

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

**TUESDAY 8 May 2012 - WAMDSAD SPORTS CLUB**

Chairperson (Pam Thoday) opened meeting at 7.30 pm.

1. **Apologies** – None received.

2. **Minutes of last year's AGM 2011.**

The minutes of the 2011 AGM were proposed by Bev Goodman and seconded by Frances Kelly. Signed and accepted as a true record.

3. **Chairperson's Report**

Pam welcomed all to the meeting. The first half of the season ran well. The second half of the season was unfortunately not so straight forward with a few problems to resolve, some of which were quite difficult and I am hoping to go through a complete season without any problems before my time as Chair is up. We only had one week cancelled due to snow but getting all the rallies played and the last week of league games for Wednesday evening proved more difficult with all the rain we were getting.

I am aware there have been a few issues with nights starting late and the second set of games have run late but we are dealing with this. It is very tight with the new timings and if there is an umpiring issue or a problem with a team that has to be sorted out, forms signed etc then unfortunately the evening will run late.

There are a few issues with scorers, for example not standing in the right place, not being heard and getting the scores wrong. Sally will be talking about this later on and again these issues will be dealt with for next season.

There have been some very tight games and the competition between you all is extremely high. The standard of games seems to go from strength to strength.

I must, as always, thank the committee who have given 100% of their valuable time in running the league, attending committee meetings. I would especially like to thank Sue Garrett and Gina who have supported and advised me through a couple of difficult situations, their advice is invaluable.

## Results

<b>Winter League 2010/11</b>	<b><u>Division</u></b>	<b><u>Winners</u></b>	<b><u>Runners-up</u></b>
Monday	Premier	Harborpoint	Pandair
	1st Div	B52s	Kidwells
Tuesday	2nd Div	Veet Supremes	FAB
	3rd Div	Brightsparks	Flames
Wednesday	4th Div	Vipers	Eclipse
	5th Div	Firebirds	Sevens
<b>Start of Season Rallies</b>	<b><u>Division</u></b>	<b><u>Winners</u></b>	<b><u>Runners-up</u></b>
Monday	Premier	Harborpoint	Bucks & Berks
	1st Div	Exciles	Redbacks
Tuesday	2nd Div	FAB	Blue Magnets
	3rd Div	Red Rockets	The Crew
Wednesday	4th Div	Malik Risers	Vipers
	5th Div	Jade 2	Sevens
<b>End of Season Versatile Rallies</b>	<b><u>Division</u></b>	<b><u>Winners</u></b>	<b><u>Runners-up</u></b>
Monday	Premier	Harborpoint	Decathlon
	1st Div	Black Magic	Fujitsu
Tuesday	2nd Div	Blue Magnets	Girl Friday
	3rd Div	TNT Tigers	Brightsparks
Wednesday	4th Div	Eclipse	Vipers
	5th Div	Firebirds	Jade 2

## Awards

### 20 Years or more Award

Sue Mudge, Lisa Phillips, Kasane Bergeret, Lorraine Hancock, Sarah Cuthbert, Jean Connor, Ronnie Bowes, Gillian Belcher, Alison McEvoy.

### 30 Years or more Award

Sarah Gant, Debbie Doughty, Jan Collins

### Umpiring Award CAward

Jane Simons, Girl Friday's umpire

### Coaching Award (Level 1)

Tracie Pegg of B52s

### **President's Award – Erica Baker**

There is a lady who has been in the league for a considerable long time and who is a very value person within the league. Unfortunately 18 months ago she began to feel unwell and after a worrying time she finally had her symptoms diagnosed. I am not at liberty to tell you of her illness but suffice to say she had had to stop playing netball but has been able to carry on with other things. She has managed to hold down two jobs, one as a teaching assistant at St Mary's School and the other at Country Stores in Cookham. She has also been studying for a degree in teaching so she can progress from a teaching assistant to a full-time teacher. She has 3 children and also quite a few pets. She hopes very much she will be back to playing netball in the future as her health improves. She still supports her team by not only running it but by turning up when possible to support them when playing. She has kept her sense of humour and determination and is an example to us all showing us that goals can be achieved even when we are not completely well.

### **Chairperson's Award – Vicki Abbott**

This lady started training on a Wednesday evening and after only one year was put up to a Tuesday evening to go on towards her 'C' award test. She did so well it was felt she was ready to take her test without going up to a Monday night to train on first division games. She duly took her test and passed first time. She is the first trainee umpire ever to take her test without training on first division games and so it gives me great pleasure to give the Chairperson's award to Vicki Norcott.

### **Special Award – Bluebirds – Allsorts**

Two teams who have not won a single game all season but who always turn up each week determined to do better and who are always smiling, enjoying their netball and who show such great sportsmanship. Lets hope the new season will bring them a few winning games. Division 3 Bluebirds and Division Four Allsorts.

