

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY NETBALL ASSOCIATION

AGM

WEDNESDAY 12TH JUNE 2024

1. Chairs Remarks

Cathy thanked everyone for coming and for the volunteers who are fabulous. This year we said hello to Lucy Prestedge who is back as our Netball Development Officer and Florrie Jones who is back volunteering as the Comp & YP lead. We also have Sally Whittle who is our NDCC too.

This year we have 6037 members, 22 leagues and 138 clubs in Hertfordshire.

Cathy has written a report for the East AGM booklet which will be shared.

A nod towards netball youth camps and results.

Great achievements to everyone.

Herts have a very strong Officiating Technical Group run by Anne-Marie Riddle.

Para netball in Hertfordshire is running a tournament on 30th June at Wodson Park. If you want to go to join in, then they'd welcome anyone

2. Apologies for Absence

Watford netball league, Bev Dean, Sally Whittle, Karen Cartwright

3. Minutes and Matters arising from last AGM 2023

No matters arising from the last minutes. Jan Newton proposed to accept the minutes of the last AGM as a true record and seconded by Brian Worrell. All in favour.

4. Awards 1&2

Joy Hooper Trophy - Rachel Smith

Rose Harris Award – Hemel Hempstead League

5. Treasurer's Report

a) Chris Beasley, HCN Treasurer, presented the 2023/24 accounts. There is a surplus of £X which includes £X which has been added to the NDO fund across the year. Membership income is £

“Restricted funds” are donations, and “Other Reserves” are Academy fund and NDO fund. Academy fund stands at £X and NDO fund stands at £X – used to fund 1.5 extra days NDO working for Herts and to be used in the event that EN & Sport England withdraw finance for the post. There is a huge amount of money in the NDO fund, and so we're going to reduce affiliation fees so we're not longer contributing to that fund.

Chris asked for queries from the floor- Brian Worrell asked about reserves, question about the restricted funds. How does anybody know whether they can apply for them or not? People in this room don't know whether they have a case to apply for the restricted funds or not unless there is a line for what they can be spent on. Suggestion that there is a note on the accounts to show what it

can be used for. The funds are to be used for development activities. Chris will add a comment on the accounts.

Chris proposed to accept the accounts as a true record and Sarah McClement seconded this, all in favour.

b) County affiliation fee for 2024/25 - HCNA proposed we reduce the HCNA membership fees to £4.50 adults, £4.40 aged 18 and under, £2.65 aged 14 and under, £2.70 aged 11 and under – Chris proposed and seconded by June Griffith, all in favour. England netball and East fees are remaining the same.

c) Appointment of auditor – Chris proposed we continue to use Daniel Wolfson accountant – seconded by Carole Titmuss, all in favour.

6. Awards 3 & 4

NexGen Outstanding Club – Herts Dynamos

Maureen Ball Young Volunteer Award – Ruby Peacock

7. Annual Reports from TSG leads

Officiating:

Anne-Marie Riddle explained to all that her report was in the booklet if anyone wanted to read it, Hertfordshire does amazing and this comes down to the amazing workforce we have. How do they do it? It's a framework we have and the standard we hold.

Thank you to all the workforce, the county committee, Lucy who fights our corner with EN and Florrie. Every County should have a Florrie, how she works out the Engage system is beyond us.

Two things that occurred this season, in Herts we had a B award pass, she came through injury and covid and shows commitment and passion for officiating. Congratulations to this person. It was the only pass in the Region.

In two years, Herts got 3 A award passes.

Dream team who works with people on the development pathway as of next year.

Congratulations to Jackie who is on the X as a cadet? AM to fill in.

Volunteers aren't paid not because they are worthless, it's because they're priceless.

Herts quote* AM to fill.

Congratulations to Sarah Small who was selected to officiate at the U19s National Schools final. Anne-Marie presented Sarah with a little prize.

Coaching and Safeguarding:

This year we've had a number of Herts members apply for the coaching grants this year from clubs.

Carole Titmuss explained her coaching report was in the booklet, but reminded all and referred all to the England netball website and reminded everyone they can ask the county for funding for coaching courses.

Safeguarding –Carole encouraged all clubs to get a Safeguarding officer, Carole has written a report on how clubs can get an officer.

Performance:

Emily spoke about how 250 athletes come to trials and they only took 48 athletes into the programme. This year they got rid of S&C as attendance was poor. She did a shout out to coaches. This year they have played lots of tournaments and the teams performed really well. Performance had a great sponsor this year. She thanked Herts County for sponsoring caps for the athletes.

