

YORKSHIRE NETBALL AGM



DRAFT MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL AGM HELD ON THE 17th NOVEMBER 2020 At 7:00pm

MEMBERS		
Lisa Woods - LW	Regional Chair	- 1 vote
Nigel Harrison - NH	Elected Member	- 1 vote
Katie Puplett - KP	Ripon Jewels	- 1 vote
Louise Morby - LM		
Mark Pritchard - MP		
Cheryl Dewhirst - CD	Elected member	- 1 vote
Kate Kennady - KK	Chair – NYCNA	- 1 vote
Pam Hoyle - PH	Chair – WYCNA/ShIPLEY NC/HLM	- 3 votes
Rebecca Hutchinson - RH	Chair – HCNA	- 1 vote
Joan Young - JY	HLM	- 1 vote
Jenny Skelton - JS	HLM	- 1 vote
Lisa Fox - LF	Leeds Athletic NC	- 1 vote
Rachael Radford - RR	Representing SYCNA	- 1 vote
Total Number of Votes		= 13 votes
IN ATTENDANCE		
Caer Harrison - CH	EN Partnership Manager (North)	
Debbie Chandley - DC	Regional Coordinator/Minute Taker	
APOLOGIES		
Gordon Padley - GP	HLM	
Sharon Green - SG	Chair - SYCNA	
Pauline Hardy - PAH	Reckitt Benckiser NC	
Kate Cox - KC	Appointed Member	
Sian Foley - SF	Appointed Member	

1.	<p>Welcome and apologies:</p> <p>→ LW welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised of the apologies that had been received in advance of the meeting (as above).</p> <p>→ The Board introduced themselves to the meeting</p> <p>→ The total number of votes at the meeting were 13.</p>	
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2.	<p>To Approve the Minutes of the 14 November 2018 AGM:</p> <p>Accuracy: The minutes of the AGM held on the 14 November 2018 were approved as a true record by Pam Hoyle and seconded by Cheryl Dewhirst</p> <p>Matters Arising: There were no matters arising</p> <p>To Approve the Minutes of the 27 November 2019 General Meeting</p> <p>Accuracy: The minutes of the General Meeting held on the 27 November 2019 were approved as a true record by Cheryl Dewhirst and seconded by Joan Young</p> <p>Matters Arising: There were no matters arising</p>	
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3.	<p>To Receive the 2019/2020 Annual Report and Review:</p> <p>→ LW gave a brief overview of the Annual Report for the period 1 September 2018 to 31 March 2020. The reporting period spanned 2 Regional Chairs, Kim Burns (1 September to 27 November 2019) and Lisa Woods (28 November 2019 to 31 March 2020). It was a 19 month reporting period due to the change of the financial year end from the 31 August to 31 March.</p>	
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	<p>→ The financial position as of the 31 March 2020 was £83 742. This high balance is partly due to earlier funding provisions that were made for a Performance Pathway Coach when Yorkshire ran the performance programme and the pausing of the Yorkshire grants scheme. The Covid pandemic had also limited expenditure as there had been very little activity taking place</p> <p>→ It had been a solid year in terms of netball successes in the Region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leeds Athletic NC maintained their position in Premier League 1 • 2018 U16 National clubs: Leeds Athletic 4th; Kingston 18th • 2018 U14 National clubs: Leeds Athletic 11th; Chevrons 15th • 2019 U16 National clubs: Leeds Athletic 4th; Kingston 18th • 2019 U14 National clubs: Leeds Athletic 6th; Chevrons 15th • 33 teams competed in the regional senior, U16 and U14 leagues and a further 13 teams took part in the U12 festival • 150 coaches undertook a UKCC Level 1 or 2 • Over 100 umpires undertook officiating courses at various levels • Proud to see Rachael Radford and Sarah Drake, 2 Yorkshire umpires representing the region at Superleague level • Membership income remained stable however there had been a continuous decline over the last few years in school membership. RMB are looking to address this as part of the community work scheduled for the year after next • Very little netball activity as taken place since March 2020 and LW thanked all involved as it has been a challenge in times for ever one • [REDACTED] <p>→ LW thanked Nigel Harrison and Cheryl Dewhirst for all their hard work over the last few years. Nigel had served 9 Years and Cheryl 4 years. They have both served their 2 full terms of office on the Board so now must stand down. Nigel also chaired the Governance and Finance group which Cheryl also sat on as the Regional Treasurer. They will both be sorely missed. Katie Pulett will take over from Nigel as the Chair of the Governance & Finance Committee</p> <p>Action Point: Circulate the Annual report</p> <p>Action Point: Publish the 5-year plan</p>	<p>LW</p> <p>LW</p>
