

Minutes
MKINL AGM 18/06/19
Monkston Primary School

Present for the Committee:

Katrina Hird	Chairman	<i>KH</i>	Sara Parsons	Results	<i>SP</i>
Hayley Sinclair	Affiliations	<i>HS</i>	Gemma Loud	Venues	<i>GL</i>
Nicola Renson	Secretary	<i>NR</i>	Claudette Heneghan	PR	<i>CH</i>
Amy Simms	Treasurer	<i>AS</i>	Audrey Castle	Umpiring Secretary	<i>AC</i>
Jane Halsey	Vice Chair	<i>JH</i>			

Apologies:

Julia Pearse	Duty	<i>JP</i>
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Present for the Members:

Representatives from 30 Clubs / Teams

Chairman's Welcome

KH welcomed members to the 2018-2019 MKINL AGM and thanked Committee for all their hard work and dedication this season. Please remember that the Committee are all volunteers and do have other responsibilities outside of netball.

Minutes & Matters Arising

The Chairman asked if the previous AGM Minutes were a true and fair reflection of the previous AGM. It was agreed that they were. Proposed by Emily Winship and Seconded by Louise Collard.

Chairman's Report

KH reflected on the objectives that were set at the beginning of the 2018-2019 season.

Good evening everybody welcome to the MKINL 2018- 2019 AGM. Thank you all for coming tonight. For those of you that don't know me, I'm Katrina and I have been your chairman this season... and these lovely ladies next to me have been your committee – you will hear reports from some of them later. As always, we will try to keep this evening as short as we possibly can for you.

First on the agenda the Chairman's speech. This season we thought we do a little bit differently. Jane, my lovely vice chair lady, and I are going to give you what I call the good the bad and the ugly of the season.

So, the good bits...firstly from a Committee perspective

We started the season with a full committee – always a plus!

Our new secretary Nicola quickly settled into her role and picked up the umpiring list.

Claudette, PR, sourced and organised the MKINL Umpires T-shirts and continued to grow the Facebook page – there's certainly a lot more information on there than there ever has been before – so it's a great way of keeping informed of events going on in North Bucks as well as MK. She managed to do this whilst organising her wedding – congratulations on your marriage Claudette!

As ever, Hayley was on hand to chivvy up teams and help with any questions they may have had when affiliating last season. She had a fairly quiet season with only two clubs not affiliating on time and only a couple of non affiliated players found during the season. I have a feeling that with the new way to affiliate to England Netball Hayley may be a bit busier next season!

With Duty this season, we have had Julia pulling together our duty boxes at the beginning of the season. She then went on to have a beautiful baby boy - congratulations Julia! Covering Julia's maternity leave has been a team effort but special thanks go to Sara, who has picked up the lions share and Gemma who seems to have been constantly changing labels on envelopes!

Your Results Secretary is Sara who always has the results as up-to-date as she can! What would make your results quicker next season would be for the duty teams to email the results to Sara at the end of your duty evening. Sara has sorted out all of our trophies this evening – thanks Sara.

Umpiring next and Audrey is out Umpiring Secretary. I'd say that we had a tough first half of the season with difficulty getting much needed Into and C award courses. Audrey organised a close course for at Milton Keynes which had a good turnout.

We have had a number of new Into umpires pass this season and also C award passes – congratulations again to you all.

We've had more mentoring going on the season – thank you to Heather, Vicky and Gerry as well as Audrey.

As many of you will know Audrey has decided that this will be her last season standing on the Committee. She has brought with her a wealth of knowledge and experience to the committee – thank you for all your umpiring wisdom Audrey and we wish you all the best...I'm sure we will still see you mentoring and assessing in Milton Keynes!

So venues has been Gemma this season who was hugely happy that we split the Venues from the Treasury role at last year's AGM! Which was lucky as given what a tough start to the season we had, with Woughton being unfit for purpose and not finding out until the last minute – Gemma came to the rescue and found us a new venue within days and when that one wasn't good enough she found yet another venue! Gemma has had lots of last minute calls from venues about availability (despite her triple checking) and she has managed to find suitable alternatives on very short notice, enabling us to go out each week and just play netball!

