

YORKSHIRE NETBALL REGIONAL MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING



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	
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2.	Conflicts of Interest: → No conflicts of interest declared	
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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	LW
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4.	Update on Regional Chairs Meeting: → The meeting are taking place every 3/4 weeks with Fran Connolly and the feedback has been good → Regions are working together and sharing ideas → Some regions have no communication with their franchises whilst others have a good relationship. All regions operate differently <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on Covid and Return to Netball <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ EN had announced the 2020 season had been cancelled 	
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5.	<p>Update on County Chairs Meeting:</p> <p>→ 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</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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.	<p>Update on Yorkshire Regional Plan:</p> <p>→ LW sent out the 5 year plan prior to the meeting and ask for the RMB's thoughts. A discussion ensued</p> <p>→ 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</p> <p>→ 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</p> <p>→ 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</p> <p>→ CD would like to see 3 different scenarios dependent on the extent of activity allowed to take place this coming season.</p> <p>→ 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 outlay from the 1st April 2020 onwards</p> <p>→ </p> <p>→ An SLA would need to be drawn up</p> <p>→ Look at a phased payment to ensure that Rhino's deliver on their side. They need to be transparent on deliverables</p> <p>→ The Region would want a return on their investment</p> <p>→ It could be a marketing opportunity for the Region to raise their profile</p> <p>→ Rhinos & Region to look at hosting a joint 'all things netball' day</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A vote on the 5 year proposed Regional plan took place</p> <p>Vote: For – 5 votes; Against: 0 votes; Abstentions: 0 votes</p> <p>The Vote on the 5 year plan was carried</p> <p>→ 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</p> <p>→ 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</p>	
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