

Minutes of the AGM



The meeting was held on Wednesday 24th June 2020 at 7.30pm via Zoom – virtual meeting held due to the Corona Virus (Covid 19)

Reports for Chair, Treasurer, Safeguarding Officer, Head Coach were all submitted to membership prior to the meeting.

Agenda Item: 1. Attendees & Apologies

Presenter: Noddi/Ali

Present: Noddi Hoddinott, Ali Stamp, Helen Thompson, Tina Wood, Lorraine Bowden, Loretta Whitehead, Vicki Shopland, Laura Peel, Helen Royston, Vanessa Clothier, Carolyn Bedford, Sarah Bosley, Emma Smith, Angela Morris, Kylie Woodhead, Gayle Castle, Jason James, Daisy Dijkman, Ruth Jones, Charlotte Duly, Will Russell, Simon Gardner, Heather Mills

Absent/Apologies:

Apologies received from Selina Stevens

23 people in attendance.

Agenda Item: 2. Minutes of last AGM

Presenter: Noddi (Chair)

Discussion:

The minutes of the last AGM were available sent via email for everyone to read prior to the virtual meeting. Ali told the meeting that the accounts for last season 2018/2019 had now been audited by Nigel Maughan in line with the Constitution and that Item 8 – The Berkshire Junior Netball League have now set a date for their AGM of 30th July via Zoom. – Minutes were agreed.

Agenda Item: 3. Chairs Report

Presenter: Noddi Hoddinott

As Chair, first of all I would like to say congratulations to Newbury Juniors as this is their 30th year of training youngsters from the Newbury area and sadly due to the Covid pandemic we have had to put things on hold until maybe next year.

I speak for all the Committee in saying how frustrating the season has been due to the unavoidable restrictions because of the Coronavirus pandemic.

No doubt, equal disappointments have been felt by the players & their parents at these times of isolation & worry for those who have been medically affected.

I hope that the players have taken advantage of the England Netball website to continue keeping fit & healthy, & not succumbing to too many crisps & chocolate, & sofa surfing with their laptops!!

Due to the ongoing restrictions, we have had to cancel the annual Newbury Junior Tournament, which has proved so popular over the past few years with ever increasing teams from other clubs & areas.

We have also had to cancel the Annual Presentation Evening, which denied our chance to publicly thank the coaches & helpers for the past season, the parents for their support & transport duties, & to congratulate the trophy winners.

As usual, on behalf of players & parents, I thank the dedication, commitment & professionalism, & how much time & effort is provided by Helen Thompson & her team of coaches, umpires & other volunteers, many thanks are due, and well deserved, to all. But in particular, to our Secretary, Alison Stamp. Her efforts behind the scenes are vital in keeping us all organized. The secretary is very pivotal in ensuring the success of a group, & takes up an awful lot of time, concentration, & dedication. This year was particularly tricky for Ali because of the England Netball new membership "Engage" system. This involved a lot of extra work in coordinating the changeover.

I would remind parents of their responsibility to ensure their daughters details are correctly registered with England Netball so that you receive all the emails and magazines.

Our thanks to Carolyn Bedford for her efforts as Treasurer in bringing the accounts into line with the season timetable, which makes it much easier to assess the income & expenditure for the season. Regular updates at Committee meetings throughout the season has shown that the club's finances are in a very good & financially stable & viable. Carolyn is standing down at this AGM, & we wish to thank her for the way she has presented the accounts at each meeting and always on time, Carolyn has done a great job as Treasurer, we wish her well in the future.

Our thanks to Park House School, for making their facilities available for coaching sessions and tournaments. As you all know we had issues with Park House after the Facilities Manager Michael left and it has been difficult in that the venue hasn't always been in the best state on arrival at the Sports Hall and we have had to go looking for the netball posts, but it did get sorted around mid February and we were back on track until things were shut down.

A parent who is a governor at St Gabriel's put us in contact with the facilities manager at St Gabriel's and we have now secured a booking for their Sports Hall on a Tuesday so that U12s are able to train inside. Under 10s were to hold their sessions there on the outside courts as they had no indoor space available for this.

We have been able to secure St Gabriel's again for next season, but as yet things haven't been finalized due to the pandemic.

