

Milton Keynes Indoor Netball League AGM

11th July 2017

1. Welcome

Katrina Hird, Vice Chair, introduced herself. Jennifer Payne, Chair, has decided it's inappropriate to stand again as Chair given that surgery on her ongoing shoulder injury is imminent and recovery will take at least 3 months. Jen has greatly enjoyed her time on the committee and was thanked for all her hard work over the last 10 years, it has been a pleasure to work with you Jen.

Katrina has been on the committee for 6 seasons now, the committee this season has been unsettled, with members leaving and difficult decisions to make. The committee are volunteers who use their spare time to run the league, there have been many late meetings. The committee would like to thank teams for their patience, we don't always get things right and do not enjoy making difficult decisions but we always work fairly, consistently and without bias.

Katrina is proud of the committee's effort this season, without the committee there is no league.

There has been some success with regard to umpiring with C Awards and 'Into Officiating' Awards being gained. It's great to see umpires getting through and becoming qualified. Thank you to all umpires for coming out when not playing.

The committee revisited point's deductions this season and reinstated points deducted due to duty administration, we are still learning what works well.

Treasury had a successful start to the season, the original Treasurer left the committee and a new one joined. Teams have been paying via bank transfer which has been great.

This season has not been without its challenges, a new process for communicating regarding umpire assessments will be put in place to ensure everyone knows when these are happening.

Game management – much more contact in today's game, MKINL needs to provide support to umpires and players, the committee will provide further resources and

would like to remind everyone of the Code of Conduct, we have all signed it, we need to be better as players.

Next season – MKINL Rules for September will be agreed by the committee at the next couple of meetings, we have already received some valuable feedback from teams regarding proposed rule changes, please email mkinlcontact@gmail.com with your suggestions.

Growth – MKINL and divisions have outgrown the current format, moving forward divisions may be increased by 1. The current format has meant a long season, with no summer league which is detrimental to new umpires and a really late AGM, leaving little time to prepare for next season. A new division layout will mean more flexibility as each team will play less matches, we could have a longer break after Christmas, avoid fixtures during school holidays if possible and have dates available to arrange rules and umpiring forums.

As Jen has stepped down, Katrina has stepped up and has enjoyed being acting Chair, due to committee changes there are some vacancies to fill.

2. Minutes & Matters Arising

No matters arising. Minutes approved: Proposed: Louise Collard, seconded: Jane Halsey.

3. Treasury

Last season's accounts are yet to be verified by an Accountant, a statement of accounts will be sent to all team contacts when finalised.

4. Umpiring

Audrey unfortunately couldn't be here tonight.

Audrey has sent her account of the season.

"It has been a successful season with new umpires qualifying in Beginner, C and B awards.

I have continued to assess umpires throughout the season, to try to encourage a good standard of umpiring. I have done this with the help of Gerry, Jen and Vicki – thank you for all your help this season.

When it comes to next season, I would like to look at the umpiring in Division 1 and assessing umpires to make a 'Division 1 approved umpire list' like the Prem approved umpires.

A member warned that pushing Beginner to C Award umpires could generate a lack of umpires for Division 3.

A member has asked the committee to circulate her comments regarding NBNA to MKINL members, she would like NBNA to tell us how many courses were run and how many were successful, and she would like the committee to push NBNA for this information.

A member found NBNA very helpful getting her through her umpiring award.

A member commented that MKINL cannot say umpiring has been a success this season, a lot of matches cancelled in division 1 due to lack of umpires.

A member commented that MKINL have become the victims of their own success and that extending the playing week to more than one night would be one possible strategy to overcome lack of umpire availability. A great improvement has been seen in umpiring over the last two years, well done teams and umpires who have come through.

5. Affiliations

A good start to the season for affiliations with 48 teams affiliating, all teams affiliated by the deadline and all 8 multi team clubs provided team seeding and player allocations by the deadline as well.

We had a total of 716 players affiliate for the season of which 12 played a match unaffiliated compared to just 1 last year. This resulted in point deductions per match played and a loss of any points won awarded to the opposition.

There was a total of 25 transfers, of which 9 were outside multi club teams.

Players within multi team clubs played up a total of 129 times.

All teams submitted a master signature sheet this season, with only 6 teams missing the deadline. The latest master signature sheet was received 14th February.

A total of 108 players did not submit their master signature, which equates to approximately 15% of players in the whole league. An improvement on last year by 10%.

Please remember to sign with the name you are affiliated under.

Please note for next season:

My Net will be available to accept affiliations for the 2017/18 season on **Tuesday 1st August 2017 at 10.00**

The **affiliations deadline** this year is **1st September at 17.00**

The **seeding deadline** this year is **4th September at 17.00**

6. Proposals

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0 votes against, 0 votes abstained, 31 votes for – proposal adopted

New Proposal - Addition to 3. Committee

3.5 To ensure fairness there should be a maximum of two Committee members per Club on the Committee at any one time.

2 votes against, 0 votes abstained, 29 votes for – proposal adopted

New Proposal - 6. General Meetings

CURRENT:

6.9 Persons eligible to vote at General Meetings:

Every Club in attendance at an Annual General Meeting, who is registering for the forthcoming season, is eligible to a single vote.

