

OXFORDSHIRE NETBALL

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held at OXFORD SCIENCE PARK on WEDNESDAY 3RD JULY 2007

Present: Maggie Fisher (ONDB Chair), Kate Blackshaw (ONDB Secretary), Debbie Horne (ONDB umpiring secretary), Tricia Kilczynski (ONDB Vice Chair), Sarah Tamone (Netball Development Officer), Judy Basford (ONDB Coaching Secretary), Sue Blackshaw (Facilities/Minutes). Louise Soper & Christine Wasmuth (Chalgrove), Leanne Connor & Susannah Butler (Roebuck), Suzanne Barnes & Natalie Murphy (Abingdon Ladies), Laura Eldon, Emily Subden & Liz Bell (OSP), Sarah Pape & Julie Botting (Wallingford), Hannah Taylor (Unique), Sandra Tearney, Jo Storey & Becci Spenser (Vale), Tess Horn & Karen Bailey (Witney), Jo Blackshaw & Rachel Turner (Kidlington), Hannah Moss (John Ratcliffe), Natalie White (Watlington), Sandy Hunt & Angie Gree (Abingdon Centre), Jo Nicholl & Charlie Hayward-Leach (White Horse), B Bradshaw (Trinity), C French (Abbey), K. Selwood & H. Saunders (Arrows), Pam Goodchild & Jo Murray (Shrivenham), Christine Wood, Gemma Pond, & Mel Jeacock (SBS), Liz Pummery (Brize), Wendy Isley (Challow), Sam Shephard (Oxford Royals), Pauline Taylor (Didcot Juniors).

1) Apologies Jackie McKay and Victoria Bellamy

2) Minutes of last year's AGM

The minutes of the 2006 AGM were agreed as correct.

3) Matters Arising

No matters arising.

4) Constitution

Lesley Williams has been instrumental in drawing up the Constitution for the new Oxfordshire Development Board and this was adopted at the EGM on 23rd April 2007. The Constitution is an evolving document, however no changes were proposed for discussion at this meeting.

Chairman's Report

5) The Last 12 months:

In consideration of the many changes occurring this year, and the delays in receiving affiliation income, it was decided to work a year in hand for budget planning purposes. Despite this, Maggie Fisher reported on the activities of the last 12 months, that had been undertaken via the responsibility of the Board, by the Development Officer (Sarah Tamone), by the League and by other individuals, and the majority of this is detailed in later reports. Progress within Communications was made with the development of the new website, and three newsletters have been written and issued by Kate and Sarah, with a fourth in circulation today.

6) The Next 12 months:

Maggie outlined what the board has proposed for the following 12 months, this is mainly detailed in later reports. Maggie presented a preview of the new Oxfordshire website which is live this week; she displayed the layout, explaining how each area of information could be accessed. It is important that results, news items and diary dates are sent to her at the earliest opportunity in order to keep the website fully up to date. The website would become the most important tool for information dissemination and will link directly to EN and South Region sites. The meeting congratulated and thanked Maggie and her colleague for their work on this project. The website address is www.oxonnetball.co.uk.

7) Treasurer's Report and budget

Maggie reported on the financial situation:

Current Account holds	£5660.56
Deposit (Facilities) holds	£2188.17

A budget was proposed for the coming year:

Coaching Bursaries	£1500
Umpiring Support	£1200
Satellite Academies	£1500
Website	£400 (- £200 from leagues)

Junior Clubs	£300
Contingency	£900
Total	£5600

No increase is proposed to county affiliation. EN has increased their portion of affiliation and the South has increased their junior (U16) affiliation from £1 to £2, so that all players now pay £2. Affiliations for the coming year (1 September 2007 – 31 August 2008):

	Seniors	U18
EN	£20.50	£13.00
South Region	£2.00	£2.00
Oxfordshire	£9.00*	£7.00*
Total	£31.50	£22.00

*£1 of the Oxfordshire fee across all ages will be assigned to the Facilities project. Information regarding the affiliation process will be sent out to all clubs in due course.

8) Coaching Report

Judy Basford presented her coaching report. The new UKCC Level 1 and Level 2 courses were launched earlier this year, with the Level 3 more recently being announced. These courses are set-up and managed by EN. Six of our players attended the Level 1 with two going forward for their Level 2 – congratulation to Sue Campbell from Challow and Sarah Pape from Wallingford for achieving Level 2 award. Discussion arose on the costs of these courses; it was reported that most candidates had been able to obtain all of their course costs from other sources, and that there were waiting lists for candidates. Candidates reported that the courses were excellent and worth the fee. The Level 1 course is over three days and cost £170 and it is assumed that clubs will assist with the fees. The Level 2 course is over five days and costs £380 – the County has set aside some funds for the coming year to assist players with these fees, providing they intended to coach back in their clubs/within our county, and help the development of netball locally. Other sources are available and information concerning this will be collated.

Level 3 (nine days) course information is in circulation – the two courses being offered for the coming year are not within the South of England, but it is hoped that this will be so in the following year. There is a minimum age for Level 2 candidates of 18 years, plus two years coaching experience, which means that candidates must be 20 years old. The minimum age for Level 1 candidate is 16.

