

**MAIDENHEAD & DISTRICT NETBALL LEAGUE**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY 6 May 2014 - WAMDSAD SPORTS CLUB**

Chairperson (Pam Thoday) opened the meeting at 7.45 pm.

In Attendance: Julia Wheeler, Netball Development Officer, England Netball

1. **Apologies** – None received.
2. **Minutes of last year's AGM 2013.**  
The minutes of the 2013 AGM were proposed by Sue Hawkes and seconded by Frances Kelly. and signed and accepted as a true record.
3. **Chairperson's Report**  
Julia Wheeler, Netball Development Officer for Berkshire is in attendance at our AGM this evening. Julia has kindly accepted our invitation to hand out the awards to teams and players accordingly.

I am announcing to the meeting, this year was my last year as Chair and Divisional 4 Secretary, as I have decided to retire from netball.

I started playing netball in junior school at the age of 11 and went on to form a netball team when I worked for H J Heinz and persuaded them to paint a netball court onto one of the car parks. I gave up playing when I had my first daughter Jayne at the age of 27 and lived abroad for six years and in that time I had my second daughter Jennifer. On my return I played in High Wycombe and joined Maidenhead about 26 years ago playing for Castle Hill B team and only gave up after a bad fall. I then decided to take up umpiring and joined the committee as umpiring secretary and secretary to the committee. I have been chair for 10 years and I have thoroughly enjoyed my years running the league with a group of absolutely fantastic people.

I am not entirely leaving as I will be staying on the committee in an advisory capacity and I have also volunteered to be the booking of the courts lady but I will not be involved in any other way.

Now being the proud owner of a brand new caravan and we also have two lovely grandsons I am looking forward to doing a lot of traveling and enjoying the boys.

I wish you all the best for the future and please do continue to support the league and and new chairperson, who I am sure will do a wonderful job in my place.

## Results

<b>Winter League 2013/14</b>	<b><u>Division</u></b>	<b><u>Winners</u></b>	<b><u>Runners-up</u></b>
Monday	Premier	Pandair	Business Moves
	1st Div	Exiles	Bar Sport GCD
Tuesday	2nd Div	Angels	Eclipse
	3rd Div	Firebirds	Maliks Risers
Wednesday	4th Div	Pink Ladies	Langley Netball Club
	5th Div	Allsorts	The Holidays
<b>Start of Season Rallies</b>	<b><u>Division</u></b>	<b><u>Winners</u></b>	<b><u>Runners-up</u></b>
Monday	Premier	Business Moves	Darcliffe Homes
	1st Div	Bar Sport GCD	Sparks
Tuesday	2nd Div	Angels	Red Rockets
	3rd Div	Firebirds	Maliks Risers
Wednesday	4th Div	Cancelled bad weather	
	5th Div	The Holidays	Cox Blue
<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	Hanks	Business Moves
	1st Div	Black Magic	Blue Magnets
Tuesday	2nd Div	TVU Tigers	Eclipse
	3rd Div	Meister	Maliks Risers
Wednesday	4th Div	Pink Ladies	Sevens
	5th Div	Cox Blue	The Holidays

## Awards

### 20 years or more Award

Wendy Saunders Magpies

Mary Mault FAB

Rebecca Haines Business Moves

Emma Beavan Business Moves

Ruth Griffiths Business Moves

Sharon Ballantyne Scotch

### Umpiring Award C Award

Jeannette Dean of The Crew

Amy Hughes of The Sparks

### Coaching Award – Level 2

Jayne Haines

### **The President's Award**

Presented to Pam Thoday by Gina for all her hard work over the many years.

### **The Chairperson's Award – Sheila Attenborough**

This lady joined the league in 1996 with a team called Maritz, who are now called Red Rockets. Not only does she play but she also qualified as an umpire in November of 2006. She is also a valuable member of the committee and runs division 5 on a Wednesday night.

However, the reason this lady has been nominated for this award is because of her willingness to always help out whenever asked. When Gina is away on holiday, and this happens quite frequently, she will always step in to run the summer league and to help out with the Back to Netball which is run on a Thursday night at Cox Green. She also helps out with the Berkshire League Sunday games for the u11/u12's Magnet Netball Squads from September through to March and often helps with tournaments during the summer months which is an all day commitment. She has been committed to the club for several years and is extremely reliable. If the club didn't have her dedication to the youngsters, they would struggle to compete in these leagues and events. She is an asset to the club and they are all very thankful for her support.

### **The Special Award – Veronica Burrows**

This award is for a lady who joined the league in 1985 and played GD with Castle Hill for around 4/5 years. She also went to Holland with Castle Hill for a tournament. One of the fond memories they have of Veronica is when she made them all blue and yellow bows (team colours) and sowed them onto their white socks. She then left Castle Hill and went to play for Alliance for many years. She now plays for Allsorts on a Wednesday night. Veronica had her first knee replacement about 6 years ago and has played GK since that time. She even played in the Versatile rally at the end of the season playing all positions and always with a smile on her face. She has just had her second knee replacement and hopes to be playing again and it is for this reason, never giving up despite her operations that she is awarded the Special Award.