The Chairman shall have a casting vote in the case of an equality of votes. In the case of a motion directly affecting the Chairman, the Vice Chairman shall take the vote and subsequently officers in line where necessary.

PROPOSAL:

6.9 Persons eligible to vote at General Meetings:

Every Team in attendance at an Annual General Meeting, who is registering for the forthcoming season, is eligible to a single vote; whether part of a multi-club team or an individual team.

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EXPLANATION GIVEN:

There are 8 multi-Club teams in the League which constitutes 25 teams out of 48 which is 52%. That leaves the remainder of the League made up of 23 teams. All those 23 teams get a vote, however, the majority 25 other teams only get 8 votes although they still have to make a financial contribution per team.

19 votes against, 0 votes abstained, 11 votes for – proposal not adopted

7. Election of Officers

Chair

Nominations: Tina Irvine and Katrina Hird

A statement was read on behalf of Tina Irvine, Katrina Hird gave a statement.

Katrina Hird left the room.

A member asked if the constitution would allow for someone with an interest in another league was allowed to be on the committee in an Honorary Role.

A member asked that if Tina Irvine was unsuccessful in getting Chair could she be nominated tonight for Vice Chair, the committee confirmed that she would not be able to accept the nomination as she is not present.

After a few minutes discussion clubs were asked to vote:

18 votes for Katrina Hird

12 votes for Tina Irvine

2 votes – abstained

Katrina Hird appointed Chair, returned to the room.

Vice Chair

Nomination: Jane Halsey

Proposed by: Paula Ayers

Seconded by: Debi Buckingham

Treasurer

Gemma Loud happy to continue in role

Proposed by: Debbie Branch

Seconded by: Lorraine Faulkner

Secretary

Emily Winship happy to continue in role

Proposed by: Jane Halsey

Seconded by: Nikki Trott

Umpiring Secretary

Audrey Castle happy to continue in role

Proposed by: Angela Balach

Seconded by: Kelly Palmer

Results Secretary

Sara Parsons happy to continue in role

Proposed by: Emma Banfield

Seconded by: Louise Collard

Affiliations Secretary

Jess Keeler moving away so unable to continue in role

Hayley Sinclair volunteered

Proposed by: Louise Collard

Seconded by: Gemma Loud

Minutes Secretary

Vacant role

Lynne Foster-Jones volunteered

Proposed by: Jane Halsey

Seconded by: Emily Winship

Duty Manager

Vacant role

Julia Pearse volunteered

Proposed by: Louise Collard

Seconded by: Emma Banfield

Publicity/Internet Officer

Vacant role

Claudette Da Costa volunteered

Proposed by: Jo Lindsay

Seconded by: Sara Parsons

8. Presentations – 2016 to 2017

Division 3 Best Attack – Chelbridge Jets

Division 3 Best Defence – Lightning

Division 3 Runners Up – Lightning

Division 3 Winners – Chelbridge Jets

Division 3 Player of the Year – Amy Proctor, Fusion

Division 2 Best Attack – Netters Ice

Division 2 Best Defence – Netters Ice

Division 2 Runners Up – Chelbridge Arrows

Division 2 Winners – Inde Tech

Division 2 Player of the Year – Jemima Worsfold, Olney 2

Division 1 Best Attack – Chelbridge Flyers

Division 1 Best Defence – Netters Embers

Division 1 Runners Up – Chelbridge Rockets

Division 1 Winners – Chelbridge Flyers

Division 1 Player of the Year – Jade Gilroy, nu Zodiacs

Premier Division Best Attack – Netters Flames

Premier Division Best Defence – Netters Diamonds

Premier Division Runners Up – Netters Flames

Premier Division Winners – Amber Jets

Premier Division Player of the Year – Bronwyn Moulder, Netters Flames

Fair Play Award – SAS

9. Any other business

Sheila Redpath, AENA Umpiring Development is retiring, she has made a huge contribution to netball over the years; developing, mentoring and tutoring umpires. NBNA would like MKINL to contribute towards her retirement gift. Members were asked to vote and this was unanimously agreed. £100 donation to be made.

A member asked why teams are not able to borrow players from other teams when multi-club teams can 'play up' or teams can have a player second claimed to MKINL from another division playing for them. The committee confirmed that this is a benefit of being a multi-club team and there are strict rules to prevent this happening at every match. It would not be a fair league if all teams were able to borrow players. Players are able to transfer to a different team – please see League rules.

A member asked about venues. The committee confirmed that we are always seeking new venues. A member indicated that a 'bubble' could be put over the new venue at the Hockey Stadium to allow for Indoor Netball. The committee will investigate further.

A member asked how the structure of the new divisions will be made up. The committee are in the process of finalising details and will inform teams ASAP.

MKINL thank all clubs for their attendance and look forward to an enjoyable and successful 2017 to 2018 season.