I have noticed in the media the increase in community volunteering, & we are always seeking extra volunteers, so if there are any ex-netballers (qualified coaches & umpires particularly) out there, who would like to be involved please contact our 'New Appointed Person' Gayle Castle on g.e.castle@hotmail.co.uk. This is an area where it is most difficult to find qualified coaches & umpires.

In sport, as in life generally, teams are only as strong as the weakest link, & it is a credit to the squads that they have been so successful this year (coaches will expand on the progress & successes) due to those players, who do not necessarily play every match, but being there to cover injuries & absences, & standing in when asked shows their commitment to their squad. The commitment they all show is to be applauded, & I trust they recognize the skills & team spirit, which they can take forward into other sport or adult life, be it as a player, coach, umpire or organizer.

Netball England is rebranding their introduction to Netball sport for schools called "Bee Netball". As the country recovers from the effects, both physically, mentally & financially, their online videos detail the state of the health of school age children. Undoubtedly, there will be financial strains on public expenditure, & it is, therefore, very important that sport & exercise should be prominent & not sidelined in schools. Over many decades successive governments & authorities have reduced time for sport & disposed of playing fields. If the government is serious about reversing the unhealthy trend, then the time has come to make "Sport & Nutrition" a significant & important part of school life &

education. I would therefore ask parents & teachers to keep their ears to the ground to ensure existing facilities are not reduced or sold off, & that where opportunities arise, to campaign for additional facilities (particularly in respect of Park House), & curriculum subjects related to nutrition & exercise.

I ask parents & teachers to keep their “eyes & ears” awake to any changes to sports facilities at schools to ensure that sports facilities are enhanced & not diminished, particularly in respect of Park House & the planned Sandleford development.

There are, today, so many professional opportunities in sport, not only Netball but in the increasing high profile womens’ football, rugby & cricket sports, whether it be, as a player, coach, umpire, administrator, or media commentator. Many of the skills coached in one sport are often transferrable to other team ball games. The England Netball team now has fully funded professional status, & raised the profile of the sport by becoming the gold medal winners at the recent 2018 Commonwealth Games, in Australia’s back yard. Sport teaches us discipline, respect for rules etc, team spirit, how to react to disappointment. It sets us up for life to partake in sport & so keep healthy.

Noddi thanked Ali Carolyn and the Coaches for all their hard work during the year.

Thank you - Keith Hoddinott (Noddi), Chair, Newbury Junior Netball

Agenda Item: 4.Treasurer’s Report

Presenter: Carolyn Bedford

NJN closed the year with an aggregated balance (across the current and savings account) of £16,659.53. This is a favourable cash book based movement of £2,517.93 compared to the closing position of last year and after all outgoings (including court booking fees, Netball England Affiliation and Berkshire League fees).

NJN changed its year end, to be effective at the end of May this year to ensure that the subs and membership fees fell into the correct period so we can start managing year on year analysis correctly. Therefore this year, there is approximately £640 which relates to income from events last financial year, and around £400 of expenses.

We also donated £500 to Daisy's Dream charity after our fundraising activities at the Primary Schools Netball tournament. Details of various movements can be seen on the face of the summary which is included. Since COVID and lockdown there has clearly been very little movement in funds other than the refunds for both our tournaments and those we were attending. We also unfortunately had to cancel the sessions intended for the U10s and full refunds were made.

Nigel Maughan kindly audited the accounts for this financial year and has signed them off as a true and accurate reflection. Attached is the Accounts Sheet

The membership fees were increased from £100 to £120 to incorporate the Berkshire League match fees. All tournaments have been cancelled so we will start afresh next year.

Accounts have been audited by Nigel Maughan for 2019/2020

Carolyn Bedford Treasurer

No questions were raised

Agenda Item: 5 Safeguarding Report

Presenter: Charlotte Duly

DBS/First Aid

All coaches still have in date DBS and have attended a safeguarding course in the last 3 years. For the CAPS accreditation you have to have a year left so after COVID-19 Helen and Tina will need to resubmit. Vanessa was due to attend a safeguarding course in April 2020. All coaches and volunteers have signed the England netball code of Conduct at the start of the season. All coaches have a safeguarding folder with information about procedures to follow if they have a concern. Safeguarding officer has attended time to talk and safeguarding and protecting children course.

