their fully completed** scorecards in the box provided inside the hut after their game or by the end of the day. Kath Newman has agreed to collect the junior scorecards at the end of the day. Failure to submit fully completed score cards at the end of the day will result in 1 point being deducted from teams' total score, as per 6.2 of the rules. A reminder will be sent out to teams at the start of the season. In addition the committee has agreed to look at compiling the junior results in the same format as the seniors.

### 2. Minutes of last year's AGM on 12 June 2008 & matters arising.

Sonia was not made aware of any matters arising from the minutes of the last AGM. However, on behalf of Asco, Elaine Smith raised an outstanding query regarding the possibility of reviewing the times of the junior games. This was discussed further under A.O.B

### 3. Secretary's Report

Congratulations were passed to the winners and runners up and to all the other clubs that have supported the league during the winter. This season was another exciting and eventful one. It was closely contended with the runners' ups narrowly missing out on goal difference and 1 point. Winners and Runners' Up were presented with their trophies and medals.

Division	Winner	Runner Up
Under 12	Turnford 2	Oakwood 'C'
Under 14	Oakwood 'A'	Turnford 1
Under 16	Britannia Youth	Minchenden 1

It was a little unfortunate that towards the end of the season, several of the North London dates clashed with the Turnford League which resulted in cancellations. To limit/avoid this occurring again, the committee has made attempts to obtain Turnford League dates for this coming season but it has not been published as yet.

### **Dates for Winter Season and Registration evening**

**Provisional dates** for next season have been scheduled as follows:

September 19<sup>th</sup> (U16's only)

October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>

October 11<sup>th</sup> **AUTUMN RALLY TBC**

November 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>

December 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> (**SPARE DATE**)

January 9<sup>th</sup> (**SPARE DATE**), 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>

February 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>

March 6<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> (**SPARE DATE**)

It may be necessary to add extra date/s. However, once the fixtures are confirmed, cancellations will not be permitted unless it is due to bad weather. "Spare Dates" are always allocated in these circumstances. The league and committee are not prepared to rearrange any games unless they are advised well before the start of the season.

I have been given a list of the National competition dates (provisional) as well as the Middx Schools dates which are listed below. If these dates are likely to affect your club, then please let me know ASAP and I can arrange the fixtures accordingly. As in the previous season you must let me know **NO LATER THAN 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY. But I must receive your application forms no later than 15<sup>th</sup> July.** This will then give me time to prepare the fixtures well in time for the start of the season. As always, email is the preferred form of contact.

**School holidays will endeavour to be avoided and spare dates must be used for any clubs giving pre season advance notice for any unavailability.**

U16/19 prelims:	14 November 2009
U14/15 prelims:	21 November 2009
1st round National Schools:	5 December 2009
County Finals Saturday:	13 March 2010
U12/13:	23 March 2010

Due to other commitments I was unable to organise and run the junior summer league. I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to Pat Ryland for taking on the task. The feedback from the floor was very positive. The autumn rally will continue as usual and is likely to take place on Mid October but is yet to be confirmed.

Registration evening will now take place on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2009 7:00pm-8:00pm at Broomfield Park, inside the hut. All clubs must send a representative to the registration evening for the 2009/10 season. You will be able to collect the new fixtures and rules in return for your payment of £40 per team. **Cheques should be made payable to NLNL.**

Please make sure this is in a club diary and that someone from each club can attend to register the teams. Failure to do this could result in non admittance to the league.

## **New Teams & Applications for 2009/2010**

Prior to the AGM I received one request from Cheshunt Netball to join in the U14's group this season. As there were no objections I would like to welcome Cheshunt to the league. I have not received any notification of teams wishing to withdraw which is extremely positive. During the senior AGM I was approached by a representative from Old Fincs Netball Club expressing their interest in entering a team in the U16's group. If anyone has any objections to their request then please let me know, in writing, **no later than 31<sup>st</sup> July 2009.**

It has been noted that representatives for Hillside Flames and Islington were not present at the AGM and will now have to seek re-entry into the league. An email has been sent to the club's respective representative. However, I have not had a response to date.

To date I have received applications from the following teams/clubs:

### **U16's:**

**Britannia Youth  
Cumberland  
Troy  
Turnford 1  
Asco 1  
Asco 2  
Minchenden Diamonds  
Barnet East Panthers**

### **U14's:**

**Cumberland  
Oakwood 'A'  
Troy  
Turnford 2  
Turnford 3  
PGNC (PACERS)  
PGNC (JETS)  
ASCO 3  
ASCO 4  
MINCHENDEN SAPPHIRES**

### **U12's**

**Oakwood 'B'  
Oakwood 'C'  
Turnford 4  
ST PAULS'  
PGNC (SAPPHIRES)  
ASCO 5  
ASCO 6  
ASCO 7  
MINCHENDEN PEBBLES**

It has been agreed that U14's & U12's games will now start and finish on central timing. This will allow the games to run on time and give other teams the opportunity to warm up effectively prior to the start of their game. On the sound of the hooter the umpire's whistle will start and finish the games. Although a rota has not been formalised or agreed it is hoped that U14's & U12's Team Managers/Representatives will help with the task of operating the hooter. This arrangement will be reviewed at the end of year.

#### **4. Financial report**

The accounts for the 2008/09 season show a loss of £1,478.09 for the senior league and a loss of £360.61 for the junior league.

However, the league reserves are currently £4,624.67. Therefore it has been recommended that the league fees remain the same for this year due to the current economic climate, and the level of Reserves. The cost of courts has increased again this year, and the treasurer predicts that we will have to increase fees at the end of next season so that we maintain some funds in reserve.

#### **AOB**

As previously mentioned, Elaine Smith representing Asco, asked if the junior timetable could be reviewed. I have reviewed last year's minutes but no reference has been made to this issue. As I am unsure on the impact this will have, I will look into this when organising the fixtures for this coming season.

I have started arranging next season's fixtures and unfortunately it will not be possible to adjust the timetable whilst trying to avoid clashes with other competitions that take place throughout the season.

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

**The meeting closed at 7:10pm**