

CCNA AGM – 27th July 2022

Date: Monday 27th July 2022

Location: School Hall, St Ivo Academy High Leys, St Ives, PE27 6RR

Time: 7:30pm

Attendees:

Jen Watton – Chair and Website
Floria Marshall - Secretary
Karen Neal – Minuting Secretary
Janette Bowden – Netball Development
Debbie George - Governance
Joan Rolfe - Treasurer
Tracy Coppolaro – Schools and Competitions
Catherine Blee - Officiating
Claire Webster - Safeguarding
Shelly Ritchie – Academy Performance

Apologies:

Olivia Petherick – Vice Chair and Membership (A&E for foot)
Janette Hatton - CDNL

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Minutes:

1) Chairperson's Welcome

- a. Welcome and thank you all for giving up your time to attend on behalf of your clubs tonight.
- b. Last few years have been like no other, but it was great to be able to restart back in March 2021 and it's been wonderful to see so many of you back out on the courts playing the sport we all love. Hopefully we'll continue to see the growth of netball within Cambridgeshire, spurred on by a gold medal again this summer?!
- c. I'd like to firstly thank all the Covid Officers for all your hard work in helping clubs and members return to the courts safely – I know it wasn't an easy task.
- d. Secondly, I'd like to thank all the league committees, umpires, scorers, and other volunteers across the county – without people like you giving up your time for the benefit of others, we wouldn't achieve as many successes as we do here in Cambs
- e. Finally, a huge thank you to the ladies next to me who work tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure netball progresses within our county. In my first year as chair, I'd also just wanted to say just how grateful I am to have you all sitting alongside me – your support has been invaluable, thanks for answering my endless questions.
- f. Tonight, we'll move through the formal bits and then I'd like to use the rest of the time to really celebrate all the successes we've had in the county this year.

2) Apologies for Absence

Jannette Hatton from CDNL
Olivia P

3) Minutes from 2021 AGM

Last year we held a virtual AGM by committee as we were unable to meet face-to-face. If everyone is happy with that these mins are a correct reflection of the AGM, please can I have a show of hands, for (and against).

No hands shown – everyone happy minutes are correct reflection

4) Matters arising from 2021 AGM Minutes

None

5) County Achievements for 2021/22 - Overview & Questions

After two years, it's great to say that this year has been an excellent year for netball in Cambridgeshire: competition and playing is once again rife in Cambs

You'll see a visual infographic which shows just some of our achievements and headlines from the year.

All reports have been sent out, but please do let us know if you've not received them and we can forward these on again.

- All leagues restarted.
- There are now 11 walking netball programmes across the county and a new league running in St Ives (The Fenland league) which gives access from back to netball groups to forming clubs – a big thanks to Sally Smith who's taken over the management of this

- Officiating moved online with practical run at County level – we passed 11 IOAs and 4 Cs with the view to provision more practical course in the upcoming season to progress even more through the officiating pathway
- Successful Safeguarding course in Dec
- Our Performance Academy continue to go from strength to strength with Shelley now having completed her first year as Lead. A huge thank you to Shelley and the coaches who provide a brilliant pathway academy to our young athlete – the success they've had is phenomenal with current and past athletes progressing into the Mavericks pathway.
- Our Cambridgeshire Schools experienced successes once again
 - Stephen Perse took a hattrick at the county school round with U14/16/19 winning.
 - Perse U16 came second in the county round to then qualify at regional round for the Nationals Schools Finals.
- At club level Swans U14 reached the National Club Finals.
- Over in the North Juniors saw a drop in netball following covid – a big thanks to Janette for setting up tournaments and monthly competitions for this group of athletes!
- Debbie continues to oversee our Governance, and is busy preparing our health check as we work towards Tier 1 compliance by summer 23
- Our wonderful Joan continues to make sure our bank accounts stay healthy so we can continue to support clubs and members through coaching course, competitions, academies and more...
- After hearing requests for a coaching course in Cambridge we were delighted to offer a L2 course in Cambridgeshire starting in August with lots booked on!
 - We are also aware that there have been some concerns regarding coaching courses so please, if you have any concerns do come and talk to us at the end of the evening.



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6) Membership Overview and Update

It was a welcome return to an almost 'normal' netball season where clubs and committees worked extremely hard to ensure that all leagues and players could take to the court. We want to thank all our various leagues for positively supporting the county and ensuring that all your members were and are affiliated before taking to the court. Below we have listed current membership numbers from pre-pandemic through to post pandemic. We are delighted to see that we have had a 26% increase in membership since last season.

After charging a reduced fee for the 20/21 season and no county fee last year we were keen as a committee to recognise the increased cost of living but also to still charge a fee to be able to continue the work we do. To that extent we have reduced all out fee by 30% compared to what they were 2 years ago. This enables us to keep supporting all our members and hopefully encourages everyone to reaffiliate. There is also a hardship fund available for any member who feels that they cannot access their netball because of financial constraints. It is also worth noting that Regional have not increased for over 5 years now.

7) Junior Development League

- a. Lovely to have the juniors return to court after so long. Congratulations to the winners of the leagues
 - i. U16 Div 1: Comberton A
 - ii. U16 Div 2: Comberton B
 - iii. U14 Div 1: Swans Black
 - iv. U14 Div 2: Hampton Panthers

- v. U12: Comberton
- b. The end of season tournament was also able to go ahead in the glorious sunshine with the proceeds of the day going to the Ukraine appeal.
- c. As always, a big thanks to the JDG committee, clubs and of course the parents/careers!

