

ACTON NETBALL LEAGUE

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday September 1 2008 at Grasshoppers Rugby Football Sports and Social Club, Macfarlane Lane, Syon Lane, Isleworth, TW7 5PN

Sue Ashton welcomed everyone to the 46th Annual General Meeting of the Acton Netball League.

Present:

Sue Ashton	Chairlady
Lesley Tischler	Vice Chair/Trophy and PR Secretary
Rita Hebbard	Honorary Secretary
Maureen Batterbee	Results Secretary
Lindsay Morris	Minute Secretary
Angela Thompson-Smith	Disputes Secretary
Carron Ramdeen	Treasurer

Bush Twyford
Charville
Cumberland
Grasshoppers
Northwood
Old Actonians
Saints
Teddington Swans
BUNS (Brunel)

1.0 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from: Tony Cozens and Fred Tippen and Carron Ramdeen who would be arriving late.

2.0 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on September 3 2007

Everyone had received a copy of the minutes.

3.0 Matters arising from the Minutes

No matters arising so Sue Ashton signed the minutes as a true record of the 2007 AGM.

4.0 Introduction: Sue Ashton

Sue thanked everyone for making the first season of the new Acton League a success and wished all teams the best of luck for the forthcoming season.

5.0 Reports

5.1 Honorary Secretary: Rita Hebbard

Rita Hebbard welcomed everyone to the meeting and said that last season had gone very smoothly with no complaints. Rita also asked all teams to look at the rules of the League on the website and to familiarise themselves with the rules. Rita also reminded teams that games start on the Court 1 home umpire's whistle and that all results should be sent within seven days to the Results Secretary. Any notices regarding the League will be posted on the website and anyone who wishes to add any notices should do so via Lesley Tischler. All queries should be directed to the Committee.

5.2 Match Secretary: Maureen Batterbee

Maureen thanked everyone for the great improvement in sending in results and also asked everyone to ensure that this continued and that everyone was aware of Rule 4.1.1 regarding the seven day rule for sending in results and Rule 4.1.3 regarding warnings and point deductions. All results are on the website with up to date League positions. Maureen pointed out that results do not get entered until she has received both teams' results sheets.

Maureen announced the final league positions which were:

Division 1 winners: Grasshoppers A
Runners up: Charville

Division 2 winners: Cumberland
Runners up: Grasshoppers C

Best attack: Grasshoppers A
Best defence: Cumberland

5.3 Treasurer: Caron Ramden's report was read by Rita Heberd.

The following was reported:

Receipts

Balance b/fwd (€1,394.13)

Advertising revenue €35.00

€250.00 €832.76

Expenses

Website rental €15.00

Court fees (2nd payment) €725.00

Jill Van Rhee donation €50.00

€790.00

Balance as of 1 September 2008 (€639.13)

There is an outstanding expense of €294.00 for last year's engraving and this year's trophies.

6.0 Election of Officers for 2008/2009

All officers were willing to re-stand and there were no nominations. The Committee were voted in unanimously for the forthcoming season. Proposed by Northwood, seconded by Grasshoppers.

7.0 League Format for 2008/2009 – Lesley Tischler

There will be two divisions in the League – 7 teams in both. Lesley outlined the main logistics:

Acton Netball League Divisions 2008/2009	
Division 1	Division 2
Bush Twyford	Brunel (BUNS)
Charville	Cumberland 2
Cumberland 1	Grasshoppers D
Grasshoppers A	Old Actonians
Grasshoppers C	Northwood B
Northwood A	Teddington Swans 1
Saints	Teddington Swans 2

Lesley suggested that the time slots of matches could change this season if teams preferred to play earlier. She proposed that there be two time slots (10.00 and 11.30). A brief discussion followed and the meeting voted to change to two time slots for the coming season.

Lesley handed out the fixture lists.

8.0 League Constitution and Rules – Rita Heberd

The proposed amendment to Rule 3.1 regarding umpires was followed by a wide discussion about umpire qualifications. Amber Buchan stated that the County would like the League to introduce the new umpire qualification rule from January 2009. The meeting discussed the issue around encouraging new umpires and giving people the opportunity to practise their umpiring. Amber replied by outlining the County mentoring and re-testing policy which should help new umpires to improve. It was agreed that by leaving the rule as it is, there would be more umpires available which is vital for our teams.

The meeting voted on the proposal (proposed by Saints, seconded by Bush Twyford) and it was agreed to adopt the new rule. Old Actonians wished it to be noted that they did not vote. So, the new rule 3.1 will read:

“Both teams must provide an umpire who must be affiliated, active and hold a Netball Europe C Award or above. (Old Preliminary and Intermediate qualifications will be allowed until the end of season 2008/2009, but the umpire must be on the waiting list to take their test for the new qualification. This is to allow umpires sufficient time to obtain the new, appropriate qualification. Trainee umpires will be allowed to officiate in Division 2 games, providing they have applied and can prove they are waiting to take the Netball Europe C Award”

9.0 End of Season Rally (Sunday 7 September 2008) – Lesley Tischler

There had been eight entries so far and Lesley asked for more. Several teams had entered but their paperwork and cheques had not yet been received. Lesley outlined the logistics for the rally.

10. Any other Business

10.1 Test centre for umpiring

Rita Heberd asked whether teams had any objection to the League being used as a test centre for Middlesex umpire testing as the County were aiming to spread testing throughout the Leagues.

The meeting agreed.

10.2 Meetings

Rita Heberd asked whether teams felt it necessary to continue with the march General Meeting and it was agreed that the League meet in May to present trophies and review the season

10.3 AGM minutes

It was agreed that the AGM minutes would be posted on the website within a month of the AGM.

10.4 Presentation of Acton League trophies – Lesley Tischler

Lesley Tischler presented the awards to the winners/runners-up/best attack and best defence and congratulated everyone on an excellent season in the new Acton League.

10. Date of next meeting

Next General Meeting will be held on Monday May 18 2009 at 8pm at Grasshoppers.

The date of the next AGM (2008) will be advised at the general meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm

CHAIR.....Date.....