

Minutes
MKINL
Committee Meeting 3/5/18

Present:

Katrina Hird	Chairman	<i>KH</i>	Sara Parsons	Results	<i>SP</i>
Hayley Sinclair	Affiliations	<i>HS</i>	Lynne Foster-Jones	Minutes	<i>LFJ</i>
Emily Winship	Secretary	<i>EW</i>	Claudette DaCosta	PR	<i>CDC</i>
Gemma Loud	Treasurer	<i>GL</i>	Julia Pearse	Duty	<i>JP</i>
Jane Halsey	Vice Chair	<i>JH</i>	Audrey Castle	Umpiring Secretary	<i>AC</i>

Apologies:

Action
(who / date)

- 1 KH welcomed all members to the meeting.

Items still outstanding from previous meeting

- 2 Bank reconciliation on cashbook is out by £92 (money is not missing but a figure might be). LFJ has now been sent the cashbook & will look at and sort ASAP. *Update – cashbook has been rebuilt and is now fine; no monies are missing.*
- 3 13/2/18 – one umpire umpired a match, played and then umpired the 3rd match. AC did not authorise this and will contact the umpire concerned. *Update – AC has tried to contact umpire but email bounced back*
- 4 EW to find out more details re is there a Sports Hall in the new Kents Hill Park School **EW**
- 5 NBNA have now responded to the email sent to them by JT of Netters Ice. KH to forward to all Team Contacts. *Update – email has been reviewed and due to tone of it and perceived lack of neutrality, was felt it was not appropriate to forward to all teams*
- 6 LFJ asked the Committee to clarify exactly what should be scored with the Fair Play score, so umpires are consistent. Teams with a score of 1 or 2 can then be followed up by the Committee. The Committee would like to include this in an Umpiring Workshop, to be held before the next Winter Season, as well as including visuals and role play, so umpires can see and practice what they can / should say when such instances occur. **All**
By 1/8/18

Correspondence

- 7 Email recd from NT of **Netters Diamonds** re Netters Diamonds v Amber Jets game on 24/4/18. Query regarding umpire decisions & that 1 umpire was not on umpiring list. EW to write response and advise that umpire JK is an International Level umpire and had been given permission by AC to umpire. Umpire JK will be issued an umpire number shortly. **EW**
ASAP

JK was asked to umpire as the umpire for one of the games dropped out due to a family emergency.

With reference to umpire bias, please refer to Point 3 of the Minutes from 29/3/18.

- 8 Message rec'd on website from **Steve Z** re Chelbridge Stormbirds v Netters Blaze on 1/5/18. Mr Z had entered the hall towards the end of the game and saw two opposing players with their hands on the ball; one player swung the ball and apparently lifted the other player off her feet and the 2nd player tumbled to the floor. There have been no complaints received from either team or from either umpire. EW to respond to Mr Z.

**EW
ASAP**

- 9 CS from **Indetech** emailed to thank the committee for allowing her to play with a Daith Piercing, Doctor's Letter and headband (as per the England Netball FAQ's January 2018)

- 10 **MK Ballers** emailed KH to thank her & the entire Committee for their hard work this season - we appreciate your kind words MK Ballers.

- 11 Email regarding umpiring received from TI of **Netball United**. Please see Point 7 of these Minutes (re query on Netters Diamonds v Amber Jets match).

**EW
ASAP**

In response to the query regarding Umpire neutrality, please refer to Point 3 of the Minutes from 29/3/18.

In response to the queries regarding assessing / mentoring umpires on matches, please refer to Point 3 of the Minutes from 29/3/18 and note that without assessment and mentoring, we would not have new umpires coming through. It is noted that TI would like assessments to not be undertaken on matches that relate to promotion / demotion.

In response to the repeat query re notifying teams when an umpire is being assessed on a match please refer to Point 54 in the Minutes from 30/11/17.

For the final part of the email, please be advised that the Committee refute the allegation that any member of MKINL Committee is abusing their position to better suit their needs or is using their preferred umpires.

