

YORKSHIRE NETBALL REGIONAL MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING



**MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL RMB MEETING HELD ON THE
17 MAY 2021**

MEMBERS	
Lisa Woods - LW	Regional Chair
Nicki Shipley - NS	Treasurer
Katie Puplett	Elected Member/G & FC Chair
Mark Pritchard - MP	Elected Member
IN ATTENDANCE	
Debbie Chandley – DC	Minute Taker/ Regional Coordinator
APOLOGIES	
Louise Morby - LM	Elected Member
Kate Cox - KC	Elected Member
Sian Foley-Corah - SFC	Elected Member

1.	Welcome and apologies: LW welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from the above	
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2.	Conflicts of Interest: (DC) No conflicts of interest	
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3.	<p>Agree Minutes and Actions from last Meeting: (LW)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Accuracy of the 17 February Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minutes of the meeting held on the 17 February 2021 was deemed a true record <p>Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action Point: The G & FC to investigate the AGM voting for the next RMB meeting, feedback regarding the constitutional changes and carry out a Health check - <i>Due to 2 members leaving the AGM prior to any voting taking place it put into doubt the legitimacy of the voting that followed as it meant the meeting wasn't quorate. After looking at the members still present at the time some carried more votes than they first declared thus making the meeting quorate therefore the changes to the constitution could go ahead</i> Action Point: G & FC Health Check C/F Action Point: To ask LM's university students to do a#Tellusyourstory for Yorkshire netball – C/F Action Point: pick up the EDI survey and draw up an action plan – C/F Action Point: Send out the EDI survey to RMB – C/F Action Point: To relook at Board recruitment. - <i>LW circulated the restructure paperwork to the RMB prior to the meeting for their comments</i> 	<p>KP</p> <p>LM</p> <p>LM</p> <p>LM</p>
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4.	<p>Finance Report: (NS)</p> <p>→ In the year to 31 March 2021 the Region received income of £17.5K and expenditure of £5.800k, ivin a surplus for the ear of £11.700K</p> <p>→ [REDACTED]</p>	
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	<p>→ £2183 in Debtors – EIS facility - is for court usage paid for but unused for the season 2019/2020</p> <p>Action Point: Speak to the EIS regarding the unused court hours</p>	DC
5	<p>Matters Arising from G & FC Meeting: (KP)</p> <p>→ [REDACTED]</p> <p>→ One of the proposed changes to the constitution was to the 28 days notice period given for an AGM, it was proposed this should be changed to 21 days but was voted against. KP asked RMB their thoughts and they agreed that the 28 days notice should remain and not be changed to 21 days notice</p> <p>→ To avoid any unexpected questions and contentious issues arising at future AGM's around proposed constitutional changes, members should be asked to submit any questions prior to the AGM. The questions will then be answered at the AGM but RMB will be forewarned</p> <p>→ The G & FC are reviewing all policies over the next few years starting with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code of Ethics • Codes of Conduct • Whistleblowing • Anti corruption <p>Action Point: Send G & FC the above documents for review and include EN's policies for reference - Completed</p>	DC
6	<p>EDI: (LM)</p> <p>→ Carried Forward to the next meeting as LM sent her apologies for this meeting</p>	
7	<p>RMB Organisational Review & Future Recruitment: (LW)</p> <p>→ LW had distributed a document around a proposed restructure and explained that it would bring Yorkshire into line with other Regions and how they operate.</p> <p>→ There was a discussion around this and the Board were happy with the proposals</p> <p>→ Some ideas and questions raised were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To approach trainee teachers to sit on the E & T Working Group (WG) and the Youth Advisory Group (YAG) • Where to go to recruit? • Competition WG needs to recruit more members as Rachael Radford, needs extra support • MP to attend a national meeting with Imo Greatbach (EN Head of Volunteering) who is looking at developing a toolkit for Counties, Regions, Clubs to help them with recruitment <p>Action Point: To feedback to RMB after the meeting with Imo</p>	MP
