



Meeting Minutes (Yorkshire Netball RMB)

Date:	Thursday 14 th March 2024
Time:	6.00pm – 7.00pm
Location:	Snozone, Castleford and Zoom Call

ATTENDEES			
Name	Role	Location	Initials
Sian Foley	Yorkshire Netball Chair/Ripon Jewels	In Person	SF
Jade Gerrard	Yorkshire Netball Vice Chair/Head of Governance and Finance	In Person	KP
Laura Elson	Yorkshire Netball Volunteering Lead	In Person	LE
Louise Morby	Yorkshire Netball ED Lead/Leeds Beckett University	In person	LM
Keith Morris	Yorkshire Netball Safeguarding Lead/YMCA	In Person	KM
Louise Dunsford	Yorkshire Netball Treasurer	In Person	LD
Linda Ginesi	Yorkshire Netball RMB Member	In Person	LG
Hayley Tepliakov	Yorkshire Netball Marketing & Communications Lead	In Person	HT
Andy Magson	Hull KR Netball	In Person	AM
Jenny Skelton	Honorary Life Member	In Person	JS
Felicity O’Leary	North Yorkshire Netball Chair/Fusion	In Person	FOL
Sarah Mallinson-Howard	Yorkshire Netball Insights Lead/York City Netball Club	In Person	SMH
Hannah Shearwood	Yorkshire Netball RMB Member	In Person	HS
Jackie Cork	Portland Netball club	In Person	JC
Pollyanna Roberts	Yorkshire Netball RMB Working Group Observer	In Person	PR
Stacy Hopkinson	Yorkshire Netball RMB Working Group Observer	In Person	SH
Abi Tunnacliffe	Hepworth Hurricanes Club	Remote	
Katie Peacham	Humberside Netball Chair	Remote	
Tracey Meesam	Harrogate Mavericks	Remote	
Alex Maskell	Morrisons Netball Club	Remote	
Charlotte Wiffen	Haxby Netball Club	Remote	
Freya Bignell	Huddersfield Giants Netball Club	Remote	
Emma McAra	Ripon Rockets	Remote	
Lisa McCormick	Leeds Rhinos Netball	Remote	
Alice Wood	Read School Ladies	Remote	
Michelle Welch	Genies Netball	Remote	
Beccy Lewis	Concord/Parkhead Netball	Remote	
Molly Browne	Selby Netball Club	Remote	
Lucy Oldroyd	ShIPLEY Netball Club	Remote	
Rebecca Moore	The Tigers, North Yorkshire	Remote	
Sonia Johar	Morrisons	Remote	
Emily Fletcher	York All Blacks	Remote	
Leone Pearce	Rawcliffe Netball Club	Remote	
Charlotte Bennett	Harrogate Harriers and Eagles	Remote	
APOLOGIES SENT			
Name	Role		
Joan Young	Honorary Life Member		
Pam Hoyle	Honorary Life Member/West Yorkshire Chair		
Sharon Green	South Yorkshire Chair		



