



Minutes of Meeting Tuesday 7th Nov 2023

1. **Welcome** given by Debbie Sims

2. **Apologies** - Mel Reynolds (Fixtures and Membership), Sarah Lewis, Tanya Contreras (Treasurer), Cath Clark (Officiating Lead)

Attended by: Committee

Debbie Sims (Chair) Hollie Wright (Vice Chair) Michelle Clarke (Secretary) Hollie Wright (Junior Lead) Mavis Thorpe (Executive Member and President) Kelly Fuller (Executive Member) Sue Pryor (Executive Member) Jo Templeman (EN Development Officer)

Clubs

Bridgwater NC -
Frome NC
Galmington NC -
Keinton NC -
Paulton Rovers NC -
Midsomer Norton NC -
Queens NC -
Stanchester NC -
Taunton NC -
Tor NC -
Walton NC -
Wells NC -
Wildcatz NC -
Yeovil NC -



3. Conflicts of Interest - None

4. Agreement of accuracy of minutes from last meeting dated 7th August 2023 - agreed as accurate

5. Matters Arising from last meeting dated 7/7/23

- Facilities Update – Action Debbie – **ACTION Ongoing**

We are waiting for a date to book in for discussions. An agreement is drafted, yet to be signed by all parties with regard to short term plan and long term plan actions. Strode courts are in a much better condition now they have been cleaned and the cost came in cheaper than anticipated. Applied for Sport England funding which was declined but now looking at other options and possibility of appealing EN decision in the future.

- Hall of Fame and Volunteer of the month has been promoted on Social Media and will be an ongoing monthly event. Winner gets a card to recognise their achievement, flowers from County and will feature on our socials - October saw 3 nominations and Eve Jenner of Bridgwater club was our first winner - flowers and a card have gone to her. High Five to Eve and all those who support our county!!

6. Correspondence - None

7. Officers Reports

- **Treasurer - Tanya Contreras**

* Outstanding fees from Wildcatz as they have had bank troubles - **ACTION Wildcatz to pay ASAP**

* £63 County fee paid to EN

* Regional support of £100 per team paid to GNC, Yeovil and Tor - any others to claim? If so please use the form on the website.



- Audited Senior and Junior Accounts for Season 2022/23

As at 02/06/2023							
Senior Statement of Financial Position	Expenditure		Income		Balance b/f	8976.59	
	21/22	22/23	21/22	22/23			
Team Fees	0	0	2300	2350			
Officiating	0	-1795.4	0	381			
Trophies	0	0	0	0			
Fines	0	0	60				
Interest	0	0	1.72	60.25			
Nat West compensation	0	0	250	0			
All England membership	60.1	-63	13.04	1837.78			
All England Membership 2020	0	0	97.55	0			
Coaching	0	-1545	0	0			
Audit Fee (previous year)	20	-50	0	0			
Regional Support* (19/20 shown in 20/21)	650	-750	0	0			
Caps	100	0	0	0			
Court fees	393.75	-2095.5	0	0			
Thank you gifts / vouchers	64.42	0	0	0			
Other (Website fees)	75.12	0	0	0			
	1363.39	-6298.9	2722.31	4629.03	Net Expendit	-1669.87	
					Balance c/f	7306.72	

Treasurer

6/6/2023

Hazel Hucker
SCNA Treasurer

Auditor

1/7/23

Nicola Mould



Somerset County Junior r Expenditure			Income		2022 CF	6,457.25
	21/22	22/23	21/22	22/23		
Interest	0	0	0.21	0		
Regional support	-200	0	0	0		
Team Fees	0	0	1700	2250		
Meeting room hire	0	0	0	0		
End of Season Trophies	-597.85	-394.02	0	0		
High 5 event	-159.95	0	200	0		
Somerset Schools Festiva	0	-51.6	0	0		
KO Cup	0	-62		0		
U14/U16 tournament	0	-430	0	450		
Strode Court Hire	-500	-600	0	0		
Thank you gift	-12.95	0	0	0		
	<u>-1470.75</u>	<u>-1537.62</u>	<u>1900</u>	<u>2700</u>		
					Net Expenditure	<u>1162.38</u>
					31/5/2023 Balance c/f	<u>7,619.63</u>

County Treasurer Date 6/6/2023

H. Hucker Hazel Hucker

Verified by Date 01/07/2023

N. Mould Nicola Mould



- **Fixtures & Membership - Mel Reynolds**

Fixtures are going well with few cancellations.

Categories are being checked on a regular basis and there are very few violations.

Can all clubs remind their teams to write every player's name clearly and if there have been any changes such as marriages please make sure we are aware as it saves chasing the clubs and teams for the details.

Apologies that the central venues had to be changed to a normal match day on the 4th of November. Unfortunately, Strode College could not accommodate the inside matches due to a regular booking for trampolining in the morning. Even if we had played outside for some of the Premier League games it would still have meant there were not enough courts available. I'm hoping that the next central venues will go ahead and I'm already looking at possible venues for this.

I have ordered the new replacement trophies. Before I organise the engraving, has anyone got copies of Final League table from the following seasons

2016/17

2017/18

2018/19

If so I would very much appreciate it if you could forward them on to me.



