

**MAIDENHEAD & DISTRICT NETBALL LEAGUE**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY 12 May 2015 - WAMDSAD SPORTS CLUB**

Chairperson (Toni Brunsdon) opened the meeting at 7.40 pm.

**1. Apologies.**

- Wendy Saunders (Tournament Secretary)
- Blue Swifts

2. **Minutes of last year's AGM 2014** were proposed by Bev Goodman and seconded by Gillian Belcher.

**3. Chairperson's Report**

This year was my first year as Chair and I had big boots to fill, but thanks to the help of all the committee, in particular Pam who was always there to give me guidance, we have had yet another successful season.

We have had our fair share of challenges and niggles and I will come on to them, but most of our 6 divisions were competitive with the top two places often going to the last few games. This is something we should be proud of along with our successes with the training of umpires which Bev will cover later.

**Umpiring:** Yet again we have had a number of complaints about the standard of umpiring this year. As a committee we have discussed numerous ways of how we could improve the standard but all ideas to date will not resolve the matter, they will only create different issues. Many of the problems are caused by umpires application rather than their ability. Many are walking the lines which means they are in the wrong position which leads to incorrect decisions, or even worse no decision at all. If you are a player/umpire I implore you to umpire as you would expect to be umpired. If you are "too tired" to put 100% into your umpiring then your team should find an alternative who is.

**Cancellation of games:** We have had an incident this year where a night was cancelled where the courts appeared playable. We do not propose to change the current rules on cancellation but we have put guidance in place for the Divisional Secretaries about cancelling earlier in the day if there is a forecast for the temperature to drop (including wind-chill). This may lead to games being cancelled when it appears they should go ahead but we now have a duty of care for the scorers, not to mention the ladies on the side line mentoring our trainee umpires.

Before we go into the results and presentations I would like to highlight a further change the committee has introduced this season. In the past it was standard to order 12 trophies for all teams. Last year we asked teams how many trophies they needed so that we weren't in the situation of having a large number of spare. This year we offered the teams the option of having up to 12 trophies, 1 trophy and the balance of the cost donated to charity or a combination of both. Many teams have taken up the option of making a donation to charity, which this year is Alzheimer's, and we propose to adopt this approach going forward unless there are any objections.

#### 4. Results

<b>Winter League 2014/15</b>	<b><u>Division</u></b>	<b><u>Winners</u></b>	<b><u>Runners-up</u></b>
Monday	Premier	Pandair	Windsor
	1st Div	B52's	Black Magic
Tuesday	2nd Div	Malik Risers	Girl Friday
	3rd Div	LNC Royals	LNC Sapphires
Wednesday	4th Div	Laurel Park	Sharks
	5th Div	Cox Blue	Wexham Jacks
<b>Start of Season Rallies</b>	<b><u>Division</u></b>	<b><u>Winners</u></b>	<b><u>Runners-up</u></b>
Monday	Premier	Windsor	Hanks
	1st Div	B52's	Redbacks
Tuesday	2nd Div	Malik Risers	Apple Travel
	3rd Div	Sevens	LNC Royals
Wednesday	4th Div	Laurel Park	Cox Green
	5th Div	Hershal Arms	Wexham Jacks
<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	Business Moves	Windsor
	1st Div	Angels	Black Magic
Tuesday	2nd Div	Henley	Malik Risers
	3rd Div	Meisters	Sevens
Wednesday	4th Div	Laurel Park	Cox Green
	5th Div	Wexham Jacks	Hershal Arms

#### **Awards**

##### **20 years or more Award**

Nicola Stone (Redbacks)

Kerry Connell (B52's)

##### **Umpiring Award C Award**

Tracy Sulieman

Jacqui Fredericks

Becky Young

Rebecca Morgan

Vicky Power

Sue Mills

##### **Coaching Award – Level 2**

Jacqui Cossar (Pandair)

Sam Smith (Pandair)

**The President's Award** – Not awarded this year.

**The Chairperson's Award** – Not awarded this year.

**The Special Award** – Not awarded this year.

5. **Treasurers Report**

Sue Garrett, Treasurer provided the accounts for 2014/15 financial year. Sue is setting up an on line banking system with MDNL bank to process payments to umpires, expenses etc, however this will mean the instruction will be made by one person (the treasurer) rather than the current requirement of 2 signatures on cheques. A suggestion was made to investigate of acquiring more than one person to be able to process and approve on-line transactions. Ali Howes auditing netball accounts.

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

2014/15 has been the most successful season for our trainees. Six trainees had successfully completed their practical, mock testing and fitness testing. Bev thanked umpires who mentor trainee umpires.

7. **Junior Netball – Sally Gray**

Magnet Netball Club continues to grow with coaching 140 girls taking part. Four teams are represented in the adult league with a squad playing in the Berkshire. Two teams are in the under 11s Charters junior league. The club is looking for a new treasurer with book keeping skills and they are losing their secretary.

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

Sally reminded div secs to send their reports to her every week.

**Scoring**

Sally – pleased to say nothing to report.

9. **Proposed and Updates to the Rules and Constitution**

The above proposed and updates to the Rules and Constitution were voted in which was sent out with the 2015 AGM agenda, with the exception of rule 5f. Following discussion it was agreed by a majority that there should be no restriction on the number of South players that can play for teams in the Premier league. All South players must be registered before the first game of the season and Premier teams will not be permitted to add a South player to their registration once the games have commenced. For all other Division s rule 5f will stay as proposed.

10. **Berkshire Netball Report**

Berkshire Netball AGM to be held on 4 June at Coopers Hill, Bracknell.

11. **Charity**

2015/16 chosen charity is Thames Valley Hospice and Poly Ovaries Trust.

12. **Election of Officers**

Gill Partridge, is retiring after 14 years as Secretary to the Committee. Gill joined the league in 1986 playing for Castle Hill and became Secretary to the Committee in 2001. Gill will continue to umpire

for the league.

Hanmei Daversa, Divisional 3 Secretary and Annabell Gates, Divisional 4 Secretary have stepped down.

Sarah Cuthbert, has taken on the role as Secretary to the Committee.

Amy Joyce, Divisional 3 Secretary

Sue Mills, Divisional 4 Secretary

The rest of the committee were voted in.

**13. Dates for your Diary 2015/16**

Start of season rallies - weeks commencing 7th & 14th September 2015.

League games start – week commencing 21st September 2015.

Half term – 26<sup>th</sup> October to 30<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

First game after Xmas – week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

Half term – 15<sup>th</sup> February to 19<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

Easter break – 25<sup>th</sup> March 2016 to 8<sup>th</sup> April 2016 .

**14. Any Other Business**

None.

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