

MAIDENHEAD & DISTRICT NETBALL LEAGUE
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY 21 May 2013 - WAMDSAD SPORTS CLUB

Chairperson (Pam Thoday) opened the meeting at 7.30 pm.

1. **Apologies** – None received. Fujitsu not represented to collect trophies.
2. **Minutes of last year's AGM 2012.**

The minutes of the 2012 AGM were proposed by Frances Kelly and seconded by Sue Hawkes. Signed and accepted as a true record.

3. **Chairperson's Report**

Pam welcomed all to the meeting. The season seems to have gone on forever. Pam thanked the divisional secretaries for doing a wonderful job of re-organising cancelled games, and Sue Marshall who has continuously had to change court bookings.

Divisional secretaries have been experiencing a few problems with umpiring issues on both Monday and Tuesdays evenings to cover absent umpires. Pam reminded the meeting the league cannot run without committed umpires. Pam thanked umpires who have helped out this season with extra games.

Divisional secretaries have complained that some teams do not take responsibility ie turning up and asking “which court are we playing on” and “which court do I have to score on etc”. Every player should have a copy of the fixtures, if not, they are on the MDNL website.

On Tuesday evenings, a problem with games starting late either because the divisional secretary has been delayed or teams arriving late. Everyone should try to be at the courts by 7.20 so players can take to the court, umpires can also get to their court for the games to start at 7.30 pm.

This year no-one has come forward with any ideas of players who may be worthy of one of the awards which is disappointing. Pam reminded the meeting these awards are for people in the league for outstanding play, good sportsmanship, playing with an illness etc.

Cancellation games – it has been an unwritten rule that divisional secretaries will start to call teams at 6.00 pm if games are to be called off, usually to extremely wet and windy weather. However this year has been bitterly cold and games have been called off earlier in the day. The committee have decided to continue with this way of cancelling games ie if the weather is too cold to play, even if it is dry. The unwritten rule regarding wet weather cancellations will stay the same ie teams will be called at 6.00 pm.

The league held a ‘C’ Award umpiring course which was extremely well attended.

Pam thanked the committee who have given 100% of their valuable time in running the league.

Results

Winter League 2012/13	<u>Division</u>	<u>Winners</u>	<u>Runners-up</u>
Monday	Premier	Business Moves	Pandair
	1st Div	Veet Supremes	Scotch
Tuesday	2nd Div	Fujitsu Flyers	Bright Sparks
	3rd Div	Eclipse	Henley
Wednesday	4th Div	Firebirds	Malik Risers
	5th Div	Ninjas	Sharks
Start of Season Rallies	<u>Division</u>	<u>Winners</u>	<u>Runners-up</u>
Monday	Premier	Business Moves	Bucks & Berks
	1st Div	Veet Supremes	Exiles
Tuesday	2nd Div	Fujitsu Flyers	TVU Tigers
	3rd Div	Henley	Maidenhead Hornets
Wednesday	4th Div	Abandoned	Abandoned
	5th Div	Sharks	Ninjas
End of Season Versatile Rallies	<u>Division</u>	<u>Winners</u>	<u>Runners-up</u>
Monday	Premier	Hanks	Business Moves
	1st Div	Think Pink	Exiles
Tuesday	2nd Div	Blue Magnets	BrightSparks
	3rd Div	Cancelled due to rain	Cancelled due to rain
Wednesday	4th Div	Firebirds	Malik Risers
	5th Div	Ninjas	Crazies

Awards

20 Years or more Award

Dawn Read – Redbacks
Emma Bagshaw - Kidwells

30 Years or more Award

Toni Brunson - Pandair

Umpiring Award CAward

Peter Whitehead - Missfits

Special Award – Fred

Fred developed and designed the MDNL website. Sarah Power and Devina Neizer, who work in IT, volunteered their friend Fred. Fred added the templates, link pages for comments and news and trained Sarah on how to publish the MDNL information.

Fred is self taught and the website looks pretty impressive. The league thanked Fred for all his hard work and enthusiasm in creating our website and presented him with John Lewis gift vouchers and a bottle of wine.

President's Award – Sarah Power

Sarah Power, who is not only the 1st divisional secretary, but also runs the website almost on a daily basis on behalf of the league.

Sarah updates the website with the rules and constitution, adds pages for tournaments and other documents, publishes the results pages for all the divisions and up dates the fixtures. Sarah also is the main contact for people wishing to find out about our league and directs people with queries to the right committee members so that any questions can be dealt with. Sarah absolutely loves doing this job and feels that she has a new string to her bow.