Pam thanked and presented flowers to Gina Macgregor and Bev Goodman for running Tuesday evenings last season (Second and Third Divisions) whilst Louise Gelhardt, Divisional Secretary was seconded to work in the States for a year.

#### **4. Treasurers Report**

Sue Garrett announced Pam Thoday (Chairperson) received the 2012 Special Recognition Award at the Berkshire Netball awards event held recently. Pam thanked all for nominating her and it was a great honor to receive this award.

Sue Garrett presented accounts for 2011/12. The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Barn Dance held last year carried a loss. The League is still experiencing problems with the Council regarding court fees.

#### **5. Update of MDNL Rules**

Amendment to MDNL Rules

Rule 6 Registration of Players

(c) Evidence of registration to be amended to read Evidence of affiliation and penalty to be inserted... Failure to comply etc.

(d) New players joining the league during the season to be amended to read New players joining a team anytime during the season etc... and amend Evidence of registration to affiliation.

(e) penalty to be inserted.

#### Rule 8 Floaters

(b) Floater must register to be amended to read Floater must affiliate with England Netball and pay the appropriate affiliation fee etc. Also under 8 (b) Evidence of registration to be amended to read Evidence of affiliation.

#### **Changing Length of Games**

The meeting voted in games in all divisions will be played over 4 x 12 minutes (four quarters) rather than 2 x 20 minute games.

#### **Scoring System**

It was voted in to trial the scoring system and award teams 2 points for games lost within 2 or less goals.

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

This season 15 umpires are being mentored. All existing trainees will be invited to attend a 'C' Award course. Bev reminded umpires to collect new rule books. Many thanks to all the qualified umpires who have stepped in to umpire.

#### 7. **Junior Netball – Sally Gray**

Magnet Netball Club - coaching 135 girls a week at Charters. Tournament being held in Basingstoke. The Partnerships is Windsor, Maidenhead, Charters as Royal, Magnet Royals and Charters Royal – waiting list continuing to grow. Gina running a Pay and Play on Wednesday afternoons for years 5 and 6.

#### 8. **Scoring**

The second year of scoring has been reasonably successful. Sally reminded scorers to call out loud and clear. A note to be circulated to all teams informing them where to stand.

#### 9. **Berkshire Netball Report**

On Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> of April Berkshire Netball hosted their awards evening at the Blue Mountain Golf Club and it was a very successful evening. I am not very good at assessing numbers but I would think there were about 200 people there. Many congratulations to Sally and all others involved with The Royals for their success this past season.

There were three long service awards due to be given out to Maidenhead players but unfortunately they were unable to attend to receive them., Sue Mudge, Kasane Bergeret and Alison McEvoy. These will be given to the players on the courts.

The Berkshire Netball AGM is to be held at the Blue Mountain Golf Club on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> May, 7.30 start if you wish to go along.

10. **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.

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 for any of the positions. The Committee was voted in on block.

12. **Dates for the Diary 2012/13**

The Over 40's rally was cancelled due to lack of interest. The Committee will discuss whether to continue with the tournament next year.

Start of season rallies Premier Division Monday 10 September Division 1 umpires to umpire  
1st Division Monday 17 September Premier umpires to umpire  
2<sup>nd</sup> Division Tuesday 11 September Division 3 umpires to umpire  
3<sup>rd</sup> Division Tuesday 18 September Division 2 umpires to umpire  
4<sup>th</sup> Division Wednesday 12 September Division 5 umpires to umpire  
5<sup>th</sup> Division Wednesday 19 September Division 4 umpires to umpire

Start of League            Monday 24 September 2012  
                                  Tuesday 25 September 2012  
                                  Wednesday 26 September 2012

Half Term                    Week commencing Monday 29 October 2012

Start of League after Christmas 2012 – week commencing Monday, 7 January 2013

Half Term                    Week commencing Monday, 18 February 2013

13. **Any Other Business**

The Maidenhead and District Netball League website is up and running. The address is [www.maidenheadnetballleague.co.uk](http://www.maidenheadnetballleague.co.uk). Initial thanks to Sue Garrett who put in a lot of work to get the web site started. Devina and Sarah Power have now put it all together with help from a colleague. You can now access the fixtures, weekly results, league tables, tournaments etc.

Supplying a scorer if your team's game has been cancelled has been raised again and it was discussed by the committee at great length. The committee decided to keep the rule the same (Rule 11 Scorers). The team whose game has been cancelled still have to provide their umpire and scorers.

Social networking – Letter read out from Netball South.

Bournemouth Sevens – 2 and 3 June.

Pam has two free Adult Weekend tickets, value £30 each, if anyone is interest.

14. **The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.**