With Gemma's perseverance she has found us two new venues for this season – Ousedale and MK Academy, both of which we will continue to use again next season. She has been in contact with every venue with a sports hall with a 10 mile radius of MK this year about four times trying to find new venues!

Lastly I want to say another big thank you to Gemma for standing back into the Treasurer position when we lost not one but two Treasurers. Gemma has not once moaned or complained this season about having to pick up the slack and has diligently made sure that payments were made and everyone has paid – all on top of her very busy venues role this year. Thank you Gemma.

Luckily, we managed to fill the position for the third time this season and we welcomed Amy to the Committee!

On to the other good bits from the season...

I am really impressed with the willingness of teams and of our members of team to help each other out and to get games going when we have duty teams arriving late or not at all.

It's been lovely to see and hear about the willingness of our umpires to help other teams often last minute and so that games can go ahead.

This is what makes MKINL a great league to play in – we all just want to go out on a Tuesday evening and play netball!

I'm so pleased that we have a group of umpires that come out week in week out to umpire. I know some of you are hugely keen to progress and to get mentoring and I can say that between MKINL and North Bucks next season, we will be more able to support with that. Thank you to all of our umpires – without you, our Tuesday evenings wouldn't be able to go ahead!

I'm really proud to be part of a committee that a few seasons ago encouraged our first junior team to enter the league that was Netters ice who have done incredibly well over the past few seasons and this season have won the championship. I can't mention Netters Ice and not mention Chelbridge Stormbirds who another junior team who have won the first division the season it's fantastic that we are allowing youngsters the opportunity to play in an adult league and to help the mature in their netball.

I'm also really excited to know that we have of the teams that want to enter MKINL. We've got teams that want to enter and play in our league which is fantastic and I'm excited to see what the next season brings.

Onto the bad...

We have had a challenging season committee wise and lost two treasurers and a minute secretary. Although able to replace Treasurers, we have been unable to fill the minutes secretary role. This has obviously had a big impact on the distribution of minutes so we would love to welcome a new minutes secretary tonight for next season.

I don't want to go into complaints in this section but just so you know we've had lots of correspondence since September with 68 being complaints. We've also had 8 formal complaints.

So with all of this going on we haven't had enough time to be able to execute any of the new plans we wanted to do this season.

I know that I've sent the umpires an email to say what can we do for you guys because that's where we feel like we need to pool our resources but we haven't had time to sit down and work out a how we can implement some of the ideas. There are some really great ideas and it would be fantastic to put some of them into place.

Lastly with bad is that we have had a very serious data protection breach happened in the last couple of months. We go into too much detail but we have had guidance from England Netball which we fully take on board and we have put steps in place to ensure that this doesn't happen again. The incident has been reported to the ICO who deal with data breaches and we hope that the outcome from them doesn't incur any financial burden to Milton Keynes indoor netball League.

What we have learnt from this season is that our rules don't allow us the flexibility to deal with some of these issues that have arisen over the past year. Following advice from North Bucks we believe that the only way to deal with this is to revise our rules and policies for the forthcoming season.

So going forward we would like to encourage the incoming committee to revise the rules for next season and be able to allow them to handle situations that arise easier and more consistently.

Vice Chairman's Report

This season I have spent the majority of my time dealing with the formal complaints we have had in. I've been with this Committee now for 10 years and I had only ever been involved with one disciplinary previously and we had only a handful of complaints per season. This season I have been involved with sixty eight complaints, eight of which have been formal. Of these eight, four have gone to disciplinary stage. Two have been escalated to North Bucks, One being upheld by them and the other still currently outstanding.

They have ranged in nature but unfortunately many have been based around our members conduct. Bullying via social media, aggression towards other players on court and abuse aimed at our umpires.

We have been advised by England Netball to resolve these matters via mediation, which we have tried to do with those involved. Unfortunately in one case mediation was refused by a member which leaves us at a stalemate. Maybe the member aggrieved then feels let down by us and the member who refused feels their behaviour is acceptable. This can't continue if we are to be a successful league and committee.