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4.	<p>To Receive the Financial Statement for the 19 Months Ended 31st March 2020:</p> <p>→ The Financial Statement for the period 1st September 2018 – 31st March 2020 was sent out prior to the AGM and tabled at the meeting</p> <p>→ NH thanked Cheryl for pulling the statement together and passed over to CD to highlight anything significant on the report</p> <p>→ CD asked everyone to be mindful of the fact that the financial statement covered a 19 month period due to the change of the financial year end from 31 August to 31 March</p> <p>→ The £9109 in Note 6 – Creditors – Membership deferred Income – represents 5 months of membership fees carried forward into the 2020/2021 accounts which will happen each year from now on due to the new year end being 7 months into the membership year</p> <p>→ It was questioned why the accounts hadn't been signed off by the independent examiner. CD explained that due to time constrictions adhering to the AGM timelines the accounts were sent out before they were signed but LW was now in possession of the signed accounts</p> <p>Proposal: To receive the financial statement for the 19 months ending 31st March 2020 Vote: For: 12 Against: 0 Abstentions: 1</p> <p>→ Recommendation from the Governance & Finance Committee: To approve using the current auditors (Naylor Wintersgill Limited) for a further year. After that, as the company have already worked with Yorkshire Netball for 4 years, they cannot continue auditing the regions accounts as they can only be associated with an organisation for 5 years.</p> <p>Proposal: To use Naylor and Wintersgill Ltd for a further year to audit the Region's accounts Vote: For: 12 Against: 0 Abstentions: 1</p>	
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5.	<p>To Approve the Regional Subscriptions for the 2021/22 Year commencing 1st September 2021:</p>	
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	<p>→ It was proposed that the Regional membership fee remain the same for the 2021/2022 season. CD made it clear that the Region had no intentions of raising the membership fee and if it was at all possible, they would look at reducing it. There was a discussion around the subject as some Counties and Regions were reducing theirs or not charging a fee at all. England Netball's fee of £36 made up the majority of the membership fee. The Region's portion of the membership fee is £4:20 so would not have a real bearing on the overall amount that a member would pay, and it was thought that if the Region didn't charge a fee next year or the fee was reduced it would be harder to reinstate or increase in future years. It was agreed that it would be better to use the fee to reinvest back into benefitting the members but they agreed they would have a flexible approach during these uncertain times and if possible would look to reducing the fee.</p> <p>→ To help Counties make their decisions about their fees the Region would decide on the regional fees by the end of the financial year</p> <p>Proposal; The RMB not to increase the membership fee Vote: For: 12 Against: 0 Abstentions: 1</p>	
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6	<p>To Consider any Proposed Resolution Submitted in Writing by Members of the Region:</p> <p>→ No resolutions submitted</p>	
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7.	<p>To Consider Proposed Changes to the Regional Constitution:</p> <p>Lisa Fox left the Meeting, reducing the votes to 12</p> <p>→ There were quite a few proposed changes to the constitution, so they were split into sections to ease the voting process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.4 to 7.5 were mostly wording changes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The proposed new clause (3.12) 'To create an inclusive and compassionate culture that focuses on valuing and respecting all, promoting equality, diversity and inclusion and widening participation.' Should be re numbered as 3.11 and the original 3.11 was a catch all clause and should be put at the end of the section and numbered 3.12. – all agreed <p>Action Point: The new proposed clause 3.12 renumber as 3.11. The current 3.11 renumber as 3.12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 7.5 - Delete the words: "via the county netball association" – the words 'within the Region' should also be deleted – all agreed <p>Action Point: Also delete the words 'within the Region' in 7.5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8.1 – 8.9.2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The substantive proposed