Summer League

- 12 22 teams entered

- 14 Due to the fantastic response to the Summer League, there will be 3 games per night. Teams will be required to each provide 1 scorer and score the matches as follows:

Teams playing Game 1	1 scorer each for Game 3
Teams playing Game 2	1 scorer each for Game 1
Teams playing Game 3	1 scorer each for Game 2

- 15 Fixtures to be finalised and sent to AC for initial umpire allocation

**JH by 7/5/18
AC ASAP after**

- 16 LFJ to finish off final umpire allocation if required and then info will be sent out to participating teams

LFJ ASAP

Affiliations

- 17 Railway Rockets played an unaffiliated player against Longville Netbusters on 06/03/2018. RR won the match so the result changes to a draw with a further 1 point deductions to RR in line with rule 3.3 (reference Point 26 of Minutes from 29/3/18)

Players who played up

	Affiliated to:	Played up to:	
SL	NU Zodiacs	NU Aztecs	re-set PU 2
BO	NU Amazons	NU Aztecs	Transferred
LH	Panthers Storm	Panthers Jets	
AD	Chelbridge Jets	Chelbridge Stormbirds	
CG	NU Amazons	NU Zodiacs	re-set PU 1
MA	NU Amazons	NU Zodiacs	
SR	Panthers Onyx	Panthers Storm	PU TWICE
GN	Brackley Eagles	Brackley Falcons	PU TWICE
SC	NU Aztecs	NU Trojans	re-set PU 1
JH	Chelbridge Rockets	Chelbridge Flyers	PU TWICE
JW	Olney 2	Olney 1	PU TWICE
SL	NU Zodiacs	NU Aztecs	Transferred
KB	NU Zodiacs	NU Aztecs	
SR	Panthers Onyx	Panthers Storm	Transferred
SC	NU Aztecs	NU Trojans	re-set PU 2
ER	NU Amazons	NU Zodiacs	re-set PU 2
MA	NU Amazons	NU Zodiacs	PU TWICE
JW	Olney 2	Olney 1	Transferred
EG	Olney 2	Olney 1	Transferred
MA	NU Amazons	NU Zodiacs	Transferred

Umpiring

- 18 All Umpires that have applied for assessment have been seen
- 19 Three new Into Officiating Umpires have been recently added to the umpire list. Three New C award Umpires have also been added in MK. Two Umpires from Aylesbury were assessed recently in MK and passed. One umpire from MK was assessed in Aylesbury but unfortunately did not yet meet the criteria.
- 20 We have another C Award assessor in North Bucks. Sally Whittle completed her 3rd observation in April, so is now a fully qualified assessor.
- 21 We have four learner umpires working to Into Officiating and they will be umpiring in the Summer league (in the lowest division), with qualified umpires running the line with them. Two more have attended an Into Course recently and will be observing qualified umpires during the Summer league.