Emily spoke about how their doors are always open for people to come along to our coaching sessions to watch and see the talent they look for.

The report is in the AGM booklet.

Emily shouted out that in Netball Europe 5/7 girls on the court representing England were from Herts!

Competition & Young People:

This year we saw an increase in schools in the tournaments.

Any questions please contact Florrie and refer to the report in the AGM booklet.

Netball development officer:

Lucy sent her thanks to HCNA for welcoming her and the clubs and leagues too.

Shoutout to NetballHer, if you haven't had a chance, please do check out the resources.

A big part of the NDO role is to support Back 2 Netball & Walking Netball. Alongside this, Lucy shared her upcoming priorities which are:

1. Strengthen the league experiences
2. Expand Bee Netball in primary schools
3. Deliver EN programmes through partners

Any questions please get in touch with Lucy and see report in AGM booklet.

Brian Worrell had a question about boys in Bee Netball and Lucy to get back to Brian.

8. Election of Officers

Florrie Jones in nominated to be the chair of Comp & YP proposed by X and seconded by X

Couty Chair- Cathy nominated by Chris Beasley and seconded by Rebecca Booth

Another officer?

9. Proposed Amendments to HCNA constitution

Talking to Debbie Gibbs who is our disciplinary officer, we would like to insert the following quote into our constitution.

The proposed amendment has been circulated to all members prior to the meeting and is as follows:

HCNA reserve the right to impose an interim suspension of up to one month from all netball activity for any player, coach, official or spectator who is the subject of an alleged breach of the England Netball Codes of Conduct subject to a severity assessment by the HCNA committee.

After discussion this was amended to:

HCNA reserve the right to impose an interim suspension of up to one month from all netball activity for any player, coach, official or spectator who is the subject of an alleged breach of the England Netball Codes of Conduct subject to a severity assessment by members of the HCNA committee, led by the Resolutions Officer.

To be inserted as point 12.5 in HCNA Constitution.

This was approved by all present and the Constitution will be amended to incorporate this paragraph.

Question around suspensions and notifying leagues. Whenever Herts are notified, Herts will notify leagues.

All were in favour with the proposed amends.

10. Awards 5 & 6

Daphne Payne Officials award – Yvonne Adshead

Dorothy Broad Administrator Award – Angela Kellett

11. Awards 7 & 8

Jenny Evans Coaching Award – Emily Drackford

Netball Teacher Award – Dawn Whiting

Netball East Long Service Awards

Jackie Mizon was presented with her long service award from Netball East.

Cathy read out the Herts nominations for the East One Awards.

12. Date of next AGM –

Wednesday 11th June 2025

AOB

The floor was asked if they had any matters or questions they would like to raise. None were forthcoming.

Brian Worrell thanked the HCNA committee for all their hard work and support for netball in the county.

June Griffith spoke about how well the senior teams have done in the Regional 10/29 clubs in the regional league were from Herts. East had one team promoted to the National league- Hatfield Hawks. Herts have dominated all the regional leagues. Hope to see next year that we win every division.

Thanked all volunteers for their hard work, she is so proud of everyone. Give yourself a round of applause!

In attendance

Christine Beasley	- Vice Chair & Treasurer
Cathy Williams	- Chair
Jan Newton	- Lead Mentor & Herts league Chair
Florrie Jones	- Stevenage Storm NC
June Griffith	- President & Hertford Hornets club
Beverley Dean	- Broxbourne & District League
Anne-Marie Riddle	- OTG lead
Liz Kearns	
Kim Piper	- Hertford & District league
Yvonne Adshead	- OTG member and East Region committee member
Brian Worrell	- Life Member
Lucy Chandler	- Wodson Park Netball club
Carla Chandler	- Wodson Park Netball club
Lee Cook	- Wodson Park Netball club
Jackie Bick	- Wodson Park Netball club
Sue Kersey	- Wodson Park Netball club
Erin Wilkinson	- Herts NDO
Abi Naugher	- Turnford Netball club
Georgie Elson	- Garden Fields school
Rachel Kirton	- Garden Fields school
Sue Jakeman	- Dacorum netball club
Julia Kay	- Bishops Stortford & District league
Sarah Small	- Buntingford netball club
Carole Titmuss	- Coaching Lead & Turnford netball club
C. Newton-Smith	- Herts Dynamos
Karen Cartwright	- Herts County netball league
Danni Titmuss	- Berkhamsted school
Stephen Bailey	- Berkhamsted netball league