



Minutes of Zoom Meeting Monday 21st Nov at 7pm

Welcome given by Debbie Sims

Any Conflicts of Interest - None

Agreement of accuracy of last meeting minutes dated 27th July 2022 – agreed and no issues raised

Matters Arising from last meeting

- Amend the SCNA constitution to adopt the Performance sub-committee in line with other sub committees.
Julie has investigated this. The performance sub-committee is a working group and as such does not need to be named in the constitution. No further action
- Review Constitution to make sure it covers Resolution role being left vacant
Constitution covers position left vacant - No further action
- Engage functionality for league tables for next season –
This has been aborted for now as it was just too difficult. Mel will continue working on it to get it up for next season
- The Rules/Covid additions will need to be revisited shortly and will be presented to Clubs and the Executive before the beginning of the season.
Done and website updated
- Links with Schools – 2 pages document - Action Jo & Hollie to raise awareness of clubs in area, raise awareness at primary and secondary schools and progression to academy – Work in Progress
- Giveback scheme –Netball Southwest sponsored scheme
Details have been sent out by email for clubs to peruse. Let us know if you qualify for anything that we can progress for you



Umpiring costs. There is a great deal of disparity across the County with regards to how much we pay our umpires, if/how we cover travel costs, and timelines for payment. We would like to standardise this so there is greater clarity. This will hopefully help with bringing in new umpires. The payments will escalate with qualification, and we will be making a recommendation re a standard mileage payment of around 35-40p a mile for umpires external to your club. Payment would be cash or bank transfer within 3 days. Can we ask that clubs have a think about any issues they may have with this and let us know. We acknowledge this may be an increased financial burden, but we need to look after our umpires.

To be discussed as part of the survey going out to clubs in January 2023

Correspondence - None

Committee Reports

Fixtures – Mel Reynolds

The season has started well, and all seems to be going well.

Central Venues

Central Venues were well received, and it was a good time to meet other Clubs and renew acquaintances. There is some tweaking needed ongoing, but we are already looking at this.

Comments:

- Not central
- Timings
- Court conditions.
- Cake sales were well received.

Rule Change

Can we add a rule that says the match days over a weekend are combined. This is relevant to clubs with regional teams that play on a Sunday.

To explain - When we are checking categories, we enter them on the days they play so a player from Wyndham playing up in Newton could show they are missing matches for Wyndham but have played for Newton on the Sunday. This change would support the players' welfare and mean their missed match on the Saturday will not be recorded as such.



NB – this was discussed at the meeting and agreed that it was not something that had to qualified in the rules, but that it was the accepted way of recording categories

Comments from Fixtures Sub Committee –

ACTION: Clubs to review and communicate with members

- Results sheets need to be returned within 3 days.
- Check the picture can be seen before sending.
- Names are clear with first and surname.
- Can people who send emails to Fixtures please can they put their Club Name on the end of the email as for us it can be difficult to decide which Club it is.

Officiating Lead – Cath Clark

Update ...

We have 102 active umpires registered to umpire with Senior Clubs of which 25 have not umpired a senior game yet this season – “Why”?

Events ...

2 Senior Umpire Development Days

1 Central Venue Day

With 31 Umpires assessed or mentored on these 3 occasions working towards INTO's, C and B Awards.

- 8 Umpires passed their INTO Assessment
- 14 further umpires booked to attend INTO Course
- 1 Umpire passed their C Award Assessment
- 6 further umpires are booked to attend C Award Course
- 1 C Award Assessment to be carried out before Christmas.
- 7 Umpires currently actively working towards their B Award with the aim to apply for their assessment this season.

1 Junior Umpire Development Day attended by 22 young umpires.

- 6 Juniors have attended an INTO course and a further 2 Juniors booked onto course in the new year.
- 2 Juniors ready for assessment with hopefully 2 more in the new year.



Workforce Development ...