8.	<p>EN Competition Review: Rachael Radford [REDACTED]</p> <p>→ Rachael Joined the meeting at 18:50 hours</p> <p>→ A competition review presentation was sent out to the RMB prior to the meeting and Rachael gave a brief overview of where we are now and what the proposed changes would be. The main points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Region are seeking to increase the number of clubs playing in the EN premier league as at present the Region have only one. The proposed target would be to get one new team within 2 years and 2 new teams within 5 years, which would increase the amount of Yorkshire teams in the premier league to 4 in total. To support this aim, Regional competition would need to become stronger by: 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ensuring more regular regional competition ▪ Working with clubs to ensure those who want to progress and access EN competition are able to do so • Use the regional league as a route to the Premier league instead of the Northern league, which is the present route which would bring Yorkshire in line with most other Regions. This would be done by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Creating 2 divisions of 8 ▪ The present Yorkshire clubs playing in Northern League would move to Yorkshire league division one ▪ The present Yorkshire league teams move to division two ▪ If the structure doesn't work after year one, review the structure • Next steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ September 2021 – look at the development structure for junior competition ▪ Evolve senior competition – review whether the 2 divisions of 8 works ▪ Educate clubs on the regional competition and how it fits into the EN competition pathway ▪ Proactively engage in communication with the Leeds Rhinos franchise regarding competition and performance clubs/competition to support the development of Yorkshire's competition strategy • The Board agreed with the proposals that Rachael put forward 	
9	<p>Website (Current & Future): (MP)</p> <p>→ The new ENgage website will be launched imminently even though the competition element isn't fully functioning at present. To get this function up and running EN have asked Regions to contribute £5k</p> <p>Action Point: Look into buying yorkshirenetball.net & Yorkshire netball.org at a cost of around £50 each for two years - Completed</p> <p>Action Point: Once the URLs have been purchased, contact the current website provider to give notice of his services -Notice given to Paul Stretton and the old website has now been taken down - completed</p> <p>Action Point: Look into the cost of buying emails for individual RMB members eg @yorkshirenetball.net - Completed</p>	MP DC MP
10	<p>Leeds Rhino's update: (SF)</p> <p>→ SFC sent her apologies to the meeting but LW gave a brief overview</p> <p>→ LW to attend a planning day on the 19th May with Leeds Rhinos. Around 50 people will be in attendance including County Chairs, players and councillors. The intention was to gain feedback on last season and seek people's views to shape future years</p> <p>→ At the end of May to start to look at making sure the U13 & U15 player pathway process is clear as Rhinos and Counties are involved with this age group</p> <p>→ Looking into bridging gaps at the O16's age group. There is a big leap from junior competition to adult competition – how can this transition be made easier</p> <p>→ Some of the RMB had attended Dan Ryan's first online workshop and feedback that it was excellent</p> <p>Action Point: Feedback to Dan the above comments</p>	LW
11	<p>AOB:</p> <p>North Yorkshire held their AGM last week and voted in a new Committee including a new County Chair. Kate Kennady, the current County Chair, stood down and Felicity O'Leary has taken her place</p> <p>West Yorkshire AGM is on the 22 June and LW will be in attendance, she will also be attending the Humberside and South Yorkshire AGM's in September</p> <p>Leeds Rhinos are hosting their player awards on Sunday 4th July at the Emerald Stadium in Leeds. YRNA will be their main sponsor and LW has reserved 60 tickets for members of the Region and the volunteers. This is to be a joint venture with the Region's volunteer event</p>	

	<p>LW is looking to present 3 volunteer awards and is asking for ideas on the categories</p> <p>Action Point: DC and MP to work on this - completed</p> <p>Action Point: Send RMB the Rhinos information on this event - Completed</p> <p>GP brought to the G & FC's attention that it was the Region's 50th anniversary in June 2024 and would they be open to a organising a celebration or a string of celebrations to commemorate this. RMB agreed that the Region should celebrate the occasion</p> <p>The meeting was brought to a close at 8:20pm by the Chair Lisa Woods</p>	<p>DC/MP</p> <p>LW</p>
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Dates of Next Meetings:

Monday 8 November 2021

Monday 31 January 2022

Wednesday 25 May 2022