All Coaches must attend the 6 hour emergency first Aid at work course. All are up to date except Loretta and Vanessa who had signed onto a course in March 2020 which was cancelled.

Be Safe Cards

Cards not been given to U11/U16 by Safeguarding lead yet but details included to all girls and carers in June 2020 newsletter.

Website

Website information about safeguarding is up to date and has a picture and contact details for the safeguarding officer.

Concerns

There have been no reported official safeguarding concerns to the CSO since the last AGM.

There has been one well-being concern which has been dealt with internally and this serves as a reminder to all of us to always put the child's well-being at the heart of everything we do and all decisions we make.

Policy and practice update

Since March 2020 the club has ceased all coaching due to COVID-19. It was decided as a club that we would not offer online coaching therefore there was no need to update any policies around this area.

Newsletter

For following article was shared with all families via the newsletter in June 2020

Safeguarding news

At our netball club you're safeguarding and well-being is our top concern. This has been a strange time for all of us and we would like to remind you to that there are plenty of organisations that you can reach out to if you would like to talk to a trusted adult.

Club safeguarding officer: Charlotte Duly 07967 152141 email cduly@icollege.org.uk

England Netball Safeguarding Officer: 07595 863 991

Childline: 08001111

Well-being

Looking after our well-being is particularly important during this time. One idea to help us is to follow the 5 ways to well being

- 1. Connect**
- 2. Give**
- 3. Take notice**
- 4. Keep Learning**
- 5. Be active**

The below links might be useful to you:

<https://youngminds.org.uk/>

<https://www.cwmt.org.uk/>

<https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/for-children-and-young-people/>

[https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-](https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/?WT.tsrc=Search&WT.mc_id=Brand&gclid=EAlaIQobChMlrLPQrKTA6QIVBrDtCh3lvwWVEAAYASAAEgKIRfD_BwE)

[matters/?WT.tsrc=Search&WT.mc_id=Brand&gclid=EAlaIQobChMlrLPQrKTA6QIVBrDtCh3lvwWVEAAYASAAEgKIRfD_BwE](https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/?WT.tsrc=Search&WT.mc_id=Brand&gclid=EAlaIQobChMlrLPQrKTA6QIVBrDtCh3lvwWVEAAYASAAEgKIRfD_BwE)

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

We would like you to know that everyone at the Club is missing you and we can't wait to get back to netball. But we hope that you are making the most of and enjoying this special time with your families.

Contact England Netball Report a concern via besafe@englandnetball.co.uk or 01509 277850. Urgent cases should be referred to the Police and emergency services by calling 999. NSPCC are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year on 0800 800 5000

Charlotte Duly (CSO)

Everyone was happy with the report – no questions were raised.

Agenda Item: 6 Head Coaches/BJNL/NNL

Presenter: Helen Thompson

An exciting start but an unusual finish this year for Newbury Junior Netball and all other netball clubs. Newbury Junior Netball Club would have had a celebration for its 30th birthday at our end of season presentation (these celebrations will have to take place next season) – such a shame but unprecedented times have delayed this event.

This season we have had over 100 girls involved in netball in the Newbury and Thatcham District. We introduced an U10 age group which managed just one training session before Covid-19 put a halt to netball for them for this season. All the coaches as well as players were upset to see the season finish so abrupt.

All our age groups played in the Berkshire Junior League with some superb results. We also had an U16 team playing in the Newbury Netball Adults League (NNL)

The Berkshire League had to finalise their results on average point's difference with several of our teams missing out on the final matches. Nevertheless an excellent performance from the teams: U11 finished 1st in Div 2, U12 finished 6th in Div 1, U13 finished 1st in Div 1, U14 finished 2nd in Div 1, U16 finished 1st in Div1. The U16 NNL team finished 5th in Div 2 with 2 matches remaining but again average points difference settled the final placings. A superb season for all our teams.

Unfortunately due to the pandemic no tournaments were able to be played, this was a shame for our players as they are good days for the girls to experience playing different teams in the South region.