Going forward we have developed two things

1. A cause for concern form - which will be filled out on the night and handed to the duty team

2. A crib sheet base on England Netball recommendation of how we deal with complaints so we remain consistent on supporting our members

I would strongly urge the new Committee to implement both of these things for the coming season.

I'd like to thank the vast majority of our members who support what we are doing.

Lastly I must also say a huge thank you to the wonderful team of volunteers I have served with, without your support and determination to do an excellent job we would not be playing on a Tuesday.

Treasury Report

Statement of accounts was presented – please note that they are still to be audited externally and once finalised, will be sent out to all Clubs / Teams:

<u>STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS</u>		<u>BALANCE SHEET</u>		£
	£			
<u>Income</u>				
Winter League Entrance Fees	1,875.00	<u>Current Assets</u>		
Winter League Match Fees	16,860.00	Bank account (actual)	11,448.40	
Summer League Entrance Fees	0.00	Bank account (uncleared cheques)	-404.00	
Summer League Match Fees	0.00	Debtors (WL Entrance Fees)	0.00	
Umpiring Assessments	450.00	Debtors (WL Match Fees)	0.00	
Other	115.00	Debtors (SL Entrance Fees)	0.00	
	19,300.00	Debtors (SL Match Fees)	0.00	
		Debtors (Subs due - prior year)	0.00	
		Prepayments	60.00	
<u>Expenses</u>				
Winter League Venue Hire			11,104.40	
Bletchley College	3,564.00	<u>Current Liabilities</u>		
Bletchley LC	5,039.67	Creditors Venue Hire	24.55	
Hazeley	2,880.00			
Ousedale	1,345.50			
MK Academy	1,288.00			
Shenley	2,244.00			
Woughton	0.00	Accruals	62.90	
	16,361.17			
Summer League Court Costs	0.00		87.45	
AGM Costs (hire / food)	0.00			
Printing, Postage & Stationery	235.13		11,016.95	
Internet Subs	280.00			
Umpire+Assessor Fees / Court Costs	352.08	<u>Funded By</u>		
Trophies / Prizes	163.82	Reserve b/fwd	10,039.95	
Bank Charges	0.00	Surplus (Deficit) for the period	977.00	
Audit Fees	10.00			
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Other	920.80		11,016.95	
	18,323.00		0.00	less accruals
Surplus (Deficit) for the period	977.00			

- The accounts will be sent out after the AGM for auditing and shared thereafter.
- We encourage teams to pay via BACS wherever possible. Bank details will be issued with the statement of accounts.

- Huge improvement with court fees being paid on time last season.
- Some surplus funds were used for the Umpire T-Shirts.
- Court fees will remain the same at £20.00 per match for the upcoming season.

Venues Report

- All venues are booked for the following season and remain the same.
- Woughton Leisure Centre surface is still not fit for purpose with no date for repair
- Frequently looking for new venue options, so please get in contact if you hear of any availability or new courts being built.
- Shenley Brook End court lines are scheduled to be repainted during the October half term.

Affiliations Report

In general, a good season for affiliation.

Things to know

- We had 48 teams and 628 players and umpires affiliate to MKINL this year.
- 2 clubs missed the deadline for affiliation leading to point deductions, and only a further 2 players played during the season unaffiliated, also leading to point deductions.
- All multi team clubs sent their seedings by the deadline.
- All teams met the deadline for master sign forms.
- 50 players played up.
- 7 players transferred up/down within multi team clubs and to other teams.

