

MKINL AGM MINUTES 2023

4th July 2023

Monkston Primary School

1) MKINL Chair – Jane Halsey welcomed all teams to MKINL AGM

2) 2022 AGM Minutes

Agreed by Lesley Aukett /Marnie Byles

3) Chair's Speech

Welcome to our first face to face AGM in a very long time! Thank you for giving up your time to be here.

We have had a season again plagued by venue issues, the team have worked hard to keep everyone up to date but unfortunately many of the cancellations have been out of our control. This has sadly led to us not being able to hold our summer league, which normally helps us keep down costs for the following season. With venue costs rising unfortunately we have had to put up entrance fees. I would've loved to have told you we would be adding to our venue portfolio but unfortunately we have again been unable (currently) to secure further venues.

Again not ideal but we promise we do our best for the members and get fixtures sorted as soon as possible so everyone knows when they are playing.

Success for us this year was getting our capacity up to a full complement of teams again and even welcoming new teams to the league - we hope they have all enjoyed playing.

I'd like to say a huge thank you to all of the umpires, without who each week would be a little harder for us to get out and play. We hope to be increasing the number of umpires next season with Jill working hard in the background with mentoring and hopefully more assessments

So now to the Committee, what a year we've had, we have truly had the busiest year I have ever known in my time on the committee. The girls work tirelessly behind the scenes and messages are often exchanged long into the evenings. We know you might not think we always get it right but we work with what we have and always consider every option, every decision we make is voted on and we always go with the majority vote.

I cannot thank them more for what they have done over the years and they are a really great bunch of selfless hard working people.

This is what makes the next part of my speech so hard, I have made the decision based solely on personal reasons that I will no longer be part of this amazing team.

It's been 14 years of good times and bad, some of us have been through quite a lot together but we have always had Netball and our members at the forefront of what drives us as volunteers.

I wish the MKINL Committee much success in the future and I will be very sad to leave you all.

4) Officiating Officer Report

This is my first year in this role and it's been a busy one. This year I want to continue to support trainee umpires and those that are qualified to achieve and maintain a high standard of officiating across the league. With the support this year from Carolyn and her team over in Aylesbury we have managed to qualify some more C awards that currently umpire in the Milton Keynes league.

Going forward we want to continue to do this but as a league we need your support. Currently we have a rule in place that states we can only have 1 trainee being tested at one time and cannot fully run a mentoring program in the lower league. We have put forward a rule change this evening which you will be able to vote on this change this going forward. It is really important, that we have the flexibility to do to enable us to continue to develop and train new umpires. There is also a cost implication in continuing with the old rule which we don't have the funds currently to cover. If this rule is not changed it will result in umpires being held up on this journey and having again to rely on the fantastic support of other leagues to do this.

Another proposal this year is to increase the umpiring fees from £10 to £15, with the increase cost of fuel and people's time I hope this will encourage people to help out other clubs when they are struggling. This again will be voted on this evening.

I would also like to take this opportunity to speak to you about discipline this season. We have on occasions have various complaint and duty note on team unhappy with umpire and vice versa. As a league we try to resolve these issues. I have at times been made aware of some umpires being spoken to rudely and at times being intimidated by teams, I feel this is unacceptable and not in your code of contact you all sign up to every season.

As I like to close on a positive note, we as a league are really keen to increase our number of umpires starting with into awards through to A Awards. The MKINL league is really lucky to have a number of really supportive mentors that are willing to give up their time to help others to achieve this. Please let me know if you or someone you know who would like some support and we can try to make this happen and have a great next season.

Mentoring Rule Change – proposal for consideration (exact words to be confirmed by new committee for rules) - Proposal for rule change put forward by MKINL Officiating Officer:

5.2.4 Umpiring Qualifications

Umpires must be of 'C' Award qualification for Championship and Division 1, Into officiating awards will be allowed to umpire in Division 1 and Division 2 on attendance of a C course but only with a suitable mentor that has been agreed by the league.

Into officiating umpires that don't have a mentor and don't wish to progress to their C award can only umpire Division 3.

For the Premier Division, all umpires must be a 'C' Award umpire or above AND have been approved, through assessment, to umpire this division.

Testing of umpires can be carried out on league matches; the test will consist of 2 trainees and can take part in the relevant division as required. This will be monitored and regulated by the Committee.

Teams supplying these umpires who are found to be in breach of this rule, will be deducted 2 points per match and further sanctions may follow, should a repeat occur. If the match is played with an

unsuitably qualified umpire, then this match will be deemed to be a friendly and the result will not stand. Court fees and umpiring fees will still be payable if the match is played

Proposal for rule change carried

Yes = 28

No = 1 Abstain = 2

5) Matters Arising - EN Safeguarding Requirement

We are required by England Netball to draw your attention to the new EN Safeguarding requirements. All teams must have appointed a Safeguarding Officer and they must have an enhanced DBS as well as having undergone the essential training. There is a recommendation for all those that have direct contact with Under 18 players on a one to one basis to also undertake the recommended training. An email has been sent to all team contacts – please ensure you follow the information given.

6) Proposals

Proposal 1

Rule change – accepted by MKINL committee from a MKINL member to be voted on at AGM by exception by members.