changes were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 8.1 – Proposed change: to change the time of the AGM notification to be sent out from 28 days to 21 days clear. There was a discussion around this and it was decided that the 28 days clear notice should remain to give time for the AGM documentation to be read by members and any relevant paperwork to be returned <p>Action Point: Keep 8.1 as 28 days notification of an AGM and not the proposed 21 days but to relook at next year</p> <p>Action Point: All sections relating to time banding should be relooked at next year as well as 8.1 above</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 84 (c) – delete the word 'Annual' – it was decided that the word 'Annual' should remain as it is an annual statement that should be received at an AGM <p>Action Point: Keep 84 (c) as is and not delete the word 'Annual'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 8.4 (i) - New clause: "With the exception of 8.4 (a), any business set out under this clause 8.4 may be transacted at a General Meeting of the Region, as an alternative to the AGM." This was to be voted on separately to the rest of this section <p>Vote for 8.4 (i) : 0 Against: 12 Abstentions: 0 -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 8.6 – Proposed change: to change the wording from; 'The following shall be entitled to attend, speak and vote at General Meetings of the Region' to "The following shall 	<p>G&FC</p> <p>G&FC</p> <p>G&FC</p> <p>G&FC</p> <p>G&FC</p>
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	<p>be entitled to attend, speak and have one vote at General Meetings of the Region'. There was a debate around this and it was agreed that 'one vote' should be removed and the statement remain the same as members are entitled to 2 votes as per 8.9.1 – CD pointed out that in a constitution, the lower the number the less precedence it has so anything below 8.6 cannot override it which would mean that if the proposed change to 8.6 was agreed any member would only be able to hold one vote</p> <p>Action Point: Retain the original wording in 8.6 and take out the wording 'one vote'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 8.9.1 was deemed to be very wordy. It was decided to keep the proposed statement but ask G & FC to look at next year – needs listing to make it easier to read and understand <p>Action Point: Look at rewording 8.9.1 next year to make it more concise</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8.10 – 8.13.6 this section is mainly around the process of voting and proxy voting - 8.19 – the essence of this paragraph was ok but needed to be reworded for ease of understanding <p>Action Point: Reword 8.19 next year to make it easier to understand</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10.2 – 10.5 - 10.3 & 10.5 – the word 'Annual' needs to be added before the words 'financial statements' in line with 8.4 (c) <p>Action Point: add the word 'Annual' before the words 'financial statement'</p> <p>Proposal: To approve all the proposed changes to the constitution subject to the above changes but not including 8.4 (i) Vote: For: 11 Against: 0 Abstentions: 1</p> <p>Proposal: Delete clause 8.4 (i) Vote: For: 12 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0</p>	<p>G&FC</p> <p>G&FC</p> <p>G&FC</p> <p>G&FC</p>
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8.	<p>Election of nominated members to Regional Management Board:</p> <p>→ 4 Officers were up for election and 1 for reelection for a second term</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Katie Puplett Votes: For: 11 Against: 0 Abstentions: 1 • Sian Foley-Corah Votes: For: 12 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 • Louise Morby Votes: For: 12 Against: 0 Abstentions: • Mark Pritchard Votes: For: 12 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 • Kate Cox Votes: For: 12 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 • Lisa Woods – reelection for a second term Votes: For: 11 Against: 0 Abstentions: 1 	
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9	<p>A Vote of Thanks:</p> <p>→ Rachael Radford gave a vote of thanks to Nigel Harrison & Cheryl Dewhirst for all their work over the last 9 years and moving the Governance & Finance Committee forward. Also a wider thank you to the RMB in putting together an ambitious 5 year development plan</p> <p>→ The meeting was brought to a close at 8:20pm by the Chair LW</p>	
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Dates of Next AGM: To be determined by the RMB.