

**MAIDENHEAD & DISTRICT NETBALL LEAGUE
MINUTES OF THE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

TUESDAY, 10 May 2011 - WAMDSAD SPORTS CLUB

Chairperson (Pam Thoday) opened meeting at 7.30 pm.

1. **Apologies** – None received.

The following teams not in attendance at meeting - Archers, Allsorts, Marlow Birds

2. **Minutes of last year's AGM 2010.**

The minutes of the 2010 AGM were proposed by Sue Hawkes and seconded by Dawn Denton.
Signed and accepted as a true record.

3. **Chairperson's Report**

Another year has passed and I can't believe how quickly it has all gone. Our divisional secretaries have had their work cut out for them this, especially the three new ones. Mistakes have been made along the way and they have had some difficult issues to deal with, not least with umpiring problems, but they have all dealt with everything extremely well. Without their time and commitment the evenings would not run as well as they have done so many thanks to all the div secs, for all their hard work.

All the committee, as always, have given 100% of their valuable time in running the league and, as in previous years, I can't thank them enough for all their support and hard work.

I know that many of you were sceptical about having scorers but many thanks must go to Sally for developing this in our league. Having been to the courts quite a few times this year I have only heard good things about introducing scorers, so it seems that the majority of you are now happy that this has been implemented and it all seems to be running smoothly.

This season certainly ended on a high with our 40th Anniversary Barn Dance which was held last Friday. For all of you who did not come along you missed an absolutely fantastic evening. The hall looked great, the food was amazing and the band were brilliant. As for the dancing, well it was such a good laugh and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Many thanks to Gina and Sally who did all the organising. Phyllis Avery, the past President and now a Honorary Life Member of England Netball came and gave a wonderful speech and presentation to Gina, the founder of the league and flowers were also given to Sally for all her hard work as well.

So all in all another good year for the league.

Results

Winter League 2010/11	<u>Division</u>	<u>Winners</u>	<u>Runners-up</u>
Monday	Premier	Pandair	Hanks
	1st Div	Magpies	Aspire
Tuesday	2nd Div	Fujitsu	Angels
	3rd Div	Veet Supremes	TVU Tigers
Wednesday	4th Div	The Crew	Flames
	5th Div	Eclipse	Windsor Royals
Start of Season Rallies	<u>Division</u>	<u>Winners</u>	<u>Runners-up</u>
Monday	Abandoned rain	Cancelled	Cancelled
	1st Div	Magpies	V Cross
Tuesday	2nd Div	Angels	AIT
	3rd Div	Cancelled	Cancelled
Wednesday	4th Div	Marlow Birds	TNT Tigers
	5th Div	Eclipse	Windsor Royals
End of Season Versatile Rallies	<u>Division</u>	<u>Winners</u>	<u>Runners-up</u>
Monday	Premier	Harborpoint	Hanks
	1st Div	Aspire	Black Magic
Tuesday	2nd Div	Angels	Girl Friday
	3rd Div	Veet Supremes	Red Rockets
Wednesday	4th Div	Flames	The Crew
	5th Div	Windsor Royals	Firebirds

Awards

20 Years or more Award

Joan Thompson

30 Years or more Award

Dawn Swadling of Bucks & Berks

Julie Howard of Castle Hill

Umpire Award C Award

Amanda White

Vicki Norcott

Chairperson's Award –Alexandra Short, The Scotch

Alexandra Short of the Scotch. Alex was diagnosed with breast cancer last year and since then she has undergone numerous courses of chemotherapy and is due to have surgery in June. Throughout this time she has continued with her netball as a player, coach umpire and assessor. She has carried on playing an excellent standard of netball as Goal Shooter for The Scotch in the Premier Division. She has also been coaching, managing and umpiring at schools and local netball clubs, including St Bernard's in Slough and the Windsor Royals. Alex is a tutor, assessor and internal verifier for the England Netball coaching programme. This is part of the UKCC programme. Her job involves training, assessing would be coaches at Level 1, 2 and 3, and assesses potential tutors for the programme. Within England Netball she also provides support for the trainee workforce. She has recently been running the Back to Netball sessions on Friday mornings at Windsor Leisure Centre.

Alex has been nominated for this award for her commitment, despite her illness, to her many roles within netball. Her team are very much looking forward to having her back fully fit and well after her surgery. The league also wishes you a speedy recovery.