Duty

- 22 20/3/18
- **Shenley:** bell is broken – JP to order new one
- JP ASAP**
- 23 27/3/18
- **Hazeley:** Last blank team sign in sheet used – JP topped up with more sheets on 3/4/18
 - **Bletchley College:** Hole/loose floorboard in circle, alerted duty manager at the college, re-covered with yellow tape
 - **Bletchley Leisure Centre:**
 - Complaint from NU about the heat in the hall
 - Last of sign player sign in sheets used – JP topped up with more sheets on 3/4/18
 - Disagreement about score in 2nd match – both scorers had 10-6, Chelbridge Stormbirds spectator had 10-7 at half time; opposing team won by more than 2 goals so did not affect final outcome
 - Injury to Netters Blaze player with 6 ½ minutes remaining of the first quarter. Play resumed for the last 2 mins of the quarter and from Quarter 2 onwards. Umpire did not allow substitute take court during Quarter 2 – see Point 16 of the minutes from 29/3/18
- 24 3/4/18
- **Hazeley:** White timer broken
 - **Shenley:** bell not working
 - **Bletchley Leisure Centre:** one small clipboard for scorecards has gone missing with scorecards so duty team used ones for May – JP to add more for the May matches; games started late at 7:34pm due to waiting for the count to be set up
- JP ASAP**
- 25 10/4/18
- **Hazeley:** Jets WA came off in fourth quarter with injury to fingers
 - **Bletchley Leisure Centre:** Umpire list gone missing, only lasted 1 week in the box ! JP to put another copy in
- JP ASAP**
- 26 17/4/18
- **Bletchley Leisure Centre:**
 - no score cards for 1st match, extra cards provided by umpire, only 1 score card for last 2 matches
 - GA Panthers Jets head injury on room divide, injury form completed with BLC
 - Umpires for 1 game were being assessed so no umpire numbers provided
 - Only 1 score card for next match in box
 - **Shenley:** MJ of NU Amazons filmed the match for A level work. All players, umpires and spectators were made aware and agreed on the understanding there were no flashes and it was not shared on social media. Dragons did question a flash from the phone from the umpire's daughter, but it was for a message not a photo. This information was relayed back to Dragons
 - **Bletchley College:** injury to DCL of NU in 43rd minute, unable to move her. Game stopped for 15 mins and ambulance called. Game continued at 21:55, potential Achilles injury. Result will stand as more than 2 quarters were played
 - **Woughton:** A Breezers spectator was filming the match without permission. LFJ asked him to immediately stop filming and delete the footage. The Breezers captain was made aware at the end of the match
- JP ASAP**

27 24/4/18

- **Hazeley:** Cautions for WD Netters Diamonds, GS for Amber Jets and C for Netters Diamonds
- **Shenley Brook End:** injury in match 2 towards the end; umpires and first aider dealt with the incident and game resumed once subs made
- **Woughton:** Inde Tech captain asked duty team to note that the umpire for their match was 12 mins late (JP, umpire no. 40)

28 It seems that an awful lot of items are going missing from the Duty Boxes. JP to compile a list for presentation at the AGM

JP
By 19/6/18

PR

29 Poll put on FB to see if there is any interest in a pre-season tournament. Result was that teams would prefer an end-of-season tournament instead. To discuss at a future committee meeting

All
Feb 19

30 CDC to put email re on-court Captains, on Facebook

CDC ASAP

31 Aylesbury League have advised that they have a closed Facebook Group, on which teams can request umpires for games. The Committee is not responsible for the Group but teams have found it helpful. MKINL to consider for next season

All
Next meeting

Results

36 All up to date on the website & Facebook.

37 Can all teams with a trophy from last season, please return them to a Committee member at a venue over the remaining 2 weeks

Treasury

38 Due to the high volume of tasks involved for Treasury & Venues, this role will be split into two for next season (Treasurer & Venues Secretary). EW to update the MKINL Committee Roles & Responsibilities accordingly for sending out with the AGM documents (Point 49)

EW by 8/5/18

39 All teams are paid to date

40 All venues are paid up to date for invoices received

41 In order to keep the accounts as clean as possible, any teams that have overpaid match fees, will be refunded by cheque

GL
By 31/5/18

42 The draft accounts will be available for the AGM as it is unlikely that there will be sufficient time to have them reviewed and signed off by an accountant before then