Sadly, our end of season presentation was unable to go ahead and this was a real shame as award winners were unable to celebrate their success – all age groups and players have been told who won the awards. Medals from Berkshire League will be given out when we have received them. Special thanks to Paul Tebble who has kindly donated cups for the U16 BJNL team finishing winners of the League. A very kind gesture.

Lorraine Bowden has gained her Level 2 UKCC netball award and Daisy Dijksman passed her Level 1 UKCC netball award. We are looking forward to Sarah Bosley and Lucy Adams joining the coaching team next season and completing awards.

We have updated our NJN logo too making it more modern and up to date.

THANK YOU'S

Many thanks to all the parents who have supported their daughters with driving them to training, matches and tournaments and to many parent helpers for their efforts within NJN club. Thanks to all that have scored and been timekeepers at our Berkshire League games and helped as scorers at tournaments.

To Noddy as Chair who has been very supportive of the club.

To Carolyn Bedford for her role as Treasurer

To Jason James tournament secretary

To Charlotte Duly for her role as Safeguarding Officer

To Kerry Morley for her help with sorting and organising kit this year

To Gayle Castle for her role as Club Volunteer Coordinator/New Appointed Person

To Alison Stamp for her role as Club Secretary

The continued development of our club netballers would not be possible without the help and support that our coaches provide on a weekly basis and I would like to thank every member of our coaching team for their hard work over the past 12 months. At times, co-ordinating coaching cover and umpiring cover is a challenging task for our Berkshire League matches – we have managed this year but more help is always needed however, so please have a word with me or any member of the coaching team if you might be interested.

We are hoping that the new season will start as soon as possible but await direction from England Netball. As soon as we can get together for the 2020-2021 season we will no doubt pick up where we finished and go from strength to strength.

Coaching Team for 2020-2021

U10 Lorraine Bowden

U11 Tina Wood and Sarah Bosley

U12 Helen Thompson, Loretta Whitehead and Lucy Adams

U13 Alison Stamp and Daisy Dijksman

U14 Helen Thompson and Alison Stamp

U16 Vanessa Clothier and Selina Stevens

Coaching Reports

Under 10's

I really looked forward to starting the Under 10 age group. Being outdoors and screening in February meant dodging the weather but we eventually selected twenty girls. After cancelling the first session due to the weather, excited girls and coaches finally got their first session. It was great to see girls keen and eager to start their club netball journey. I was uplifted by the girl's ability to listen and their enthusiasm to learn. So it was devastating that we had to shut down due to the COVID-19 pandemic after our one and only session. I hope the girl's continue with their initial eagerness and enthusiasm as they go into the Under 11 squad.

Under 11's

It's such a shame the season had to come to an abrupt end due to the coronavirus pandemic. However, the U11's were lucky enough to finish all their games in the Berkshire league before everything came to a halt.

The U11's had a successful first year in the Berkshire league finishing 1st in their division. This is such good achievement especially as they were a new squad who came together in September.

Lorraine and myself are really pleased with the dedication the U11's showed, attendance was really high and all the girls put in a 100% effort at each training session. September to December was spent learning new attacking skills and January to March the emphasis was on defending. The girls rose to the challenge of trying new skills and practices which they all performed to the best of their ability showing an improvement by the end of each session.

This year's most improved player award went to **Charlotte Morgan**, coaches' player to **Poppy Havercroft** and players' player to **Lydia Russell**. Well done girls you should be proud of your achievements.

Lorraine and I would like to wish the U11s lots of luck for a successful second year in the club, it will be a real challenge for them as due to their success they will move up to division one in the Berkshire league. We will miss them.

Under 12s

Hi, as you will be aware due to the crisis, and taking guidance from England Netball we are unable to return this season. Therefore we will not be able to have our end of season presentation. We still want to recognise those girls who deserve an award. These will be handed out at the start of next season, when we hopefully return to our training sessions.

Players' player is awarded to Maria, for her efforts in the Berkshire league matches, with the most votes by the opposition. Well done **Maria Hosseiny**.

