



## **Minutes (For Website) of AGM Thursday 19th June 2025**

1. Welcome given by Debbie Sims - Chairperson
2. Apologies
3. Attendees
4. Conflicts of Interest - None
5. Approval of Minutes of the previous years AGM - Confirmed and Agreed
6. Matters Arising from last AGM - None
7. Correspondence - None
  
8. Annual Reports -

### **Chairperson – Debbie Sims**

#### **Positives:**

1. Some progress with our no 1 priority for 24-25 of Coaching. County paid for access to Elite Netball website which is epic. And also funded practical coaching sessions at Millfield with Jenna Adamson which were super. Thanks to Paula for sorting all that out.
2. Another great season of winter netball with very little drama. Apart from the snow! Thank you to all the Clubs for their part in this. Great support from a proactive committee as always.
3. Umpiring – Cath and her team of mentors delivered another fantastic season with lots of new umpires and many upgraded umpires. Esp good to see so many young new umpires.
4. Establishment of the new Tigers under 16 County team – fantastic new opportunity for our talented young players.
5. Brilliant effort from NDO Jo getting more people playing through youth camps, Walking Netball and Bee netball. Focus on areas that don't have much of a netball offer at the mo.
6. Brilliant effort delivering the Performance Development Pathway – strong offer for our young talent.



### **Challenges:**

1. Facilities, on-going concern. Some progress made with Strobe. EN have a new Facilities rep – we will look at options as I'd love a 2 indoor court facility.
2. Weather – again! Net vets this time though, sad face.
3. How to give our local girls the best opportunities, hopefully leading to greater success on the Pathways. Ongoing but some progress made. Work to be done with schools.
4. Lack of live netball opportunities with no Team Bath.
5. Keeping the momentum going with regards to coaching and umpiring.
6. Insufficient courses esp at the non-entry level. On the case with NSW/EN.

### **VISION FOR 2025 – 2026**

Continue the good work with:

A new system to collate results and get tables out very quickly

Upskilling our Into Umpires to C award, and supporting all umpires as best as possible to develop and progress

Continued work with coaching. How do we continue to reinvigorate our Coaches and offer them the chance to develop/upskill?

EN – gender guidance and inclusive kit – gender guidance very clear and will be on our website

Support to new Fixtures sec, from us all please



Find my replacement. This will be my last year as Chair! The guidance is 4 years in post and I think new blood is always good. Any volunteers? Great role – surrounded by experts! Need to do the strategic oversight stuff and keep giving EN a hard time!!

Lastly a big thank you to Mel, oracle of netball fixtures, always smiling, knows everyone...you'll be missed!

### **Treasurer – Tanya Contreras**

Please find attached the accounts for both Seniors and Juniors completed to the 31st May. These are also contained in the attachment 'SCNA AGM'. An Independent Examiner will shortly verify the accounts and a final copy will be communicated to all clubs.

This season I opened a 35 Day savings account so that we can continue to earn a higher rate of interest on the cash balances we hold. So far we have received a total interest of about £350.

### **Fixtures – Mel Reynolds**

Report is contained in the attachment 'SCNA AGM' slide show used at the AGM meeting.

### **Officiating Lead – Cath Clark**

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## **Membership – Mel Reynolds**

Nothing to report

## **Performance – Becky Divall and Lisa Packer**

### **Performance Treasurer's Report**

On behalf of the Committee, please find detailed below a further breakdown of the activities and events Somerset County Netball Association (Performance) have funded in the last year.

#### **Coaching**

Funding is available for Level 1/2/3 awards which have not been very forthcoming from England Netball this year. EN has recently launched a Level 2 course which funding will be available for candidates willing to coach at Club/Performance Pathway level.

Ongoing funding to support Academy coaches and other County coaches to attend workshops and conferences.

#### **Junior Academies**

Supported the running of :

5 Academies @ 5 different indoor venues across Somerset in Yeovil, Taunton and Wellington.

Participation of 136 girls from under 12 to under 15, and support for 18 Academy Coaches for their expertise and travel. Mentoring of beginner coaches has also been funded.

Fully funded time and travel expenses for Umpires at the Academy trials/County Tournaments and County Academy matches.

Increase in S & C provision provided a funded coach for initial testing, ongoing monthly support with online sessions and end of season testing. A report was produced from the professional outfit advising of ongoing considerations and performance level athletes were working to.



A nutrition workshop was fully funded where a nutritionist was brought in to give guidance on eating for performance and general health and wellbeing.

A new kit supplier enabled personalised Somerset kit to be made available at a reasonable cost. All athletes were able to order direct at any time from an online platform.