- **Officiating Lead - Cath Clark**

It's been a quiet start to the season with regards Officiating Development with mentors and assessors not being available at the opening rally and the central venue date being cancelled, however, there have been some success stories with 4 senior umpires passing their INTO Awards and 1 senior umpire passing her B Award. There are several umpires both Junior and Seniors receiving mentoring from county members as they move along their pathway.

Julie McClean has recently qualified as an INTO Assessor which has increased our county workforce to 4 assessors. This will be great moving forward to be able to offer more assessment's.

Any umpire ready to take their assessment needs to contact me (the County Officiating Lead).

U18 County Umpires will be issued with an armband that states they are a "Somerset County U18 Umpire". These will particularly be worn at the Junior Matches on a Sunday when there are a lot of parents and supporters watching. Hopefully this will remind our spectators to have respect for our young people and encourage a supportive atmosphere.

All Clubs have a responsibility to continue to encourage and develop their own umpires who can contribute to their own club as well to the county. If I can help in anyway please email somersetcountynetballumpiring@gmail.com If anyone would like to attend a course, they need to look on the EN website. If there is not a course available, they must complete an Expression of Interest Form, they will then receive an email when a course becomes available.

Becky Squire and Mavis Thorpe have put in time to attend a Standardisation training session for Officiating Assessors who are already active to make sure they are up to date with the latest criteria. They have also completed an online assessment to allow them to continue assessing.



- **Performance - Becky Divall and Lisa Packer**

We hosted the first of three fixtures versus our U13 and U15 counterparts from West Devon and Dorset. It was encouraging to see Somerset players are currently of a similar standard at this point in the programme and the session was hugely beneficial for seeing which skills are embedded and what to work on next. More match play booked for all age groups before Xmas.

Progression through the pathway

We are using a dynamic approach to keep feeding squads through and progressing players that are already in the pathway. This is working well so far.

U15s trialling for Glastonbury ADC: 6

U14s trialling for U15s: 4

New U14s trialling: 5

New U12s trialling: 5

Affiliation

We are currently in the process of ensuring all players are affiliated to England Netball.

Attendance at sessions

There has been an uptick in attendance and commitment to sessions since last season.

There has been an issue with some schools 'resting' players for Schools Tournament, and players apparently injured/unable to train, but playing a full tournament two days later.

There is also some concern about some players who are participating in a number of County sport programmes (and playing in multiple teams for schools) and then experiencing exhaustion. We are currently putting in place a programme to address this with families in order to safeguard athletes.



- **Junior Chair - Hollie Wright**

There have been a few issues at the start of season with Strode maintenance and posts - should all be sorted by next fixture date

Google Sheets for fixtures and league tables are working well

Clubs have been asked to set dates for ALL their home/away and Cup fixtures for the season ASAP

Costs contribution for those home/away/cup matches for 2023/24- clubs to submit via expenses forms

Clubs to note umpiring levels for fixtures (these are specified in the rules on the website) and that umpires are to umpire no more than 2 games

Teams to be accompanied to all games by a qualified coach (or volunteer with DBS and first aid)

A trainer exchange is planned for 17th Dec - clubs to promote and encourage their members to bring in any unwanted trainers..

Request for committee volunteers as a few of the sub committee will be stepping down next season. Anyone interested please contact me.

Communication issues between clubs are now hopefully resolved

- **NDO - Jo Templeman**

Power Point attached - Anyone wishing to open up any Netball conversations please do not hesitate to contact Jo

8. **Over 40s Tournament** - We are exploring the possibility of an over 40s tournament. This is being advertised on social media and all clubs have been sent an email with details and a google form to complete by the 30th November.

ACTION - Clubs

9. Possibility of **establishing a County wide social league** running over the winter months alongside the winter league across the county. The Chair and NDO will be mapping the social leagues that already take place to identify if there is a place for this.

ACTION - Debbie Sims and Jo Templeman



10. We need more coaches across the county and more junior clubs - these 2 areas will be areas of focus for the next 24 months.

We are switching our energy towards Coaching as we did for Officiating last season. If you are interested in coaching all courses are on the EN website. If there is not a course available, please complete an 'Expression of Interest form' on EN website and you will be contacted when a course becomes available. Funding is available from Somerset County - just complete the 'Expression of interest form' on our Somerset website to request individual funding help.

ACTION - Clubs to make their members aware

Juniors - We are always looking to clubs to start or extend their junior sections. If you think your club has potential but are not sure of the next steps or problems are encountered, have a chat with Debbie, Hollie or Jo to see how you may be able to bring that about. Lydia Reeves says that GNC still have spaces in their year 5 age group **ACTION Anybody - If you know someone who may benefit from this let them know**

12. Acknowledgement that we had brilliant representation at the One Awards across Somerset County and a big thank you and well done to our Winners - Alisha Gardener - Young Volunteer of the Year Winner and Hollie Wright - Outstanding Contribution of the Year

13. AOB - NSW plan attached for your perusal

Date of next meeting - Wed 21st Feb 2024 at 7.30pm via Zoom

Save the Date for the AGM - Mon 17th June at 7.30pm - this will be 'In Person'. Venue to be communicated in the New Year