President's Award – Joan Thompson, Brenda Fallowfield

Two ladies who have been nominated for this award, firstly to thank them for giving up their spare time so generously to help Gina with the Back to Netball on a Thursday night and also for their help generally. Gina only has to ring up one of them when she is an umpire short on a Tuesday evening and they are always there to help out. However, it's for their continuous help on a Thursday night with the Back to Netball that Gina would like to thank them for primarily. Gina could not run the Back to Netball without their help with coaching and umpiring. It gives the committee and Gina much pleasure in giving the President's Award to Joan Thompson and Brenda Fallowfield.

Special Award –Team Teach

The Special Award is going to a team who have not won a single game all season but who always turn up each week, keen to try their hardest and who are always smiling, enjoying their netball and who show such great sportsmanship. It gives the committee great pleasure in giving the Special Award to Division Four's Team Teach.

One Other Award – Ingrid Harris

There is a very special lady with us tonight who returned to netball to help mentor new umpires and I believe she has now been doing this for about 5/6 years. She has been in the league for many years and was, at one time, the Chairman of the league. She was my first mentor when I started to train as an umpire and I was very lucky to have her. She has now decided to hang up her whistle for the last time as she is finding it difficult now with her hip and also the cold nights. However, she has been fantastic at bringing on a few new umpires, and this year one of her ladies passed their C Award namely Amanda White. We will be sorry to see you go and from all of us we give you our thanks for all your help.

4. Treasurers Report

Sue Garrett provided the meeting with a breakdown and accounts for 2010/11. There will be no increase in fees for the forthcoming 2011/12 season. The league are celebrating their 40th anniversary, if it is your fifth year in the league you will receive a £40 rebate after fees are collected. We have a dispute of £3,640.80 court fees with the Council.

5. **Update of MDNL Rules and Constitution**

The Committee have spent six hours making proposed changes to rules. The changes were voted in on block. The Rules and Constitution will be e-mailed to all teams in September 2011.

6. **Umpiring Secretary's Report – Bev Goodman**

Many thanks to line walkers and mentors and we now have 20 new trainee umpires.

7. **Junior Netball – Sally Gray**

The Magnet Netball Club is still coaching approx 130 girls and have 4 over 14 teams playing in the Maidenhead League and various other leagues and tournaments. The RBWM Netball Partnership Club continues to go from strength to strength. We have a waiting list in all year groups for netball coaching. Sally thanked umpires who have helped out over the last year and taking players to matches or tournaments.

8. **Scoring**

- First year has been very successful.
- Main criticism is people need to shout louder.
- Scorers are uncertain where to stand and what to call out.
- Use of the band is now universal.
- At Start of Season Rallies will hand out layout of where to stand and what to say.

9. **Press Officer's Report – Sally Gray**

Press reports are placed every week with the Maidenhead Advertiser. The RBWM website is under construction and will be up and running shortly.

10. **Berkshire Netball Report**

Berkshire Netball AGM to be held next week at the Blue Mountain Golf Club on Monday, 16 May at 7.30 pm. The Berkshire Netball Presentation Evening is on Friday, 20 May at 7.30 pm at the Blue Mountain Golf Club, Binfield.

Netball South Region's AGM is on Thursday, 16 June at the Basingstoke Ruby Club 7.15 pm start.

11. **Election of Officers**

The Committee is happy to stand for re-election as a whole unless there is anyone else who would like to put themselves forward. The Committee were voted in on block.

12. **Dates for the Diary 2011/12**

Berkshire Open Netball Tournament Sunday 12 June at Cantley Park, Wokingham.

A handicap netball tournament to celebrate the league's 40th anniversary to be held on 9 July at Kidwells Park.

A rules evening for Divisions 4 and 5 prior to the start of season rallies date to be advised.

Start of season rallies Premier Division Monday 12 September Division 1 umpires to umpire
1st Division Monday 19 September Premier umpires to umpire
2nd Division Tuesday 13 September Division 3 umpires to umpire
3rd Division Tuesday 20 September Division 2 umpires to umpire
4th Division Wednesday 14 September Division 5 umpires to umpire
5th Division Wednesday 21 September Division 4 umpires to umpire

Start of League Monday 26 September
 Tuesday 27 September
 Wednesday 28 September

Half Term Week commencing Monday 24 October 2010

Start of League after Christmas 2012 – week commencing Monday, 9 January 2012

13. **Any Other Business**

Due to the poor turnout last May for umpiring courses the Committee has decided not to run any this year.

All teams to play in netball skirts and the same colour strips.

Team Captains to ensure all players have a copy of the new rules and constitution.

Gina to trial during the summer league 4 x 10 minute games.

A few errors with keeping scores on the Scoring Board has been experienced. The scorecards are the correct score if there is a dispute.

It was suggested if a team has cancelled a game they should provide two scorers.

14. **The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.**