Some of you will be aware that EN have designed a new system for affiliation. The purpose of the new process is as follows:

1. **Earlier release of membership** – membership packages will be available to purchase earlier than usual. They will be launched in July in order to give you more time to get signed up
2. **Removal of minimum fees** – clubs will no longer have to pay for a minimum of 10 players. Membership fees will only be payable for individuals wishing to become members
3. **Young Persons Groups will be converted to Netball Clubs** – for a club that currently has an Adult Club and separate Young Persons Group within MyNet, the two will be able to be merged into a single club* in the new system
4. **Fewer fee variations** – to simplify membership, each county and region will set a single fee per age group, which will be payable in order to become a member of that county or region (to receive their benefits and access playing opportunities in that area). Complicated First and Second Claim Fees will be no more – this will make it simpler to understand what fee you need to pay
5. **Consistent Taster Rate discount** – regions and counties will operate the same 50% discount for those eligible for the taster rate from March 2020

The new affiliation process is going to be new for everyone, I will be on hand as much as possible to help where possible, but EN will be your best point of contact for any technical questions.

Please note

- My Net will be available for 2019/20 in July as stated by England Netball.
- Affiliation deadline is 6th Sept 2019.

- Seedings deadline is 9th Sept 2019.

Umpiring Report

This is my final report as Umpiring Secretary for MKINL as I will be stepping down from the role.

Firstly, congratulations to Kate Palmer on passing her A Award Theory Paper.

MKINL ran a C Award course in March 2019. – well done to everyone that came along and took part in this.

We will be assessing some of the umpires that attended this course during the summer league – Vicki Harrison is assessing the INTO umpires and Heather McDonald is observing. Vicki will attend a course to be reinstated as a C Award assessor. Mentoring is being offered to any umpire of any level that wish to progress or just have mentoring support – we have three A award umpires available to help with this.

Thank you to all the umpires and mentors for your support and help, not only during the summer league but throughout the season.

PR Report

- We as MKINL members have a great discount opportunity with a local gym, the 24hrs KISS GYM in Knowlhill. It is a great way to build a team's fitness and enjoy a local league opportunity. I hope you will utilise this benefit as MKINL members.
- As part of the MKINL rule 5.2.1 umpires are required to wear white tops, we thought it would be a great idea to show our thanks to our local league umpires and provide them with a FREE umpiring T-shirt. I know that getting the T-shirts to you have been a bit tricky, but I have the ones that have been ordered by umpires with me today to hand out.
- As part of the MKINL Umpiring T-shirts distribution, I thought it would be a good idea to get to know our umpires by publishing an article on them and getting to know our umpires. Without our umpires we cannot play our matches, our umpires volunteer to umpire in our local MKINL matches and for this we should thank them and learn to appreciate them. From MKINL thank you umpires.
- Every year I request teams to submit their team photos, it's a great way to see other teams in the league. It is also a lovely way to see new teams and to welcome back some familiar faces to the league. I hope to receive more team photos in the future, all photos are published on the Facebook page and website.
- We have had many posts, updates and communication this year. From local league benefits, Summer League updates, AGM meetings and MKINL results. We have also tried to update you on England Netball Officiating courses and nearby coaching courses for those that want to get involved.
- We try to remind MKINL members of the Code of Conduct and to remember the England Netball Enjoy, Ensure and Entrust governance which protects the integrity of the sport and ensures everyone involved in the netball community has a great time.
- We like to keep our members updated and hopefully increase our social media platform by having more 'Likes' and 'Followers' to our Facebook Page.
- With that in mind, I would like to wrap up my presentation with the Netball World Cup in Liverpool, from the 12th to the 21st July. Only 24 days to go until we get to see the best netballers in the world take court, I'm sure you are all looking forward to it. Sky Sports is launching a dedicated channel, Sky Sports Netball, as part of this summer's coverage of the Netball World Cup, and all 60 games will be streamed on their YouTube channel. If you or your team are attending please feel free to send your photos through to MKINL PR for publishing, we would love to share this mementos occasion with you. #THISISNETBALL

A presentation of flowers was made to GL and AC in recognition of their service to the Committee as both members are standing down from the committee this year.

