

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

The AGM was held via Zoom Video on Monday, 13th July 2020, commencing at 19.30 p.m.

Chair: Mandy Gerrard (MG) Chair

Present: Chris Granger (CG) Peter Bennett (PB) Mo Aldridge (MA)  
 Kathi Coffin (KC) Sarah Lambeth (SL) Jackie Gibbings (JG)  
 Christine Backshell (CB) Val Banks (VJB)

and 20 members of the Association

Welcome to all was given from Chair. She also confirmed that for the purposes of the Minutes this meeting was being recorded but would be deleted once the minutes were finalised

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1	<b>Apologies</b> Apologies were received from Amy McIntosh	
2	<b>Minutes of the 2019 AGM</b> Minutes from the AGM dated 15th July, 2019 were taken as read and signed as a true record by the Honorary Secretary on behalf of the Chair. Proposed by Carole Brown, Blue Zimmers, and seconded by Kim Smith, Nu Viva	
3	<b>Adoption of Tellers</b> As there was no Special Item Tellers not needed	
4	<b>Reports</b>	
4.1	<b>Chair (Mandy Gerrard)</b> MG read out her report - attached as Appendix 1	
4.2	<b>Honorary Treasurer (Jackie Gibbings)</b> Honorary Treasurer's Report had been circulated to all Clubs prior to the meeting. Following questions asked from Ravens	
4.2.a	<p><i>Q - Income - All 3 leagues actuals were below budget, FCSL and MW in particular were significantly below the budget. Why? Is this because many less teams than expected entered? If so, what was the reason for this, and what plans do the league have for encouraging new teams to apply.</i></p> <p>A - JG confirmed that it was not because many less teams entered than was expected in actual fact the numbers that entered were in line with the previous year but what we are doing with the league is trying to increase participation for our sport and we had actually forecast at that time that there would be an increase in participation of number of teams entering and therefore I increased the budgets on that basis but it did not happen and participation did not increase. What plans do the league have for encouraging new teams I am sure either Mandy or Chris can talk about this as well but we are doing things like the pay and play. We are trying to increase participation around the area of getting more people back to netball if they are not playing or to increase the amount of netball that people are playing.</p> <p>CG also wished to add on to what Jackie had been saying about number of teams and</p>	

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	<p>number of players, just as a comparison MWL had 26 teams in 2018/2019 and also 26 teams in 2019/ 2020, therefore the numbers were the same. Also the FCSL had 43 teams in 2018 and 41 teams in 2019, down just 2 teams. We also ran a very successful Pay and Play where we encouraged more players to join teams. Going forward what we would like to see are any of these back to netball players that are out there forming new clubs not necessarily joining the larger more established clubs which can be to the detriment of smaller clubs so lets actually look at more of these players being encouraged and we can help them to set up all of the particular things that they would need to actually make their own club and that's what we would like to do</p>	
4.2.b	<p><i>Q - Expenditure - Please can we have a breakdown on what the £4,081.25 for Admin was spent on given that the budget was only £250.</i></p> <p>A - JG responded that £3,562 of this was for new steel based containers at the Sports Centre for rollers and post covers which had been vandalised and which we expect to last for a long time. The remaining amount was for various other expenses including audit fees - £50, related expenses on Website - £108, Pay &amp; Play - £92 and SNA AGM expenses from last year - £250</p>	
	<p>The Chair asked those present if there was any other questions – none received</p>	
4.3	<p><b>League &amp; Tournament Administrator (Chris Granger)</b>  League &amp; Tournament Administrator's Report had been circulated to all Clubs prior to the meeting. Following questions asked from Ravens</p>	
4.3.a	<p><i>Q - Juniors has been disappointing for a number of years now, with very low numbers of teams entering and no league at all in 2018/19, denying girls playing opportunities. What plans do SNA have for growing junior numbers in the league, and encouraging more girls to play at a local level.</i></p> <p>A - CG responded as follows – First of all to say that there was no league in 2018/19 that was down particularly bad weather and low numbers entered but this year juniors in Southampton it has always been difficult to run a Southampton league because we are really lucky in as much as we have a high level of performance players who play at county and regional level. Leagues are played on a Saturday afternoon, and previously on a Wednesday evening, which for most proved too early. There are fewer clubs offering junior netball and some clubs playing Juniors in the senior league which from a safeguarding point of view younger players should be encouraged to play in their own age group. We have discussed this at Committee and going forward the lower age limit will go back to what it used to be and revert back to 15 to play in the Southampton senior league unless permission is given in exceptional circumstances. We have a number of players that are able physically and mentally to play in our senior league but there are a number of girls playing there which should be playing in their own age group, Junior netball is something that we in Southampton will be discussing with Hampshire with a view to helping us take this forward in how we can get more teams without taking them away from Hampshire as that is where those players should be but we want all of our players playing at the level that they are capable of playing at. We do have safeguarding issues that we need to make sure that we do look after our girls. I can't tell you any other reason why other than very few clubs offer junior netball.</p>	
	<p>The Chair asked those present if there was any other questions – none received</p>	
4.4	<p><b>Umpiring Development Administrator (Peter Bennett)</b>  Umpiring Development Administrator's Report had been circulated to all Clubs prior to the meeting. Chair asked if anyone had any questions to ask PB</p>	
4.4.a	<p><i>Q - Erica Longyear, Fleming – going forward is there any plans as we did a year of</i></p>	