Coaches' Players – **Julia Gardner and Daisy Haydn-Jones**

Daisy and I had a good discussion about this, and we were unable to agree a clear winner, so we are very happy to be able to give 2 awards, the 1st is for a versatile player, who has committed to training, with the right attitude, always listens takes on board instructions, adaptable to changes in match play, has always been available for matches, and played in 90% of those games. Played in several positions, works hard as an attacker, but able to turn over the ball with good interceptions: this player is Julia. It is a pleasure to give this award to you well deserved.

Our 2nd coaches' player started out a bit in the background and took a while to speak out, she has shown that she is able to work just as hard as an attacker and defender, her speed and quick thinking has given her the ability to make

quick interception, along with fast thinking as to where and when to pass the ball and to who. At each break of match play she is constantly asking what can she do to make things better, a great team player with a lovely manner. 100% effort in both training and match play. We are very proud to give this award to Daisy, very well deserved.

Most improved – **Mya Cahoon**

This young lady was very quiet when she first came to me, and although she had good attendance, it took time to really see what her strengths were. She took training seriously, but lacked in confidence, but over the weeks her passing became stronger, her movement in the attacking area improved, with the understanding of getting free and making a better drive onto the ball, along with better speed and positioning on the court. Her real development was proven when she played in the last few league games, she became more confident and eager for the ball. It was great to see this player grow in confidence and become a very good shooter. We are very happy to award this to Mya. Very well deserved.

It has been a pleasure to coach these young ladies, I wish them all much success for the future, and thank you parents for all your support, and those parents who have given me lifts, it's much appreciated. I know I have missed my netball and I am sure you all have too. I would also like to thank Caroline for all her help.

Under 13's

All the girls have been hard working at training giving 100% which shows in their achievements over the season. They won the Berkshire league Division 1 – played 12 games, won 10, drew 1 and lost 1. We have worked hard on all 3 stage of defence as well as creating good attacking play. The structure of our game has improved so much with everyone understanding their role on court. This has shown when putting our skill practises into our game play, every member of the squad has contributed to this.

The winning of the Berkshire Junior Netball League U13 Division 1 is a great testimony of how hard the girls worked both at training and in the games.

The awards for the season:

Player's Player – This player has gained so much confidence over the season and now believes in herself and what she can achieve. Your focus this season has been to stay close, watch the ball, don't turn your back and take those interceptions and you have done this really well under pressure. Your communication with Bella in the circle and how you both work for each other is to be applauded. You have really worked hard during training and in the BJNL games and not only is this award awarded by your fellow players but you have had the opposition's player the most in the Berkshire league games too. Fantastic work **Beth (Sparks)** you truly deserve this award.

Most Improved – This player at the beginning of the season needed lots of reassurance and self-belief. She had an injury early in the season and this restricted her play but since her return from injury she has gone from strength to strength. We have worked on positive drives down the court, supporting in the circle, communication, switching players and watching the ball. We taught you how to drop off your player at centre pass and then take that interception at phase 2. Your enthusiasm for learning these new skills has been lovely to see. You should be really pleased with your development this season. We are really pleased to give this award to **Bella (Castle)**, really well done!

Coaches Player – Our Coaches Player this season is going to someone who always tries to improve her skills. We have worked hard on different ways to beat a defender using change of direction, taking our defender out wide and sprinting to goal. You have successfully been able to cut in front of your player to remain ball side and take ball to goal. You have also supported the goal shooter when necessary and always been an option for that extra little pass. Your shooting has been consistent this season with a high 70 success rate in most games. This year's Coaches Player goes to **Ava (Elverson)**

We had 5 tournaments lined up for the summer, Blue Jays, High Wycombe, Fireflies, Dreams and Raychem in Swindon, sadly all were cancelled due to the pandemic.

Under 14's

This season it has been a pleasure to coach these girls and they have all been so willing to learn. We have worked hard on creating good attacking play, making good decisions and balancing the court. We worked hard on defence and communication to force errors from the opposition. The structure of our game has improved so much with everyone understanding their role on court.

Finishing runners-up of the Berkshire Junior Netball League U14 Division was a great testimony of how hard the girls worked both at training and in the games. Some crucial games played throughout the season - beating Royals was one of the many highlights from the season.