The Coaching workshop is being run on 29th July 2007 at Lord Williams Lower School, Thame. Jan Crabtree from TeamBath will be running the session for coaches – entries to Judy Basford. 20 players will also be needed at the event. Contact Judy for more details.

Judy announced she is stepping down from the Development Board this year, but will be compiling a list of our qualified active coaches, with Sarah Tamone's help.

9) Umpiring

Debbie Horne presented her umpiring report. A number of courses have been run this year; thanks go to Sarah for her help in setting up these; a Beginners course in March with a C course last Saturday and another C in two weeks time. More courses will be set-up for next year.

There are no tutors in Oxfordshire. Debbie is trying to update the list of active umpires. An Umpires Refresher course will be run again next summer. Debbie announced that new rule books will be issued for November, which include mostly word changes and extra clarification of rules; she will buy-in a bulk number for purchase by members. A new rules forum will be held within County to clarify the changes. Those going for their B award will be able to access mentors to support their training and funds are available in the main budget to assist with these costs. Clair Merriman and Debbie will assess Beginner umpires for the OCNA approval to umpire lower division league matches and offer them mentoring in preparation for their C tests. People holding the old Preliminary Umpiring award will need to update by 2009/2010 season, in order to remain qualified.

10) Satellite Academies

Sarah Tamone introduced herself to the members at the AGM as the Oxfordshire Sports Development Officer working half-time netball and half-time swimming out of Oxford City Council offices at Northgate House, Marsden.

Sarah reported on her development of the academy system for talented young players in Oxfordshire, which will complement our junior league structure and commence September 2007. The focus of the

academies will be skill based and trials will be set-up with performance criteria circulated. Two Satellite Academies will be offered (probably Chipping Norton and Abingdon), with the best players being selected for on-going progress into the Partnership Academy. From here girls will be selected for PDP (regional) programme and then onto the national programme. Sarah has been working with other Development Officers in the South to develop the programme region-wide under the guidance of Sue Baldwin the Regional Talent ID officer. Further details will be issued shortly, with the coaching positions being advertised. Players' fees are likely to be around £30 for each academy programme.

11) Facilities

Sue Blackshaw reported on facilities. Despite delays in the Court Place Farm project, we are now about to submit our first draft to the Planning Officer who has responsibility for this area of Oxford. We are dovetailing our requirements to the expansion plans of Oxford City Football Club and will now start work on the finer detail. Tess Horn of Base Four Design Ltd (Kidlington and Witney clubs) is drawing the plans and working with Sue, and the association is very grateful to be able to call on such high calibre professional support in a volunteer capacity. The project also needs the services of a solicitor and Sue asked that if someone amongst our ranks can volunteer, then this would be helpful. Affiliation is now in excess of 800 players, which gives a large portfolio of potential customers to any professional who willing to assist with this project.

Further fund raising ideas are needed to bolster the facilities account; thanks were given to Kate for the excellent Mixed Tournament held on 1st July which raised £801.60 for the fund. Sue will also be tracking down grant opportunities and would welcome any information on sources that could be called upon.

12) Election of Officers

Chair	Maggie Fisher	P – Sue Blackshaw S – Judy Basford
Vice Chair	Tricia Kilczynski	P – Sandra Teirney S – Jo Storey
Treasurer	Victoria Bellamy	P – Jo Blackshaw S – Karen Sellwood
Secretary	Kate Blackshaw	P – Sarah Pape S – Liz Pummery
Umpiring	Debbie Horne	P – Angela Green S – Barbie Bradshaw
Coaching	Position vacant	

The ONDB require a coaching secretary to remain as the primary contact for coaching within the county. Coaching courses are being organised by EN. The Board requested that all members are made aware of the vacancy – and should be contacted via ondbsecretary@googlemail.com for more information, or to fill the position. Tricia Kilczynski, as Vice Chair, agreed to take on the position in a temporary capacity should this be necessary.

The Board also includes the following representatives: Facilities Officer (Sue Blackshaw), Disability Representative (Lucy Collinson), Schools Link (Sandra Airey), Oxfordshire League (Hannah Saunders/Lesley Williams), Central Venue League (Jo Blackshaw), Junior League (Sandy Hunt). The Board are no longer required to have a Welfare Officer and so this position does not need to be filled.

13. Any Other Business

- a) Consideration should be given to the possibility of a Winter Central Venue league to be run on a Saturdays or Sundays. This would need a separate committee.
- b) Dates for the play-offs for entry to regional competition will be circulated in future, with as much notice as possible.
- c) A meeting had been set for Wednesday 25th July 2007, 7pm at Oxford Science Park for the open discussion on junior competition structure, the dovetailing of the county academies, and selection of teams into the South U14 & U16 league. Anyone with an interest in junior netball is invited to attend.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Sue Blackshaw for the work of the Development Board and in particular to Maggie for leading the Board during this formative year and for all that had been achieved by them. Maggie Fisher thanked Judy for all her hard work as Coaching Secretary within Oxfordshire, she will be missed.

The date of the 2008 AGM is to be advised.