Proposal that player umpires can umpire two games in a night when they are due to **play in the third match only**, i.e., only if playing at 9pm they can umpire the 7pm & 8pm games – no other combination when umpire is playing

This relates to rule 5.2.1 Umpire Housekeeping.

Exact wording of the rule will be finalised by the new Committee

Please note the umpires cannot change the combination (ie play, umpire, umpire or umpire/play/umpire).

Proposal for rule change carried

Yes = 28

No = 0

Abstain = 3

Proposal 2

Change to the constitution (will also include rule change).

Prior to the vote taking place, representatives from MK Dons/MK Netters were permitted to address MKINL members to put forward reasons why the proposal should not be carried.

Proposal from Committee for change to MKINL Constitution:

Current:

MKINL Constitution

8.3 All players must be over 14 years in line with EN Rules

Current Rule:

MKINL Rule 3.1

3.1 Age of Players All players must be at least 14 years of age to be eligible to play in the MKINL. However, if a player has been talent identified and MKINL receives an Age Banding application form, completed in line with the EN Age Banding process (found on MKINL website), then permission may be given for a younger player to participate. If a player is found to be under 14 years old and not

talent-identified, then a 1 point penalty deduction per player per match in which that player(s) played, will occur. Any points won by the offending team will not stand, goals for and against will stand. The offending player/s will be unable to play in MKINL until they reach 14 years of age or talent identification documentation is received and accepted by the MKINL Chair (chairofMKINL@gmail.com).

Proposal:

Whilst MKINL wants to promote youth players within MKINL, the committee feel that it is more appropriate for all teams within MKINL that any youth players are seeded and are part of an adult team in order to support them to progress. MKINL Committee are proposing that no more than three youth identified players are on court at any one time and this will apply to all teams wishing to join MKINL. Any existing player that is in MKINL at the current time and has already been talent identified can continue and this will be confirmed by the Chair. We therefore propose the Constitution is changed as follows

MKINL Constitution

8.3 All players must be over 14 years in line with EN Rules. If a player has been talent identified and MKINL receives an Age Banding application form, completed in line with the EN Age Banding process then permission may be given for a younger player to participate. No more than three U14 players are permitted on court at any one time.

The MKINL rules will be re-worded: (please note exact wording will be formerly approved by new committee)

Proposal was not carried Yes = 14 No = 15 Abstain = 2

7) Election of Honorary Officers

The current Chair – Jane Halsey chose to resign from her position.

The current Treasurer – Amy Simm chose to resign from her position

Position	Elected	Proposed	Seconded
Chair	Tina Irvine	Maureen Packard	Lesley Aukett
Vice Chair	Hayley Sinclair	Kym Dennis	Sharon Arichbald
Secretary	Nicola Renson	Dragons	Andrea Mancini
Treasurer	Philippa Barber	Chrissy Holt	Dragons
Officiating Officer	Jill Allington	Leslie Aukett	Louise Collard

8) Election of Executive Officers

Position	Elected	Proposed	Seconded
Venues Officer	Tina Irvine	Carisse – netball united	Debbie Branch
Duty Officer	Kym Dennis	Marnie Byles	Louise Collard
Minutes Secretary	Amy Simm	Lesley Aukett	Marnie Byles
Results Officer	Sara Parsons	Marnie Byles	Sharon Archibald
Publicity Officer	Claudette Heneghan	Dragons	Longville Ladies

9) Award Presentation

Congratulations to all winners

DIVISION	AWARD	TEAM	PLAYER
PREM	Winners	Netters Flames	
	Runner Up	Amber Jets	
	Best Defence	Netters Flames	
	Best Attack	Amber Jets	
	Player of Season	nu Trojans	Libby Knight
	Player of Season	Diamonds	Katherine Mulligan
CHAMPIONSHIP	Winners	Cranfield Roses	
	Runner Up	Panther Jets	
	Best Defence	Cranfield Roses	
	Best Attack	Cranfield Roses	
	Player of Season	Netters Embers	Mel Goosen
	Player of Season	MK Dynamos	Gemma Fung
DIVISION 1	Winners	Wingrave Zodiacs	
	Runner Up	Dragons	
	Best Defence	Wingrave Zodiacs	
	Best Attack	Dragons	
	Player of Season	Schuco	Layla Morrison
	Player of Season	Coopers	Morayo Olunmido Diyau
	Player of Season	Dragons	Malunbe Syatwinda
	Player of Season	Breezers Tornadoes	Adeola Adebola
DIVISION 2	Winners	Longville Ladies	
	Runner Up	Olney White	
	Best Defence	Netters Blaze	
	Best Attack	Longville Ladies	
	Player of Season	Abstract MK	Nicola Kerslake
DIVISION 2	Winners	Towcester Toves	
	Runner Up	MK Dons Black	
	Best Defence	Leighton Buzzard	
	Best Attack	Towcester Toves	
	Player of Season	Railway Rockets	Heather Kennedy
	Player of Season	Towcester Toves	Emily Underwood

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There will be a new junior league coming to Milton Keynes, it will be held every other Saturday at Hazeley starting on 22nd September through to 23rd March. Please contact Kym Dennis for more details. Entries close 10th July

Dragons are holding a friendly dress up tournament on Saturday 16th July at Sport Central

Netball United are hosting a tournament on Sunday 4th September from 8.30am

If anyone requires contact details for these they will be posted on our facebook page after the meeting.

End of meeting