The awards for this season:

Player's Player – This player has been a pleasure to coach and has gained so much confidence over the season. You have worked really hard throughout training sessions, asking questions and responding well to set plays and decision making. Your work rate has been superb and you always give your best. Within the goal circle you have combined well with the other shooter and your shooting has been very consistent - again always trying to push yourself to beat targets set. You have been a valuable member playing in the BJNL matches and not only is this award awarded by your fellow players but you have had the opposition's player frequently too. Always giving 100% fantastic work **Alex Royston** - well deserved for this award.

Most Improved – This player has made a huge impact in the attacking third of the court growing in strength and focus whenever she takes to the court. Developing good decision making has helped you increase your court awareness and therefore supporting other players on the court knowing more about positional play. You are strong to always contest play on and off the ball and force errors in order to create turnovers for the team. You have improved your ability to feed the circle and create opportunities for the shooters. You have great enthusiasm for the game and you should be really pleased with your development this season and your match play in BJNL games. We are really pleased to give this award to **Freddie Goodwin-Scott** - fantastic work.

Coaches Player – Our Coaches Player this season is going to someone who always thinks about her positional play. You constantly work hard and this season have had an opportunity to play more through the court which has been great to see. When you play on court you mark tight and create turnover ball by applying pressure onto your opponent. You dominate the circle well and defend your opposition so that they are unsure how to defend you! Your shooting is very consistent and have had a good success rate in the BJNL games. You have worked well in the circle with your other shooter and have worked hard on circle rotation. This year's Coaches Player goes to **Jolie Hartland** - fantastic work.

Under 14s it has been a pleasure in coaching you all this season, your resilience, work ethic and determination to succeed has been great. You have all had a great training season, it has been lovely to welcome some new girls this season and how well they fitted into the U14 squad.

Under 16's

Our season started with us entering the Berkshire League and Newbury Netball League, which we knew was going to be tough this year. The Newbury Junior U16 squads are making a name for themselves and teams are not just looking at us as a walk over. In Berkshire we fought at every game and out of 18 games played, we won 17. We were on to win the rest of the games we had to play until we were abruptly stopped! With Newbury Netball league we played 11 games and won 5 and I am confident out of the rest of the games we were due to play, we would have won some of those. In both competitions the girls worked extremely hard and in every game put in their all. It has been a pleasure watching them grow and adjust their play with each game.

We came 1st in the Berkshire League and 5th in Newbury Netball League. Well-deserved results.

I just wanted to say a huge thank you to the current U16 that unfortunately won't be returning for next season and wish them all well in their sporting ventures. It has been a pleasure coaching you and I do hope that our paths will cross again in the future (maybe on a netball court somewhere). I also wanted to take the time to say a big thank you to our U15s, who I am hoping will be joining Selina and I for next season.

Training has gone extremely well and all of our girls came a long way and really worked hard to learn new things and adapt their play.

Finally, parents and supporters - it has been brilliant and I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart, because without you we wouldn't have achieved the goals that we aimed for. Your commitment to getting the girls to training and games and being there to support them when they play has been wonderful. Thank you!

Most Improved Player – We will be awarding this to **Abi Agar**, you have really grown over the last season, and demonstrated that you can adapt your game. I was a little worried over your shooting action when you first came to me, but you have improved that considerably and really make a difference when playing in our games. You have been instrumental in each of our games and listen to both your teammates and coaches to get that win. You have learnt to adapt depending on the player you are playing against and this has been fundamental. It has been a pleasure working with you and both Selina and I look forward to next season. Well done and well deserved.

Coaches' Player – We have selected **Rhea Bahia**, well what can I say other than, brilliant, outstanding, Rhea you have gone from strength to strength over the season to become an exceptional defensive player. At training you are always seeking new ways to improve and be the first to ask questions. You have been improving week on week and become stronger in that goal circle. On occasions you lacked confidence, but you and we, always knew you could do it. You have been a pleasure to work with as you have become the rock within the defensive unit. You are very deserving of this award and it is an honour to award this to you. I do hope that you will continue playing as I believe you can be a tremendous defensive player. Well done and well deserved.