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Kay Horne	Stamford Vikings
Penny Allen	Leeds Athletic Netball Club
Kirstin	Northern Netball Club
NOTES	
Item	Description
1	<p><u>Welcome</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome from SF as Chair of Yorkshire Netball to all attendees; a mixture of both face to face and remote. - Thank you to all those attending in person at the AGM and also those joining us via Zoom online. - As this is an AGM, constitutionally we have to follow the items in the Agenda which was circulated as part of the pre-meeting paperwork.
2	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Due to the volume of affiliated organisations in Yorkshire, it is not possible to share apologies from all those that cannot attend tonight, but it will be noted in the minutes those that offered formal apologies.
3	<p><u>To approve the Minutes of 2022 Annual General Meeting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LE proposed the meeting minutes as accurate. - LG seconded this motion.
4	<p><u>To Receive and consider the Annual Report for the Year Ended 31st March 2023</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SF explained that these were to consider points of reference and not to seek approval and if anyone has any questions on the report, they can ask them now. - Question from JS: Are you going to show the number of apologies from those not attending tonight's AGM? - Answer from SF: Apologies will be recorded in the minutes. We have 33 votes that are able to be cast tonight both online and in person. - Question from JC: Communication with County and Regional Chairs when organizing competitions be better communicated as there are currently lots of clashes, which can leave areas short of umpires? - Answer from SF: This would need to be directed to the Competitions and Officiating Group, rather than an item picked up within the Annual Report. This point will be taken out and discussed with Jayne who leads that Group and will ask her to contact JC to discuss further. Any changes that have been made recently, like changes to structures was presented with County Chairs who are key stakeholders, which is then fed back to those involved in the changes. Our working groups are those first points of contact for any consultations. - Question from JC: Who is the lead for the Competitions and Officiating Group as England website has Rachel Radford? - Answer from SF: Jayne Field is the lead strategically for the Competitions and Officiating Group on the Board but in terms of operationally delivering officiating and mentoring assessments Rachel is part of the working group that supports that. - SF commented that we are aware that officiating and coaching has low numbers of volunteers and clubs are looking for coaches. One of the things that we are working on is every working group has been responsible for submitting a budget and working towards that budget to deliver a 4 year plan taking into account the insight surveys, consultations, drivers for the region and working together with regions and counties to make sure we don't overlap. - Question from JS: Can plenty of notice been given to Counties in relation to Competitions as they plan months in advance? - Answer from SF: We will make sure the working groups are aware and pick up with Counties directly.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SF noted that there were no questions from those that were attending online. - SF commented that there has been a wealth of work that has gone on this year, putting the building blocks in place for where we want to be as a Region. This year is a springboard for things happening in the future. SF wanted to personally thank those on the RMB that had pulled together all their reports, which were very comprehensive and detailed.
5	<p><u>To Receive and consider the Financial Report and Accounts for the Year Ended 31st March 2023</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SFC explained the statement had been sent with the pre-AGM information and asked for any questions or feedback. - Question from JS: Why was nearly £19,000 spent on Goalden Globes, making a very large deficit in the finances? - Answer from SF: The £18,000 that was given to Rhinos was a combination of delivering Goalden Globes and also giving Rhinos sponsorship. This is a decision that had it gone through the new RMB, it wouldn't have been approved. The sign off for the £19,000 spend only gave Board members a 24 hour sign off period and it should not have been allowed. But it is something that has been mitigated and those individuals are no longer on the Board. We now have a new Treasurer on board, Louise, who has been tasked with a more comprehensive sign off process. Our spend in relation to the awards for the next reporting period has gone down from £19,000 to £5,700 and this years spend also included the ONE National awards. - Question from JC: What money did we give to Rhinos? - Answer from SF: The money that was paid to them was for the delivery of the ONE awards, previously Goalden Globe awards. We now do the awards with Rhinos and is also part of their awards night at Headingley Stadium. So that money was used for the delivery, but also money that the previous Chair agreed to sponsor Rhinos. However, going forwards the way that money will be spent is £2,600 was spent on awards dinner and drinks, which was a significant amount less. A further £3,000 which was put towards an NPL tournament where 50% of those participating were from local socio-economic groups and wouldn't have been able to take part in that tournament if they were not funded by the Region. So we agreed to cover 50% of the travel, accommodation and attendance of those individuals. - Question from FOL: What is the £65 income from officiating? Why is it so low? - Answer from SF: Don't have the answer to that now, it could be in relation to a refund, but will take away and come back to you.
6	<p><u>To Approve the 2024/2025 Regional Membership Fees</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SF explained for clarity that for the last four years we have made the decision not to increase member fees. Whilst we have a healthy bank balance we do feel the need to increase our fees. - FOL proposed the regional membership fee. - JC seconded this motion.
7	<p><u>To elect those members of the Regional Management Board who have been nominated in accordance with clause 7.1 of the constitution or to re-elect those members in accordance with clause 7.4</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SF provided clarification on the voting process: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Co-opted individuals as part of the constitution and these are individuals that need to be elected onto the Board in order to do their role. 2. The nominations currently to be considered by the members for election tonight include 4 individuals who are being proposed.