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	<p><i>doing the beep test to make sure minimum fitness was there and that stopped is there any plans to make sure there is a certain standard of umpiring across the league especially this year as the standard in the winter league as they should all be a certain level has been very variable and some have not hit the back line which impacts the game significantly when it's a close game and you don't have the umpire there so maybe we should if we have got concerns come to the Committee direct about certain umpires.</i></p> <p>A – PB responded not that involves the beep test, no. MG also reported that the Committee are constantly monitoring umpiring standards alongside PB which is what we are always looking at.. CG also suggested that you can have the opportunity in the winter league to actually make those comments on your forms that you send back in with the players signatures on it and you do rate your umpires. She confirmed that anyone who consistently gets a very low score will be re-assessed.</p>	
4.4.b	<p><i>Q - Annie Mewett, Gems – we potentially have 3 girls who want to become umpires and want to know how to I get them up and running when we are allowed to. 2 have been on courses for work purposes, not sure whether these were Hampshire courses, but 1 hasn't done anything.</i></p> <p>A – PB stated that we are hopeful that courses will start again soon. If they have done the Hampshire Course we can work with them. Certainly the Pay and Play proved very useful last year to initiate them into the red umpires and this is a way that we can start them with The third one will have to wait to do the course first when dates are released. CG also added that the pathway is the beginner course is no longer there so the courses go as Into Officiating then the C and then the B and obviously up to the A and above. They do not have to attend the Into Officiating course which is equivalent to the beginner because no actual recognised test for that so if they want to go forward with their umpiring they need to attend a C award course which would be far more beneficial and then as PB said use the Pay and Play and the mentoring system as well.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Adoption of Reports</b> Chair asked for a proposer and seconder to adopt the reports. Proposed by Kerry Brown, Dreams and seconded by Annie Mewett, Gems</p>	
6.	<p><b>Election of Officers and Members of the Committee</b> Chair reported that we had received no new applications for members onto the Committee but unfortunately one of the Team Representatives, Amy McIntosh is standing down and we are sorry to see her go. All the other members are prepared to stand again and the present Committee needs to be re-elected en bloc. Vote of hands taken - there were no abstentions and no objections therefore the vote was taken as “unanimous” and Officers and Members of the Committee re-elected.</p>	
7.	<p><b>Adoption of Constitution of Southampton Netball Association</b> The Chair confirmed that Constitution had been forwarded prior to the meeting with a few minor alterations which had been highlighted in red and these needed to be adopted. Following questions asked from Ravens</p>	
7a	<p><i>Q - It appears all mention of using EN policies have been withdrawn. Does this risk the ability of teams winning the premier division being able to move into regional leagues?</i></p> <p>A - CG confirmed that all EN policies have been withdrawn from SNA Constitution as we know that we are not a registered league with EN so we cannot use their policies. SNA uses its own policies and procedures. Unsure what is meant by risking the ability of clubs to move to regional leagues as this is not the process. Teams winning the Premier Division have the opportunity to enter play offs for the Hampshire League and at this time have to be affiliated to play in Hampshire so our leagues in Southampton as</p>	