Players' Player – Well this goes to two amazing players that have demonstrated that they can certainly play netball and be noticed. This award goes to **Alex Davies and Kate Ritchie**. Both of you have made a difference to each of the games. With Alex being the player that works endlessly from one end to the other, keeping the ball out of the defensive area and into the attacking. Been there to take those interceptions and drive the team to many wins. Alex you are a star and I do hope that you continue with your netball as you are amazing. Kate well not much to say other than wow, when your eye is in you can certainly get those goals in and on more than one occasion have you saved our bacon. You have gone from strength to strength and incorporated all of the training into your game. You are a great netball player and it has just been wow.

A special mention to the Under 16 team that played in the Newbury Netball League. These girls have shown great strength and resilience coping with playing in an adult league. When they began the season back in September they had to cope with playing against ladies which is something that these girls wouldn't have experienced before. They will tell you this is a very different game to playing against your peers in the Berkshire Junior Netball League. The ladies in these games have years of experience and at times this has been a bit intimidating. The girls have shown over the season that they can overcome this and by playing their own game and believing in themselves they were able to turn some of the games around and finished the league in 5th place a fantastic achievement girls.

Everyone was happy with the report, England Netball update was to continue as we are no further forward as Leisure Centres are not re-opening as yet.

Agenda Item: 7 CAPS Update

Presenter: Ali Stamp

We are currently in the process of putting together the amendments that are required for us to re-achieve our Bronze CAPS awards. England Netball this year have put the CAPS documents online but as with all things its not a straightforward process. For those who are not aware CAPS is a standard set by England Netball to monitor and standardise accredited clubs to a level of competency and that we are following the guidelines they set.

Since lockdown we are unable to continue with the process as we have people who need to go on first aid and safeguarding course to ensure that we are all up to date.

The two slight changes to the Constitution as based on our Netball Development Officer recommending that these are put into the Constitution for the CAPS process.

I am continuing to do as much of the paperwork as possible in order for us to be ready once England Netball are back in full swing.

Noddi asked Ali to explain that Debbie (NDO) has been furloughed but will be back in her role as Netball Development Officer on the 1st July 2020.

No further questions were raised

Agenda Item: 8 Constitution Amendments

Presenter: Noddi Hoddinott

These proposed changes to the Constitution are for the purposes of our CAPS which we are hoping to get in September.

Amend to read

- 7.3 A minimum of 2 officers should have access to the account, one of whom is the Secretary. Both shall have debit cards on the account. Only 1 signatory per cheque is required in order to facilitate transactions. The 2 signatories must not be related nor be members of the same household.

Add to Constitution

- 7.8 An audited statement of annual accounts will be independently reviewed and presented by the Treasurer at the Annual General Meeting.

Agenda Item: 9 & 10 Committee Members Standing/Election

Presenter: Noddi Hoddinott

Officers on the Committee who have stood down but are willing to stand again for another season.

Position	Name	Proposed	Seconded
Chair	Noddi Hoddinott	Loretta Whitehead	Jason James
Secretary	Ali Stamp	Noddi Hoddinott	Tina Wood
Treasurer	Ruth Jones	Ali Stamp	Helen Thompson
Head Coach	Helen Thompson	Lorraine Bowden	Charlotte Duly
Junior Representative	This will be filled once training restarts		
Club Safeguarding	Charlotte Duly	Carolyn Bedford	Daisy Dijksman
Kit	Kylie Woodhead	Ali Stamp	Helen Thompson
Club Volunteer Co-ord/New Appointed Person	Gayle Castle	Ali Stamp	Charlotte Duly
Tournament Secretary	Vacant		

Any member of the Newbury Junior Netball Club are welcome to attend the Committee Meetings. Please let the Secretary know and you can be included on the distribution list.

Committee will appoint a Tournament Secretary during the coming season.

Agenda Item: 11 AOB

Presenter: Noddi Hoddinott

Carolyn Bedford wondered whether it might be preferable to have length of tenure on the posts to rotate after a period of time, it doesn't mean that the person has to stand down at the end of their tenure but it is so that people don't feel that they have to stay in role. This can keep the Committee fresh, it was food for thought. Helen Royston thinks it makes sense to have a length of tenure, Tina said we do it by season, from Sept to July – How do people feel about it making a change on the Constitution all comments will be taken the next meeting most likely in September. It was generally agreed and Carolyn agreed it was a proposal so happy for this to happen.