#### Future Considerations/Projects

##### New Academy in Radstock

To encourage development and progression in the North of the County a 6<sup>th</sup> hub (Under 13) is being set up to run out of Downside School near Radstock in September 2025. The introduction attracted over 20 girls to apply and it is hoped numbers will increase each year as awareness does. To support the development of this Academy funds have been ring fenced to ensure the opportunity is sustained for girls in the North of the County where travel to Yeovil/Taunton/Wellington to access County training has proved difficult.

##### Bursary Applications

Access to financial assistance is available and funding is available to ensure access for any hardship cases. Somerset Netball supported 4 individuals this year enabling them to play in the Pathway.

Academy fees will not increase this year as our partners are not putting up their venue hire fees considerably and all other fees in respect of coaching remain unchanged.

##### Coaching workshops

X3 workshops are planned in the holidays to offer additional support and sessions to athletes in the Pathway with experienced County/Guest/Bath coaches and in addition to those aspiring to the programme to give them a taster of what they may experience and to work towards.

SCNA have sufficient funds ring fenced to offer this free of charge.

##### Continuation/extension of S & C provision and Nutritionist

Increase in S & C provision and guidance and Nutritionist/S & C coach to be present at the three workshops to give more input and support, where needed. Provision will be more



tailored towards certain age groups i.e. U12 different to U15 and multiple levels as athletes develop.

Coach observations

All County sessions to be open to coaches for observation/CPD purposes to encourage interest in the Pathway and future recruitment of coaches.

Academy kit

The new kit supplier has advised a willingness to carry on with supply of hoodies, t-shirts, training shorts, training vests and training bags with no increase in costs to the athletes.

- Please also refer to Powerpoint attached

### **Junior Lead – Hollie Wright**

I wanted to start by saying thank you to all our Clubs, representatives, players, parents, coaches, umpires and committee members for their assistance this season.

### **2024/2025 Season**

We welcomed Weymouth, Evolution and Weston Super Mare clubs to the junior league this season and we hope that they have enjoyed the season and will continue to be a part of our league.

A huge thank you to Tayna, Jessie, Jan, Sally and Cath for all their help this season and to Clubs for their co-operation especially with our zoom meetings, Google forms and various communications. We will continue our meetings via zoom for future seasons.



We still understand the requirement to progress our juniors and therefore the increasing need for more regular junior games and with the continued assistance of SCNA to help with funding for more coaches and umpires qualified we hope that in the future this is something that can be provided. Often at club level the coaching/umpiring is down to the same people and we would welcome any assistance to help support and improve our local clubs. Please if you have an interest in netball coaching or umpiring contact your club (or SCNA) to point you in the right direction

The improved Strode courts have meant that we haven't needed to rearrange any wet weather dates, and with the use of a secondary venue at Taunton Vale meant we could facilitate more local clubs to TV.

We have revamped our Netball Youth Camps this season working alongside our NDO Jo, meant we could support NYCs and make these cheaper to players. These have been a success this season and we will continue to support this approach for the future.

Thank you to all the umpires this season who have helped out their clubs and other clubs to ensure fixtures were able to be played. Thank you also to Cath Clark for being a liaison with newly qualified umpires when clubs were struggling.

Lastly, we held an End of Season tournament for clubs in May. The winners and runners up of each age group received Netball UK vouchers for their clubs. Well done to U12 Winners - Keinton and RUUp -Weymouth, U14 winners - YNC and RUUp - TNC and U16 winners - Keinton and RUUp - TNC.

### **League positions**

Club have been sent the final League Tables however, I wish to congratulate the following clubs:-

U12A Winners – Keinton A U14C Winners - Gal C

U12A Runners Up – Weymouth U14C Runners Up - Keinton B U12B Winners – Wellington

U12B Runners Up – Evolution U16A Winners – Gal A



U16A Runners Up – Keinton A U14A Winners – Gal A U16B Winners – Galmington B

U14A Runners Up – Yeovil A U16B Runners Up – Keinton B U14B Winners – Gal B

U14B Runners Up – Yeovil B

### **Regional Update**

Well done to Galmington for representing Somerset at U16 level. See their report below. Unfortunately, Somerset were only able to enter 1 team this season due to constraints on clubs.

#### *Galmington U16s Report*

*The Galmington U16 RL team had another brilliant season this year, improving throughout and putting on a fabulous display of netball for all to see. This saw them win 8/10 of their matches and finishing top of the table in Division 2 South, earning themselves a place at play offs at the end of March. They challenged every team and played some brilliant netball, finishing 3rd overall. A great season for the whole team and the coaches are extremely proud of them all!*

### **Plans 2025/26 Season**

As with last season, we have made the decision not to base County fixture dates around the Regional fixture dates as this leaves us very little scope within the season and we have not had particular interest in recent years for clubs entering at Regional level for various reasons. Should clubs wish to enter Regional in the future they will need to be selective about what they can do and whether they can support any entry at Regional and County.

However, that said, Cath has arranged for a new U16 Regional club to be formed bringing together Somerset talent to represent Somerset at the Regional Play offs - we wish them good luck!