4. Treasurers Report

Sue Garrett presented the 2012/13 accounts and thanked teams for getting their cheques paid on time. The Royal Borough's invoice for hiring of the courts for £11,064.60 is in dispute and still being addressed. The fees for next season could increase depending if the Magnet raises their rates.

5. Umpiring Secretary's Report – Bev Goodman

Bev thanked all umpires in the league from qualified to trainees and mentors. In September trainee umpires and mentors attended a meeting to enable them to meet each other and talk through expectations the mentor has and vice versa. We currently have 14 trainees/learner umpires which attended a 'C' award course in January, which is now compulsory if you want to apply to take the 'C' award test.

In November last year Bev and Sue Garrett attended a re-accreditation course to enable them to continue being umpire testers/assessors. A training course (C-B) was held in April with one 'C' award umpiring from Maidenhead attending.

6. Junior Netball – Sally Gray

The Magnet Leisure Centre have 120 girls playing ranging from Year 2 to Year 9 and five teams representing the Magnet playing in the adult league. Year 6 recently played in the East Grinstead and Southampton tournaments. Sally thanked volunteer mums, umpires and coaches for their help with junior netball. Pam thanked Sally for her hard work in running a successful junior league.

7. Press Officer's Report – Sally Gray

Press reports and photos have been published regularly in the Maidenhead Advertiser in the sports section.

Scoring – in our third year and is proving to be very successful.

8. **Berkshire Netball Report**

On Friday, 26 April 2013 Berkshire Netball hosted their awards evening at the Blue Mountain Golf Club. The Maidenhead and District Netball League committee received the 2013 Special Recognition Award. The award recognised the committee, which comprises of a very dedicated team of people and between them their service adds up to a total of 175 years service in organising the league for all those wishing to play netball.

9. **Proposed New Rule 7 Playing for other teams was agreed:**

Division 5 do not have a team below them to borrow from and the existing rule of borrowing a player once from their own division is making it hard for some teams to field a team. The committee therefore proposes the following changes.

7 (a) to stay the same. This reads that players may only play for higher division teams a maximum of 3 times per team in one season. The penalty etc.

7 (b) to change to Premier, 1st, 2nd 3rd and 4th divisions may borrow an individual from each team from their own division only once. The penalty etc.....

7 (c) to read: Division 5 may borrow an individual player from each team from their own division twice per half a season. (Twice from September to December and twice from January to the end of the season). If a player is played three times or more the penalty is the game being forfeited 21-0 goals to the opposing team.

7 (d) The current (c) become (d)

10. **Over 40s Tournament**

The Over 40s tournament was cancelled again this year due to not enough teams entering. The Committee will decide on whether to organise a charity or a fast net event to take the place of the Over 40s tournament.

11. **Election of Officers**

Nicki Davison, divisional secretary for division 3 is stepping down; Devina Neizer will move from premier divisional secretary to divisional 3 secretary; Toni Brunson will take over as premier divisional secretary. The rest of the Committee was voted in on block.

12. **Dates for your Diary 2013/14**

Start of season rallies Premier Division Monday 9 September Division 1 umpires to umpire
1st Division Monday 16 September Premier umpires to umpire
2nd Division Tuesday 10 September Division 3 umpires to umpire
3rd Division Tuesday 17 September Division 2 umpires to umpire
4th Division Wednesday 11 September Division 5 umpires to umpire
5th Division Wednesday 18 September Division 4 umpires to umpire

Start of League Monday 23 September 2013
Tuesday 24 September 2013
Wednesday 25 September 2013

Half Term Week commencing Monday 28 October 2013

Start of League after Christmas 2012 – week commencing Monday, 6 January 2014

Half Term Week commencing Monday, 17 February 2014

13. **Any Other Business**

Pam raised Wednesday evening have few teams as a couple of teams have dropped out of the league. The committee may have to look at playing Premier on a Monday evening with 1st and 2nd divisions on a Tuesday and 3rd and 4th on a Wednesday. The Committee will meet next week to discuss and will inform teams as soon as possible of their decision following that meeting.

Registration of Players Rule – Pam reminded teams to hand forms in before their first league game. The form can be signed by players at the start of season rallies, if you have a player who is away at the rally, still hand in your form and ask that player to sign it on their return at the desk. Teams were reminded if you turn up to play without the necessary paperwork ie the England Netball Affiliation proving your registration/signature form you will not be allowed to play and your team will forfeit this match 21-0 to the opposition. See Rule 6 (c).

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