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

Sue Garrett presented the 2013/14 accounts and thanked teams for paying their cheques on time. Sue reminded teams to write their team name on back of cheques. Sue gave background information regarding the schedule which the Magnet Leisure Centre has produced for payments of courts and lighting.

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

Bev is unable to attend as she is on holiday in Las Vegas. Bev provided the following report: Trainee umpires and mentors met last September 2013 to discuss the season ahead. Extra tutoring for the written paper for some of the trainees who missed it first time round proved successful and went on to pass the paper and two trainees passed their 'C' award practical. Five trainees have passed the written paper, one trainee needed to attend a 'C' award course and will now be able to sit the paper. A big thank you to all the umpires that continually support and help on extra games and evenings during the season.

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

The Magnet Netball Junior Club is very successful covering all school years from Year 2 to Year 9 at weekly training sessions. Four teams represented Magnets in the Adult League in Div 2, 4 and 5. Magnet Netball Club became independent of the partnership group and adopted a committee and creates competition groups for the Berkshire League. A new training programme has been received extremely well. Sally thanked dedicated coaches, volunteer parents, umpires and coaches.

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

Weekly results are sent to the Maidenhead Advertiser any photos send to Sally in j-peg who will forward on to the press.

**Scoring**

Sally Gray updated the AGM meeting on scorers standing in the wrong place, scorers sitting on the ground and she has received resistance from scorers when asked to move to correct position. Please remember scorers are an official capacity of the game and urged all captains to encourage their team members to take scoring seriously and to give it the correct level of concentration and commitment.

8. **Proposed and Updates to the Rules were voted in:**

**Health & Safety Item 5 d)**

No gloves shall be worn unless accompanied by a current Doctor's certificate which must be kept on file by the divisional secretary. Gloves should be plain, soft leather or microfibre (eg Neopreme) which are manufactured without seams (or with internally sewn seams) and have no abrasive materials, as approved by England Netball.

**Health & Safety new Item 5 f)**

All jewellery must be removed, which includes all piercings. Wedding rings must be taped.

**Match Postponements/Cancellations new 13 d)**

In the event of a lightning storm in Maidenhead, within an hour, of start of play, all games will be cancelled and rescheduled. Your Divisional Secretaries will inform you if games are to be cancelled, otherwise teams must turn up for their scheduled games. If lightning appears during play all games will be abandoned and rescheduled. All players, umpires and scorers must leave the courts as quickly as possible.

9. **Berkshire Netball Report**

Berkshire Netball have offered adult leagues in Berkshire a bursary of £250 to use as they see fit to benefit the players. Berkshire Netball is holding its annual Award Evening this Friday the 9 May.

10. **Over 40s Tournament**

The committee has decided we won't be hosting the Over 40's tournament in future due to lack of interest.

11. **Election of Officers**

Devina Neizer is stepping down as secretary for Div 3. Devina has been a valued member of the committee and will be missed. Instead of receiving flowers as a thank you she would like the value to be put to a charity of the committee's choice.

Sue Marshall is also stepping down and hanging up her whistle. Sue joined the league in 1985 and played for Seiko/Kidwells known now as only Kidwells. Sue passed her umpiring test in March 1995 and has umpired since that time for her team. This year she has been in the league for 29 years and has served on the committee for around 15 years.

Toni Brunson has been proposed by the committee to as Chairperson for the league. The AGM voted Toni to become Chairperson. Hanmei Daversa was voted in as Divisional 3 Secretary. Annabel Gates was voted in for Divisional 4 Secretary. Pam Thoday was voted in as Booking Secretary.

The rest of the committee were voted in.

12. **Dates for your Diary 2014/15**

Start of season rallies Premier Division Monday 8 September Division 1 umpires to umpire  
1st Division Monday 15 September Premier umpires to umpire  
2<sup>nd</sup> Division Tuesday 9 September Division 3 umpires to umpire  
3<sup>rd</sup> Division Tuesday 16 September Division 2 umpires to umpire  
4<sup>th</sup> Division Wednesday 10 September Division 5 umpires to umpire  
5<sup>th</sup> Division Wednesday 17 September Division 4 umpires to umpire

Start of League           Monday 22 September 2013  
                                  Tuesday 23 September 2013  
                                  Wednesday 24 September 2013

Half Term                 Week commencing Monday 27 October 2013

Start of League after Christmas 2015 – week commencing Monday, 5 January 2015

Half Term                 Week commencing Monday, 16 February 2015

13. **Any Other Business**

Toni Brunsdon advised about the Magnet Leisure Centre going into a Trust and suggested the League put a contingency plan in place by looking at other venues for netball in the area such as Churchmead and Datchet Schools.

Lucy from Hanks netball team suggested holding a pre-season boot camp at Kidwells Park every Sunday.

Julie Wheeler, Netball Development Officer, England Netball – if anyone is interested in a satellite club please get in touch. The Committee presented Julia with flowers.

The committee presented flowers to Pam Thoday, outgoing Chairperson. Pam closed the meeting by saying it has been a privilege and a wonderful part of her life but the time has come for someone to take over. When you get to the end of your netball life, hope you will feel like I have. It is not easy to give up and make this decision.

14. **The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.**