Venues

43 Check that there are 6 posts available at Oakgrove for the Summer League

GL ASAP

44 Book all venues for next Winter Season (11 Sept to 18 Dec; 8 Jan to 28 May)

GL ASAP

AOB

- 45 Due to the games cancelled during the season by venues and the “snow” week, it is not logistically possible to replay matches AND to have playoffs. The Committee voted 6 to 2 (2 abstained) to NOT replay any of the matches (only three matches were in contention for replays due to games being cancelled at no fault of either team) and to hold the Playoffs instead.
- 46 The Prem / Championship playoff will be at Bletchley College 9pm on 15 May. Umpires will be provided & paid by MKINL. No match fees will be charged to the teams **AC
By 15/5/18**
- 47 The other division playoffs will be held on 22 May at Bletchley Leisure Centre. Umpires to be organised & paid for by MKINL. No match fees will be charged to the teams. **AC
By 22/5/18**
- 48 EW to advise all teams that they may potentially be in a Playoff position and to note the dates above **EW ASAP**
- 49 EW to send out AGM documents to all teams by Tuesday 8 May. All forms need to be checked & amended if necessary, to ensure that they comply with the new Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), which come into force on 25/5/18. **EW by 8/5/18**
- 50 Re GDPR – County will not cover our liability to comply so we need to ensure that everything we do is in line with GDPR. KH and JH are the joint Data Protection Officers (DPO) for MKINL and will ensure that we put robust procedures in place so we are compliant. Part of the discussions will be around filming at venues and filming of children (under-18). **To discuss at next meeting**
- 51 KH attended the latest North Bucks meeting.
- 52 Representatives from North Bucks have attended several MKINL matches and are appalled at the overall level of disrespect shown by players to umpires. If this continues, North Bucks will no longer use MKINL games to assess umpires.
- 53 North Bucks have told us that we need to put rules in place, that provide sanctions for unsubstantiated umpiring complaints – to be added into the Rules for next season. **Can all players / teams please note that without umpires, there would be no league and constantly questioning umpire decisions is NOT in line with the MKINL Code of Conduct.** **All
By 31/8/18**

Next Committee Meeting

31 May 2018

Appendix 1
MKINL Correspondence

April 2018

- MKINL Summer League details emailed to all MKINL members.
- Email sent to all Umpires regarding players' bibs.
- MKINL Conduct reminder sent to all MKINL members.
- Email sent to all Umpires reminding them to check for step counter devices prior to matches
- Email from player looking for a team, put in touch with a team looking for players
- Email from parent looking for team for 10 year old daughter – directed to Netters, netball united and LBYNC
- Email from player looking for a team, put in touch with a team looking for players
- Email from SA regarding step counter devices - forwarded to Umpiring Secretary
- Email from potential new team, directed to website 'Summer League' as winter season coming to an end
- MKINL Committee Meeting Minutes – March 2018 – sent to all MKINL members
- Email from player looking for a team, put in touch with a team looking for players
- Email from team looking to join MKINL, sent details of summer league with a view to assessment prior to division placement and will forward AGM details when published
- Email sent to all MKINL members regarding Use of Photography with reference to parental consent being required for all those under the age of 18
- Email from player looking for a team, put in touch with team looking for players
- Summer League Entry reminder sent to all MKINL members
- Email from SR regarding Summer League Umpire query – forwarded to Jane Halsey, Vice Chair
- Email from player looking for a team, put in touch with a team looking for players
- Message received by MKINL chair from MK Ballers regarding photography – response sent via MKINL Chair
- Email from LBNC regarding mixed tournament to be held on 30th June 2018 – forwarded to all MKINL members
- Email from JO asking for most recent fixtures, Jan 2018 version of fixtures sent in response
- Email received by Vice Chair – player looking for a team, put in touch with a team looking for players
- Updated MKINL Contact list emailed to all MKINL members – Congratulations LH on gaining your C Award
- Email from parent looking for team for 11 year old – directed to MK Netters, Netball United and LBYNC
- Copy of medical note confirming that CS' piercing in ear is for medical reasons received, CS will be able to play with the piercing, recommended that she takes copy of note (a copy on phone is fine) with her when playing to satisfy Umpires when/if asked to remove piercing. Piercing will require taping during play. Thank you email received from CS
- Email from DS regarding Umpires for Summer League, forwarded to Vice Chair
- NBNA AGM email sent to all MKINL members
- Email received regarding entry to LBNC tournament on 30th June – forwarded to LBNC
- Entry form received for LBNC Tournament – forwarded to LBNC
- Email received from LB regarding 'looking for youth players' – forwarded to all MKINL members
- Reminder emailed to all MKINL members regarding 'Role of Captains' Rule 5 (v) (d), page 22 of rule book
- Email received from Coopers – summer league request