

## CHELMSFORD & DISTRICT NETBALL LEAGUE

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm

Venue:- Hamptons Sports & Social Club, Tydemans, Beehive Lane Chelmsford

1. **Apologies for absence:** Paula Montague, Karan Wilson and Dawn Bullimore.

Teams not represented at the AGM will be fined £25.00 in accordance with Rule 15 (a).

2. **Minutes of the previous AGM held on Monday 12th June 2023**, [a copy of these were sent to all Secretaries], and they were duly signed as a true and correct record.

3. **Acceptance of Officers Reports:**

Proposer: Helen Preston

Seconder: Rachel Stone

Accepted

4. **Acceptance Of Treasurers Report:**

Proposer: Caroline Trevitt

Seconder: Hazel Webster

Accepted

5. **Proposed amendments to League Rules**

**(a) Committee Proposals and rule changes:**

- Team responsibilities
  - Add rule 6 - Any team who does not return award trophies by February 1st in the current season, or if trophies are returned damaged or broken, will be fined £25.  
Unanimous  
Carried
- League matches
  - Correction to Rule 21 – word ‘cancellation’ be replaced with ‘rearrangement’.  
Unanimous  
Carried
- Cup Matches
  - Addition to Rule 27  
Knock-Out Cup fixtures will be umpired by the qualification set for league matches as per rule [32]. Neutral umpires will be appointed from the quarter finals.  
(a) In the unlikely event of a cancellation, the defaulting team must notify the opposing team and both umpires.  
(b) Any defaulting teams from the quarter finals onwards, without 48 hours prior notice, will be fined £25  
Votes For 70 Against 0 Abstentions 15  
Carried
- Umpires and Scorers
  - Amendment to Rule 31a
    - Division 1 **home team** must be umpired by B award or above.
    - **Away team** may be umpired by a B award or above
    - or an umpire on the C Approved List [until the 2025-26 season]
    - or a C Award working towards their B award qualification and who has passed their AB written paper [provided they are still within their 2 years post-completion validity period].Unanimous Carried

- Add Rule 31e – Any team umpired by an umpire of the wrong qualification will lose any points gained from that match and will incur a fine not exceeding £25. The non-offending team will be awarded the points plus 20 goals and the offending team will be deducted 10 goals. In the event that both teams are umpired by an umpire of the wrong qualification then no points or goals will be awarded or deducted.  
Votes For 19 Against 51 Abstentions 15  
Not carried
- Rule 33b C award umpires working towards their B award may be allowed to umpire Division 1 games in order to gain match practice in advance of their B award test.  
Delete (i) –(iv)  
Unanimous  
Carried
- Addition/Amendment to Rule 34 – All umpires, unless they have completed an EN umpiring course during the current season, will be expected to attend a Game Management Course organised by the league in partnership with East Essex. Each attendee will receive an attendance card which will be required to umpire in the CDNL. All umpires wishing to register to umpire in the CDNL will be at the discretion of the committee.  
Unanimous  
Carried
- Penalties and Fines
  - Amendment to Rule 36 – Any club team with outstanding fees/fines at the end of the season will be refused entry to the league in the following season.  
Votes For 51 Against 19 Abstentions 15  
Carried
  - Amendment to Rule 37 – During the season, any team failing to pay a fine/fees by a final date set by the committee may be suspended until that fine/fees are paid.  
Unanimous  
Carried
- Domestic Rules
  - Correction to Rule 45 – word ‘sending’ be replaced with ‘ordering’  
Unanimous  
Carried
- Miscellaneous
  - Amendment to Rule 51 – Subject to assessments, team withdrawal and the Committee’s discretion at the end of the season, at least the top two teams in each division will be promoted to the next higher division and the bottom two teams may be relegated to the next lower division. Should two teams draw for promotion or relegation the better team shall be judged on goal difference throughout the season. If this is still equal, then the Committee shall arrange a play-off and neutral umpires will be appointed. In the event of a play-off being a draw then Rule will apply.  
Unanimous  
Carried

**(b) League Members Proposals**

- Brookshaw Netball Club
  - Rule 49  
Amend to If met office advise weather temperatures will fall below -3 degrees at 6pm, all games to be cancelled, even if courts are fit for purpose.  
Votes For 68 Against 13 Abstentions 4  
Carried

## Umpires and Scorers

### Rule 35

- (a) Amend to There will be two scorers from each game, who should stand together where indicated by the umpire. If teams fail to provide a scorer, then a player shall be dropped from the team to fulfil this role.

Rest of rule 35 as in current handbook Umpires need to register .....  
reaccredited every four years.

Unanimous

Carried

- (b) Addition Scorers will confirm the score with each other after each goal. Scorers should confirm with the umpires the direction of play which restarts the match after each interval.

Votes For 84 Against 0 Abstentions 1

Carried

- (c) Scorers will note the final score on the cards clearly and must sign the card to confirm the result of the game

Defeated Votes For 82 Against 0 Abstentions 3

- (d) Once the scorecards have been handed in there can be no dispute.

Unanimously defeated

Not carried

## Summer League

### Rule 54 (e)

Amend last sentence to Teams should offer their umpires the minimum of £15 to cover expenses. Carried

- Blackwater Pearls

Amendment proposed to rule 46 of the Handbook - proposal to remove the rule:

Rule 46 currently reads "Pregnancy: No player is allowed to play after 12 weeks and umpire after 20 weeks."

England Netball and World Netball guidance on this has changed. England Netball follow World Netball's pregnancy guidance, which says – in short – that the decision to play netball during pregnancy is ultimately the participant's choice and emphasises the importance of seeking medical advice due to the inherent risks.

Votes For 35 Against 41 Abstentions 9

Not carried

Rule to stay as in current handbook and teams advised to refer to the England Netball website as to their guidance for playing whilst pregnant and England Netball insurance cover stance.

## Any Other Business

Blackwater Pearls - Please could an electronic option to return any league forms be included as a default?

Teams were advised that all forms are to be electronic going forward.

## 6. Election of Officers

Chairperson	Paula Montague
Vice-Chairperson	Donna Thomas
League Secretary	Bethany Vale
Assistant League Secretary	Fiona Archer
Treasurer	Mandy Hales
Fixtures Secretary	Kerry Kettley
Assistant Fixtures Secretary	Hayleigh Melnick
Registration Secretary	Lesley Lincoln
Social Secretary	Karan Wilson
Officiating Lead	Beth Rose-Horne
Communications Secretary	Sally Storer
Development Officer	*Vacant*
Minutes Secretary	Ann Munson

With the exception of Development Officer the above officers were voted en bloc.

Proposer: Sally Rose-Horne

Seconder: Carrie Futter

Development Officer – Carlie Griggs

Proposer: Kate Lincoln

Seconder: Holly Martin

Agreed

East Essex Long Service Awards were presented to Kate Lincoln, Stacey Freedman, Trina Ayre and Lesley Lincoln.

Meeting closed at 21.42.