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3. SF explained to the members who had stepped down from their positions and clarified how the recruitment process had been advertised and how extensive the interview process had been, after being asked the question in the room.
4. SF also explained how the role of Secretary had now become available and if any members were aware of anyone that would like the position, to get in touch.
5. Members in the room are asked to vote by raising their hands. Members joining the meeting remotely, are asked to show a raised hand on their screen.
6. Quorum of 12 is needed for those to be elected.
7. JG counted hands in the room and those online.

- Congratulations to the following nominees who were successfully elected via the AGM membership vote:

Jade Gerrard

Louise Dunsford

Hannah Shearwood

Hayley Tepliakov

- Question from FOL: Will all members of the Board be available to view online, when the new website is up and running.
- Answer from SF: Absolutely! We will circulate a Board structure along with the minutes of the AGM in lieu of the website being built. But will also be available on there once ready.
- Question from JC: Who else is on the Board?
- Answer from SF: SF went round the room explaining who each person was and their role within Yorkshire Netball and also those who were unable to attend.

To Approve the Proposed Changes to the Constitution

- SF explained the context of the proposed constitutional changes:
 1. There has been a lot of changes, because after considering all the feedback from members and those on the board, it was difficult to read in both format and language.
 2. An example of one of the proposed changes is voting rights. From an official's perspective if you only umpire and you are not attached to a club you are therefore unable to vote. This has been changed so in the next AGM cycle you will be able to vote. Which is important.
 3. Other changes are around gender neutral language, plain English and making it a more inclusive process and more welcoming as a Region.
- SF asked if there were any questions.
- Question from FOL: If everyone is an individual member do they each have an individual vote?
- Answer from SF: No, as the way the membership is defined in the Constitution is you are a voting member if you are a member of a club, your club is the member. Or if you are an individual that is not affiliated to a club, then you will be a member in your own right.
- Question from JS: On point 3.6 Promotion of vision and regulations – are these on the website and do Regions/Clubs have them?
- Answer from SF: We are adhering to Tier 1 of the Sports Governance Code; part of that is making sure all of this is published on the website, including all historic documents.
- Question from JS: why has the co-opt been changed from 2 years to 4 years?
- Answer from SF: Because with a shorter tenure we are at risk of members of the Board resigning or reaching the end of their tenure at a similar point in time.
- Question from JC: in the constitution rule 5.2 states you may not be on a Board and a working group? So you may have someone answering a competition email and a competition complaints being the same person, which seems a conflict of interest?



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Answer from SF: They can all be part of the same group and deal with all queries. Functions of that group are split between the working group members. A separate individual will deal with complaints. Individuals within a working group do not sit on the Regional Management Board. All Group opportunities are advertised through social media, via club secretaries who we would then expect to pass that information on to other members within their club. SF explained the confusion around primary contact and secretary data that is held with Engage that has caused issues when issuing details of the Yorkshire Netball AGM. - All members asked to raise their hands to vote. - Joan and Pam and Fusion abstaining their vote.
10	<p><u>To transact such other business as may be brought before it in accordance with this constitution.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SF confirmed that no other business had been submitted and therefore none to consider.
11	<p><u>Vote of Thanks</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SF tabled the following thanks: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thanks to all those in the room and also online. Those who gave feedback prior to the meeting. 2. Thanks to all those on the Regional Management Board it does not go unnoticed all the hard work that you do, along with all the volunteers in our region. It's a privilege to be Chair. - SF brought the meeting to a close.

Action	Owner
Share information with Competitions and Officials working groups	SF
Feedback income in relation to officials within the financial report	LD

APPROVAL

These minutes have been reviewed and signed-off by:

Name: Sian Foley

Position: Yorkshire Netball Chair

Date: 21st March 2024