



Meeting Minutes (Yorkshire Netball RMB)

Date:	14th June 2023
Time:	7pm
Place:	Zoom

ATTENDEES				
Name	Role	Initials		
Laura Elson	Volunteering Lead	LE		
Jayne Field	Competitions Group Member	JF		
Sarah Howard	Board Member	SMH		
Lisa Butterfield	Secretary	LB		
Nicki Shipley	Treasurer	NS		
Linda Genesi	Board Member	LG		
Keith Morris	Board Member	KM		

	NOTES
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1	Welcome and Introductions
2	 Apologies Liz Fairburn - G&F Chair Sian Foley-Corah - Chair Donna Palmer - Partnership Delivery Manager
3	 Leeds Rhinos It would be good for YN to have a better understanding of what our expectations are compared to other counties.
4	 2023 Priorities Laura attended a workshop held on Saturday where regional chairs discussed priorities for 2023.





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5	 One Awards Went really well with 250 people attending. Presenter Tanya Arnold did a great job reading all the introductions and the impact the nominees made in Netball. All winners got trophies and nominees got goodie bags. Well lanned and resented, excellent ob Laura. Harriett has been amazing in helping with the event. Laura is going to send information to the 10 winners about the National One Awards in October. Think about judging panel criteria for next year. Look at getting the balance of impartiality right for next year.
6	 Finance Will be looking at a process of officials claiming expenses. Will be using or looking at using an app for officials to use and send expenses through. Not aware that events are happening and this is causing trouble with paying expenses. Calendar of events will be good to have in place. Still need to work on a budget.
7	 Survey Extended closing date for survey for a few more weeks. The background to the survey was presented so to re-orient all board members. This included introducing key contributors, from within and beyond the board (i.e., Sarah Howard and Graeme Law from YSJU and Louise Morby and Gareth Jowett from LBU). Interim survey results were presented to provide initial insights into the membership of Yorkshire netball (and beyond). At this juncture, 167 people had participated in the survey (140 of which are affiliated with EN). Of which, the majority were white, highly educated women. Most occupied a playing role in netball and were playing 1-3 times a week. Levels of netball participation had, in main, increased or remained the same over the past 12 months and only 7% of respondents were planning to decrease their netball participation in the next 12 months. Netball was being played mainly in senior club and social league settings and taking place at indoor venues. In terms of volunteers, only 1 in 4 were receiving financial incentive to volunteer.





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9	 Regional Chairs Meeting Regional Chairs meeting was held on Saturday with all 9 Chairs and England Netball senior managers. Diversity and Equality Lead is currently working on a new gender equality policy. Currently reviewing uniform guidance. Suggestion to set up a Facilities Fund that clubs and leagues can apply to improve facilities to make it more female friendly.
8	 Safeguarding Is there even awareness? Is everything being reported? All information that people need is on England Netball website and the information is thorough. General lack of awareness from parents, coaches. Every club should have a club lead and they should know what their responsibilities are. Where and who do people go to to make a report? More issues being reported nationally about behaviour than safeguarding.
	 Some tentative recommendations were made, based on the findings, about what we as a region could look to develop, improve, provide, and invest in as well as what the next steps for insights and research might involve. These recommendations are to be discussed at the proposed workshop event with other key stakeholders. The survey was to be re-opened until the end of June with a final push from NDOs. Sarah and YSJU/LBU colleagues were to reanalyse, update the presentation, and report back to RMB following the close of the survey.
	 Key qualitative themes revolve so far around access/progression gaps in netball at all senior levels, the elitist stereotype of netball in the region, poor communication, outdated rules and red-tape, and poor standards of officiating / inadequate facilities (corroborating earlier quantitative findings).
	 Facilities, quality of officiating, and gaining a release from participating in netball were of importance to participants. However, the quality of umpiring was highlighted as a key area of dissatisfaction. Another area of concern was that netball in the region seems like a closed shop for those in the know.
	 Motives for taking part in netball revolved around fun, loving the game, improving skills and physical health and being social. Respondents were largely satisfied that netball in the region is meeting such motives/needs.





	• Discussion on a central venue to meet face to face for meetings.		
11	Meeting close		

APPROVAL

These minutes have been reviewed and signed-off by: Signature: Name: Position: Date:

Action Tracker

ltem No	Action	By whom	Completed/Update
1	Sent out template pack (check with Sian and Liz what this refers to).	LE	
2	Arrange a date with Donna to attend RMB and to share Excel document with regards to England Netball contact.	LB	
3	Team to send development ideas, book 121s and send photos to Laura.	ALL	
4	Organisation structure to be sent out asap.	G&F	
5	Clarity on relationship between Leeds Rhinos and Yorkshire Netball. Clarity on what the large sum of money was spent on for last year's award - detailed invoice, correspondence.	SF SF	
6	Send survey out to One Award winners on feedback on the event.	LE	
7	Share gender equality survey.	SF	
8	EDI to be a standard agenda item moving forward.	LM to lead	