8 active County Mentors of which 5 are working towards EN Umpire Mentor recognition.

4 umpires working towards becoming an EN Umpire Assessor. 2 have completed the first stage of the training now and 2 will complete in the new year. The next lot of INTO Assessments will be used for “shadow” assessments for new assessors.

Future Plans ...

Sun 22 Jan Junior Umpire Development Day

- Introduction to new Junior Umpires and mentoring session for Junior umpires already on the pathway in preparation for their INTO Assessment.

Sat 4 Feb Central Venue Day

- INTO Assessments, C and B Award Mentoring.
- Umpire Forum and Game Management focus in the middle of the day?

County Player Development Lead – Hazel Davidson

Performance Pathway Selection Policy submitted by Hazel. This has been emailed to clubs (a copy of which is attached to this email). **If there are no questions or objections communicated within 10 days of the email, then the pathway will be adopted.**

Junior Chair – Hollie Wright

Bee Netball festival April 2023 - clubs are asked to please share and circulate to local FB groups etc once finalised.

End of season tournament - 14/5/23 with EN and Kings School - this is open for Somerset clubs (details have been sent) initially then may be opened to Dorset/Wiltshire/local private schools.

Primary school development - in progress with EN to provide support and info to local primary schools and to encourage players to play, direct to local clubs and develop the sport across the county.

Website - please ask that website items are sent to me and encourage clubs to use the website for documents and county news.



- **NDO – Jo Templeman**

Power Point attached containing Jo's update in technicolour

- **Treasurer – Hazel Hucker**

Senior Account balance £10804.85
Junior Account balance of £8707.25
increase of £2250 which is Team fees



Row Labels	Sum of Transaction
Account verfiyer 2021-22	-50
County Support - Coaching L1	-300
County Support - Coaching L2	-180
County Support - Officiating A Award	-50
County Support - Officiating C Award	-127.5
County support - Officiating into	-20
Development Day Oct 22 - fuel	-14.4
Development Day Oct 22 - umpire	-20
Development Day Sept 22 - fuel	-94.2
Development Day Sept 22 - umpire	-80
EN Membership fee	1607.98
EN Umpiring Assessors Training course fee	-60
interest	8.33
Junior officiating course supplies	-83.95
Officiating assessment candidate fee	45
Officiating assessment fuel	-110.4
Officiating assessments carried out	-140
Officiating Paper invigilator	-44.75
Officiating Sub Committee expenses	-207.85
Regional Team support 2021-2022	-150
Regional Team support 2022-2023	-200
Team Fees	2100
Grand Total	1828.26



News and Information

-A **Survey** will be going out in Jan 23 which will be covering club requirements, structure of league etc. Does the current structure meet your needs? When this is distributed, chat with your club members and be honest in your replies to see how we might make improvements to our County Netball.

-Formation of a group circle of both teams after matches –

This is something that is demonstrated in both Superleague and International games. Ongoing, we would like this to become the norm for Somerset County. It would be good to show our appreciation of each other and come together after a game to give our 3 cheers for teams, umpires and spectators etc.

-Facilities Mini Audit - Debbie Sims

This will be my next big project. I want to know the issues around courts/facilities etc?' I need to reflect this upwards and ask for support, so I need accurate details to follow up. Please can clubs' make it a priority to feedback to me asap so that I can follow up with Netball Southwest/EN. I have a list of people to contact to try to progress funding in the right areas. I intend to look at funding streams/sources to see what we might be able to apply for. **Clubs to ACTION**

Consider - Is there an alternative to Strode for Juniors? – maybe a school where we could promote netball to the right age group. I am very aware of the issues at Strode College. Would the following people mind putting together a statement together covering the impact it would have if the courts were taken away from us. To be returned to Debbie asap **ACTION: Mavis Thorpe, Hazel Davidson and Hollie Wright**

Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 27th April 2023

(A polite reminder to all attendees to have their cameras on for the duration of the meeting please)