Proposals

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.10 <i>Individuals (player/coach/umpire) if pregnant, should only participate with written approval from a medical professional (ie Dr or midwife) and in accordance with any guidelines issued by England Netball.</i> 					
FOR	27	AGAINST	0	ABSTAINED	3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.7 <i>Any volunteer who fulfils a role on the MKINL Committee and who resigns within the year they are serving on the committee may not re-stand for election to the committee for the following season</i> 					
FOR	12	AGAINST	17	ABSTAINED	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.8 <i>Any volunteer who fulfils a role on the MKINL committee should be affiliated to England Netball</i> 					
FOR	13	AGAINST	15	ABSTAINED	2

Election of Officers

Chair Katrina Hird	Proposed:	Lesley Hales	Seconded:	Paula Ayers
Vice Chair Jane Halsey	Proposed:	Nicola Renson	Seconded:	Angela Banks
Treasurer Amy Simm	Proposed:	Mellisa Albarus	Seconded:	Hayley Sinclair
Secretary Nicola Renson	Proposed:	Kym Dennis	Seconded:	Mellisa Albarus
Umpiring Secretary Tina Irvine	Proposed:	Kym Dennis	Seconded:	Sarah Barnard
Results Secretary Sara Parsons	Proposed:	Emma Banfield	Seconded:	Jane Halsey
Affiliations Secretary Hayley Sinclair	Proposed:	Kym Dennis	Seconded:	Lesley Hales
Venues Secretary Hilary Williams	Proposed:	Carol Yeoman	Seconded:	Sarah Barnard
Minutes Secretary Victoria Owen	Proposed:	Jo Lindsay	Seconded:	Rebekka Hammett

Duty Manager Kym Dennis	Proposed:	Tina Irvine	Seconded:	Emily Winship
Publicity / Internet Officer Claudette Da Costa	Proposed:	Ellie Renson	Seconded:	Mellisa Albarus

Presentations

Division 3	
Best Attack	Railway Rockets
Best Defence	Breezers Tornadoes
Runners Up	Railway Rockets
Winners	Breezers Tornadoes
Player of the Year	Mary Riley – MK Flames Rebecca Hammet, Dragons
Golden Whistle	Stacey Harrison

Division 2	
Best Attack	LB Comets
Best Defence	VWG
Runners Up	Netters Blaze
Winners	VWG
Player of the Year	Charlotte Careford – Longville Ladies
Golden Whistle	Lauren Cartwright

Division 1	
Best Attack	Cranfield Roses
Best Defence	Cranfield Roses
Runners Up	Cranfield Roses
Winners	Chelbridge Stormbirds
Player of the Year	Nicola Ayers - Cranfield Roses
Golden Whistle	Emma Banfield

Championship

Best Attack	Netters Ice
Best Defence	Netters Ice
Runners Up	Chelbridge Flyers
Winners	Netters Ice
Player of the Year	Toni Ford – Netters Embers
Golden Whistle	Vicki Harrison

Premiership	
Best Attack	Amber Jets
Best Defence	Netters Diamonds
Runners Up	Amber Jets
Winners	Netters Diamonds
Player of the Year	Emma Dodge – Olney 1
Golden Whistle	Michelle Power

Fair Play award was presented to Chelbridge Arrows by Hazel.

Any Other Business

- Are the umpiring fees staying the same? Confirmed they will stay the same.
- Is the Ousedale venue going to be used again this year? Question also raised about why Championship and Premiership teams did not play at Ousedale. This venue will be looked at but there is a lack of venues in Milton Keynes
- Can something be done about the lighting at the Shenley Brook End school venue. This is something that will be discussed with the venue.
- Queries on the new England Netball affiliation process and how it works. Information will be supplied to team contacts as soon as more is known.
- Information to be added to the Duty Notes for duty team to email the results to the SP.
- GDPR issue raised by Panthers Netball Club. Chair confirmed this is being dealt with directly by England and in process of being resolved.
- Question raised about point deduction for late affiliation at beginning of season and discrepancy between two clubs being given same penalty. This has been dealt with at beginning of season and appeal has also been dealt with by committee. Rules for point deductions will be looked at for the coming season as part of the new committee looking at the rules
- Will Golden Whistle award for umpires be used again for 2019/2020 season. Chair confirmed that this award will not be used.

- Will there be more teams in Division three for the coming season. Chair confirmed with new teams joining league committee are looking at ensuring divisions are as even as possible.