Simon Gardner raised some questions, Noddi has asked Simon to put his questions to the AGM – Simon put the question as the role of the 'Captain' for the age groups. The aim is to rotate it around the children, Loretta said that they would say thank you and the 3 cheers at the end of the game. Simon asked if the children got involved in coaching on the court or whether it was the coaches role. At the younger age groups coaching on court by 'a captain' isn't something we do but as the girls go up the age groups their involvement in this area is encouraged. Vanessa said that the U16s are encouraged to be more involved, giving feedback during and after the game. Helen pointed out that in the BJNL games there has to be a captain on court this is one of the BJNL rules but generally U11s and U12s role of captain is more or less the same as at school.

Junior Representatives - There are 2 players who hold this role this year and these were chosen from a hat after the last presentation evening. They visited the age groups at the beginning of the season and they tell the girls that they are there if they want to put things to their coach but don't feel that they can talk to the coach directly then they can contact the junior reps. Ali asked Daisy to explain what she did in the role - Daisy went to all the different age groups so that if you have any problems they can email or send questions to the Junior Representative. The 2 girls this year did go along to all the age groups and introduce themselves but on hindsight they could have been a bit more visible for the girls in that they visit more often. Helen explained that it is hard for the girls to get to every session and they are reliant on parents taking the time out to take them along. Tina suggested they set up a Whatsapp Broadcast list for next season and Ali suggested we will speak with our Safeguarding Officer to see how this can be set up. If there are issues then they can then go to the Junior Representative. Daisy suggested that the person speaks to the coach and the coach then passes on the message to the Junior Rep. Charlotte Duly will have a look into how this is can be done and will get back to the committee.

Noddi pointed out that they are on the website and they can come to the Committee Meetings. Simon wants more publicity for the netball in the paper as he said he has only seen it once this year and that was the U13s winning the league. Sarah Bosley is going to try and get us a regular slot but we will need to work with the newspaper's deadlines. Vicki Shopland who plays in the adult Newbury Netball League has said she will liaise with Sarah regarding dates. Going forward Sarah will try and get more publicity for NJN. Helen told the meeting that a report will go in soon to the NWN to say how well the juniors have done this year and this has been submitted via the Newbury adult netball league and not directly through Sarah.

Emma Smith asked if a parent can put in a match report possibly once a month and Sarah and Emma have agreed to do this on behalf of NJN, thank you ladies.

Loretta said a shame about the 30th year and we should celebrate and it was agreed that when we can we will do something to celebrate 30 years.

Simon's other question was about contact with schools as he has noticed that not all school's are represented at NJN. Noddi told him that we are oversubscribed and don't have enough coaches to be able to take on more girls. Ali said we can only take 20 girls each age group and at the screening process the coaches do not know where each child attends school and therefore all schools in each year group would not always be included. Helen said that the impact of netball in primary school has a big impact as the girls go into secondary. If they haven't have netball at primary they tend not to go into netball at secondary. Its always the same thing if a parent isn't running a netball club at primary school then there tends not to be any available for those children in those schools.

U10s was sent to 53 primary schools and only had a few replies some school don't even bother to pass on the emails to the right people.

If we had more coaches we could have more girls but we don't have the coaching resources unfortunately – we are trying more and more to get some of our U16 girls involved once they leave the age group. We have another U16 Lucy who is joining the coaching team in September and Sarah Bosley is also interested in doing her Level 1 Netball Coaching course. At present there are no courses available to book due to the pandemic.

Ali thanked Carolyn for her contribution to Newbury Juniors and how the accounts have never been in such good shape. We have breakdowns of where the money has been spent and this is really helpful in knowing the costs from year to year.

Meeting ended at 9:22pm

Date of Next Meetings for next season

Meeting Schedule for 2020/2021 – please make a note in your diaries

Wednesday 16th September - Committee Meeting

Friday 30th October - Coaches Meeting

Wednesday 13th January - Committee Meeting

Friday 12th February - Coaches Meeting

Wednesday 14th April - Committee Meeting

Wednesday 19th May Committee Meeting

Wednesday 23rd June 2021 - AGM