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	you know from player choice we don't have to hold EN affiliation we can either be affiliated or we can be under the SNA insurance and we therefore use all of our own SNA Policies and Procedures	
7b	<p><i>Q -We note that SNA have been following England Netball guidance in terms of suspension of play, conclusion of leagues and ongoing updates. To ensure the ongoing safety of players, and the integrity of the league, will SNA continue to be led by EN, and if so are there plans to return to being an EN membership league?</i></p> <p>A - The Chair asked CG to respond. CG confirmed that SNA have been following guidelines that have been set out by the Government and Sport England. The EN guidance has been followed as some of our members are affiliated to EN and some are not. All members are aware of the freedom of choice and we will never discriminate against any player by not sharing these guidelines. Unsure why Ravens feel the safety of players and the integrity of the league is in jeopardy. SNA players voted on their choice of affiliation and until SNA members want any change then, NO, they will not become an EN membership league. The SNA does pride themselves in running the league with integrity and upmost the safeguarding of its members</p>	
	The Chair asked those present if there was any other questions. As none received a vote of hands taken - there were no abstentions and no objections therefore the vote was taken as "unanimous" and Constitution adopted.	
8.	<p><b><i>Affiliation Fees for 2018 – 2019 – Jackie Gibbings</i></b></p> <p>JG confirmed that fees for last year were £150 for winter league and the FCSL and £80 for the Margaret Whittaker. We were already expecting an increase in court fee costs for this year and we have been in very few conversations with Active Nation at the Sport Centre because they are not really up and running yet but we are expecting increases in those fees, so we would have had to increase the costs. However we are not going to increase costs next season because we are aware with everything that has been going on times are hard and we want people to be playing netball and we wanted to try and keep the fees at the same level as last year. However, we also are not sure how much netball we are going to get to play, for example for the winter league we do not know that we will be able to run the league from September as we do not know when it is going to start that would obviously affect the fee for this season as we are not going to be charging £150 for the winter league if we are not playing from September to March the fee would obviously be reduced. If we started in January perhaps and we are only going to play teams once we would probably half it but unfortunately at this time we do not have an exact fee that can be put out there because we do not know how much netball we are going to be able to play. The only thing we do know is obviously we missed a few games at the end of last season because it all got called off in March and we will be offering a discount to the Winter League of £20 per team and £10 per team on MW League because there were a couple of games missed regardless of whatever these fees are. With the FCSL because everyone was offered the opportunity to either take their money back or it will be held for the FCSL next year this will stay as it is. CG also added that there will be no Hampshire or South Region affiliation fees for members. This was £2.00 per head but is going down to zero next season.</p>	
9.	<p><b><i>Special Items</i></b></p> <p>The Chair confirmed that no special items had been received.</p>	
10.	<p><b><i>Confirmation of League Trophies</i></b></p> <p>The Chair asked CG to announce the results of Winners and Runners-Up of Winter and Margaret Whittaker Leagues, the Players Players Awards and requested PB to confirm the winners of the Anne Telling Award for Umpires.</p> <p>CG confirmed results and stated that we actually finished the winter league with just a couple of games short so we finished it by average number of points and to work that</p>	

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	out it's the number of points divided by the number of games played multiplied by number of games that should have been played, but this only affected Division 2- see Appendix 2	
11.	<p><b><i>Date of Next AGM</i></b>            The next meeting of the Annual General Meeting was confirmed as Monday, 12th July, 2021, commencing at 19.30 p.m., hopefully back in The Theatre, Oasis Academy, Off Romsey Road, Southampton.</p>	

The Chair thanked all for participating and said how nice it was to see everyone's faces and hopefully we can all be playing again soon. The meeting was officially closed the at 20.10 p.m.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## CHAIRS REPORT

Firstly I would like to thank all of the committee – without whom we would not be able to play netball. They all work tirelessly on your behalf – most of which is behind the scenes, I am proud to be part of the SNA. It is a well respected league trying to provide netball, sometimes in very challenging situations.

Of course this has been a very strange year for obvious reasons. We did manage to nearly complete the Winter and Margaret Whittaker leagues, sadly the Summer League was abandoned.

As a committee our main concern is the safety of all participants – be they players, umpires, coaches or spectators. As such we will follow the Government guidance as to when we can return to playing again. At this moment in time we do not know when that will be - we are planning for September but it may well be much later than that. We will of course advise you as soon as we have more information.

Thank you all for joining us tonight and I hope you and your loved ones can stay safe in these challenging times.

**Mandy Gerrard**  
**Chair**

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**CONFIRMATION OF TROPHIES****WINTER LEAGUE**Division Three

Runner-Up	Nu Viva
Winner	Calmore Stars

Division Two:

Runner-Up	Applemore Russetts
Winner	Ravens Crests

Division One:

Runner-Up	Fleming
Winner	Ravens

Premier Division:

Runner-Up	Barna Shields
Winner	Applemore

**MARGARET WHITTAKER LEAGUE**Lower Section:

Runner-Up	Ravens Crest
Winner	Barna Shields 2

Upper Section:

Runner-Up	Barna Shields 1
Winner	Gems Rubies

**JUNIORS**

U11

Runner-Up	Dreams
Winner	Weston Park Blades Blue

U13

Runner-Up	Ravens Rockets U13s
Winner	Bournemouth Daisies U13s

U16

Runner-Up	Swaythling Magpies U6s
Winner	Bournemouth Bluebells U15s

**Players Player Winter League 2019-2020**Division Three

Connie Temple-Brown, Applemore Scrumpies

Division Two

Sally Richards, Dreams 2

Division One

Vicky Williams, JHC

Premier Division

Chloe Duggan, Solent

**Ann Telling Award 2019 - 2020**

Beginner: Laura Driver, Ravens

C and Above: Amy Watson, Applemore