Next seasons' potential events and items to carry over:-



- Coffee Van at events;
- Somerset Primary School Netball festival;

- Working with the NDO to provide support for Primary Schools with the basics of netball and potential CPD opportunity;
- Netball Youth Camps;
- Junior Into Officiating course;
- Cup fixtures (if necessary); and
- End of Season tournament.

If anyone has any other ideas to help progress junior netball in any way please let me know.

I would also ask that Clubs continue to ensure that a representative is sent to every meeting.

If there is anything Junior County can do to assist please do let me know [somersetjuniornetball@gmail.com](mailto:somersetjuniornetball@gmail.com)

**NDO - Jo Templeman**

Report contained in attachment 'SCNA AGM'



## 9. Election of Officers

Note - only the main SCNA Officers are Nominated and Seconded. The other posts are named for your information only.

Post	Current Season 2024/25	Standing 2025/26	Nominated by	Seconded by
President	Mavis Thorpe	Mavis Thorpe	Cath Clark	Julie McClean
<b>Exec Posts</b>				
Chair	Debbie Sims	Debbie Sims	Cath Clark	Alex Ireland
Vice Chair	Hollie Wright	Hollie Wright	Julie Treadwell	Michelle Clarke
Secretary	Michelle Clarke	Michelle Clarke	Cath Clark	Hollie Wright
Membership Secretary	Mel Reynolds	Post Vacant		
Treasurer	Tanya Contreras	Tanya Contreras	Julie Clarke	Julie McClean
Fixtures Secretary	Mel Reynolds	Sue Greene	Mel Reynolds	Debbie Sims
Officiating Lead	Cath Clark	Cath Clark	Amy Schofield	Hollie Wright
Performance Lead	Becky Divall & Lisa Packer	Becky Divall & Lisa Packer	Dawn Heal	Julie McClean
Junior Chair	Hollie Wright	Hollie Wright and Penny Hilton	Sue Pryor	Emily Elliott



Exec Member	Mavis Thorpe	Mavis Thorpe		
Exec Member	Kelly Fuller	Kelly Fuller		
Exec Member	Sue Pryor	Sue Pryor		
<b>Non-Executive Roles</b>				
Social Media Officer	Chloe Cross-Henley	Chloe Cross-Henley		
Wellness & Safeguarding Officer	Chloe Cross-Henley	Chloe Cross-Henley		
Coaching Lead	Paula Isaacs	Paula Isaacs		
Data Protection Officer	Michelle Clarke	Michelle Clarke		
Website Officer	Hollie Wright	Hollie Wright		
Officiating Sub Committee	Mavis Thorpe	Mavis Thorpe		
	Julie McClean	Julie McClean		
	Victoria Bisgrove	Victoria Bisgrove		
	Jenny Rousell	Jenny Rousell		
	Sarah Lewis	Sarah Lewis		
	Amy Schofield	Amy Schofield		
Fixtures Sub Committee	Sue Greene/Whiteley	Kate Rowe		
	Sarah Lewis	Sarah Lewis		
	Steph Holley	Steph Holley		



Junior Sub Committee	Tanya Contreras (Treasurer)	Tanya Contreras (Treasurer)		
	Jan Lawes	Galmington Junior Reps (Shared Role)		
Junior sub committee cont.	Jessie Williams	Mel Ayres - Wellington NC (Secretary)		
	Sally Haysham			

*Note - Sub committee members are not voted on, but just present for information.*

10. Agreement of updated Rules for Season 2025/2026 - these were adopted at the meeting. A tracked copy and a final copy are attached for your information and will also be uploaded on the SCNA website. Please note in particular the addition of Rule 11 with regards to U14s and age banding.

11. To agree the Membership Fees for each membership category as defined in clause 6.1.2

Confirmed there will be no change to current fees due to account balances

12. Consider any proposed amendments to this Constitution put forward by the CNA Committee or any voting member of the County -

There are not any proposed amendments.

13. Club Presentations - Winners announced and photos taken



#### 14. Just a couple of things to note

- The U16s Regional Team 'The Tigers' have been selected from 6 Somerset Clubs. All 14 girls will be registered with EN to Tigers as their first named club. They are still able to play Senior netball and second claim the club they play for.
- Hall of Fame – Deadline 31<sup>st</sup> August  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeYXJqqk42JC9XXQ13K7X5Uj97Uorb-BkQBidJxQ\\_8pXybnYw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeYXJqqk42JC9XXQ13K7X5Uj97Uorb-BkQBidJxQ_8pXybnYw/viewform)
- Election of Membership Secretary - To be discussed

#### 14. Date of meetings for season 2025/2026

- Monday 22nd Sept 2025
- Tuesday 2nd December 2025
- Wednesday 18th February 2026
- AGM Friday 19th June 2026

