

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL RMB HELD ON THE 9th JUNE 2020

MEMBERS		
Lisa Woods - LW	Regional Chair	
Cheryl Dewhirst - CD	Treasurer	
Nigel Harrison - NH	Elected Member	
Sian Foley – SF	Appointed member	
Kate Cox (Rickard) - KC	Appointed Member	
Mark Pritchard - MP		
IN ATTENDANCE		
Debbie Chandley – DC	Minute Taker/ Regional Coordinator	
APOLOGIES		
Katie Puplett – KP	Appointed member	
Louise Morby - LM		

1. Welcome and apologies:

LW welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Katie Puplett and Louise Morby

2. Conflicts of Interest:

 \rightarrow No conflicts of interest declared

3. Leeds Rhinos Update;

→ Leeds Rhinos informed LW via email that their Director of Netball, Anna Carter, had relinquished her post on the 25 May 2020. Dan Ryan will step into the role as well as retaining his position as Head Coach.	
 → Leeds Rhinos confirmed that the performance pathway was still operational and they were still intending to join the Vitality Netball Superleague(VNSL) next season → The RMB stated that they were still eager to support the franchise 	
Action Point: To feedback to Leeds Rhinos that the RMB would like to offer their continued support to the franchise - complete	

4. Update on Regional Chairs Meeting:

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	→ The meeting are taking place every 3/4 weeks with Fran Connolly and the feedback has been good
	\rightarrow Regions are working together and sharing ideas
	\rightarrow Some regions have no communication with their franchises whilst others have a good
	relationship. All regions operate differently
	Update on Covid and Return to Netball
	EN to release a document at the end of the week
	 EN developing a preparation programme for coaches dealing with players
	returning to netball and the physical and mental problems that may arise
	after such a long time off the court
	Goalden Globes
	 EN had postponed their Goalden Globe Awards until November at the earliest
	 LW was keen for the Region to progress with their Goalden Globe Awards when safe to do so and co-host an event with Leeds Rhinos
	VNSL Update
	EN had announced the 2020 season had been cancelled

	5.	 Update on County Chairs Meeting: → LW had set up County Chairs meetings and were now meeting every 2/3 weeks and all Chairs were engaging and finding the meetings supportive and really useful. The North Yorkshire Chair announced she was standing down at the next county AGM at the end of June but welcomed the support from LW
		Grant Funding
		 The grant scheme was temporarily closed for further applications in December 2019 pending a review of RMB expenditure priorities. Currently Yorkshire RMB have 30 requests for grant funding. Of these 30, only 20 are members of the Yorkshire Region and therefore eligible to be considered. Facility grants including Court resurfacing and netball posts to be referred back to Counties Requests to fund personnel to deliver activities to increase participation should be directed to the relevant Netball Development Officer in each County UKCC Level 1 funding to be referred back to Counties UKCC L2 funding to be funded through the Region Going forward It is proposed that the scheme does not re-open. Instead hardship funding will be handled on an individual case by case basis and decisions will be taken in line with RMB priorities and prevailing budget constraints.
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(6.	Update on Yorkshire Regional Plan:
		\rightarrow LW sent out the 5 year plan prior to the meeting and ask for the RMB's thoughts. A
		 discussion ensued As schools may not be hiring out their facilities for the foreseeable future it could mean that restarting netball activity could be difficult in the coming months which could see a drastic decrease in membership. If players can't play they will not pay for membership. To convince members to affiliate there needs to be a huge promotion of what EN are providing to their members as there are lots of activities including online subscription sessions At present netball is in limbo and it isn't clear what recovery will look like in these uncertain time but the Region needs to demonstrate that they are listening to members and be current It was envisaged that as facilities would be worried about opposing teams coming from out of area into their facilities, competition would be a problem for quite a while CD would like to see 3 different scenarios dependent on the extent of activity allowed to take place this coming season. In the first 2 years the Region may not be able to afford to do all of the activity in the plan and may need to priorities. It was suggested that in year one the outlay should be reduced then have the full outla from the 1st A ril 2020 on wards An SLA would need to be drawn up Look at a phased payment to ensure that Rhino's deliver on their side. They need to be transparent on deliverables
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		 → The Region would want a return on their investment → It could be a marketing opportunity for the Region to raise their profile
		\rightarrow Rhinos & Region to look at hosting a joint 'all things netball' day
		A vote on the 5 year proposed Regional plan took place
		Vote: For – 5 votes; Against: 0 votes; Abstentions: 0 votes
		The Vote on the 5 year plan was carried
		→ CD proposed that the Officiating WG sign off officiating expenditure; Competition WG sign off Competition; Community Development would be signed off by the Treasurer & Chair; Coaching would need to be looked at
		→ Supporting a team to progress through to the premier league would be another priority but due to Covid 19 this may not be possible this season

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7.	Finance & Budgets:	
	• Membership fees for '20-'21 – agreed no change	
	• Membership fees for '21-'22 – to be decided	
	It was suggested that the Board do nothing at this stage. This was taken to the vote	
	Vote: For – 5 votes; Against: 0 votes; Abstentions: 0 votes	
	The vote to halt making a decision on the 2021 / 2022 membership fees at present was carried	
	Sian Foley-Corah left the meeting at 7:35pm	
	Kate Cox left the meeting at 7:45pm	
	• Recruitment of Treasurer Due to Covid 19, CD will not be travelling until April 2021 so offered to stay on the Board as Treasurer until then to give the Board time to find a suitable replacement. The Board were delighted and accepted Cheryl's offer	
	Action Point: At the next AGM, CD to be made an Appointed Member to enable her to continue as Treasurer until the end of March 2021	All
	\rightarrow The accounts were still with the accountants	
	Action Point: Contact the accountants and cc NH in so he can then arrange a Governance meeting	CD
	→ CD informed Nigel that if the Accountants move any headings within the accounts this year, the previous year's headings cannot be changed.	
8.	AOB:	
	Action Point: Send MP a) Yorkshire netball 5 year forecast b) existing grant scheme proposal completed	LW
	Action Point: The RMB didn't go through the minutes of the last meeting as 2 members had left the meeting early. Any amendments let DC know direct	All
	\rightarrow The AGM will take place in November	DC
	Action Point: Arrange the next RMB for W/C 27 July at 6:45pm	DC
	Action Point: Arrange a website/social media meeting and invite LW, MP and Rachael Radford ongoing	
	→ A decision was needed from EN regarding Regional Round of National Schools (RRNS's) and whether or not it will be going ahead as County rounds are due to take place during October & November	LW
	Action Point: Contact Ian Holloway, Competition Director regarding RRNS's – ongoing	
	\rightarrow The Meeting was brought to a close at 8:20pm by the Chair LW	

Date of the Next Meeting: Monday 27 July 2020 Meeting ID: 849 0598 9833 Password: 003158