8) League reports

- a. County Premier – Jill Harrison



Cambridge Premier
League for County AG

- b. South Cambs – Janette Hatton



CDNL Report for
County AGM 2022.do

- c. Hunts & Peterborough – Helen Hollowday



HPNL League Report
for County AGM 2022

- d. Wisbech – Mel Chamberlain



Wisbech League
Report for County AG

- e. Regional Update – Comberton, Harriers, Rookies & Cojags



Comberton Regional
Report 2022.docx



Harriers Regional
Report 2022.docx



Rookies Regional
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Cojags Regional
Report 2022.docx

- f. Elite Summer League – Floria Marshall



Elite Summer League
Report for County AG

- Another year of hugely successful leagues – again, all league reports have been sent out, please let us know if you've not received them.
- Again, a big thanks to committee leagues, umpires, scorers, parents, and volunteers who organise and make our leagues so successful
- Regional teams – amazing to have 4 (soon to be 5) teams representing Cambridgeshire in the Regional League. Congratulations to Comberton on promotion to ER2 where they join CoJags who finished mid-table and Rookies who were relegated from ER1 – some good local matches to be had next season, Harriers finished mid-table in ER3. We wish all the regional teams the best of luck next season.
- CPL
 - A HUGE CONGRATS to Royston for winning the league, and then of course for going on to win the playoff and a place in ER3 – so very well deserved after an undefeated season.

- This year also saw Jill Harrison step down after 23 years at the helm – a Huge thank you to Jill for what is an amazing league and a big welcome to Flo who is the new chair.
- CDNL
 - Fought wind, rain and hail to complete their season
 - Congratulations to Div. 1 winners Comberton 3 who will be playing in CPL next season.
 - Across leagues umpiring seemed to be trickier than normal this year – so thank you to everyone who picked up a whistle at the last minute. And for CDNL for supporting some of the umpiring assessments in.
 - A big thanks to CDNL for another excellent summer league at a new location, Northstowe and of course for taking on Elite Summer league as well
- HPL
 - League restart went well with Stars winning the winter league.
 - Again, umpiring issues with the summer league but being supported by Wisbech league umpires
 - Lots of back to netball players something through the Play Netball league in Peterborough which is great news!
- Wisbech
 - Tricky start with venue issues but the league finally did restart in February, across two venues! Winter league completed successfully and now moved onto summer league.
 - At the AGM a request was put in to make Wisbech a feeder league to CPL

Mel Chamberlin from Wisbech

Would like to become a feeder league (play Wednesdays not weekends). They allow regional or PREM players.

At the WNL AGM this year, Foxes Netball Club asked if we could look into the WNL becoming a feeder league to Prem again thus giving our clubs the chance to gain promotion to a higher league. Foxes and other clubs have in the past lost players as they are unable to offer a higher standard of play.

A vote was held at the AGM and it was passed by all members to go ahead with this motion. However, the matter of Regional and Premier Players playing in our league was discussed , as some felt clubs with these players involved block the top spots every season so not allowing other clubs to ever get promotion.

This matter could not be decided on that night so an EGM was arranged and the options were sent out to all teams to vote on their preferred option. A virtual AGM was arranged for the committee to discuss the results

Vote 1

All Premier/Regional players to remain in the league = 11 votes

Vote 2

No Premier/Regional player to be allowed to play in the league = 10 vote

Vote 3

Just Regional Players are allowed to play = 0 Votes

Vote 4

Just Premier Players are allowed to play = 2 Votes

With the votes so close the following proposal was put forward that would hopefully resolve the matter for everyone concerned.

The following was proposed:-

A player that plays in Prem or Regional must state this on the clubs player registration form at the begin of the season or during. At the end of the season the team highest in Division 1 without a prem or regional player included will be asked if they would like the league to ask the Premier League if they could gain promotion that season...if yes we would contact the Premier league on their behalf but the final decision will be made by Premier if they can be promoted, this may be made possible on the clubs playing results or my means of a playoff but the final decision is made by the Premier league.

This is the proposal we would like to implement and will be changing our constitution to reflect this change.

CPL – Floria

- Raised on Wisbeach behalf want to be a feeder league.
- Feeder league does mean teams can't play Wisbech and Prem league
- Seen as a really positive move and always nice to have new teams.
- Needs to be discussed nearer the time dependencies on demotion/promotion status and then at digression of the committee.

Thetford already play with agreement they would not go up to regional if they won.
But have asked to be first affiliated, this needs to be discussed with East Regional. To be investigated further by Floria and Julie from CPL.
Will continue as is until this is clarified.

9) Proposals for Constitution changes

As a committee, working alongside CPL and Wisbech we'd like to make you aware that we will be making the following change to an appendix to show Wisbech as a feeder league to CPL. Please note this is NOT a constitutional change for us but merely an update to appendix 2.

10) Election of Officers

Vacancies

- Current vacancies – Coaching, Secretary, Safeguarding and Volunteering
- Following proposed to stand
 - Coaching – Liv – proposed by Flo
 - Secretary – Clare – proposed by Flo
 - Safeguarding – Sally Smith – proposed by Flo
- Everyone else is willing to re-stand in their position

Propose & Seconded

Toni Race & Caroline Scully

Thank you to everyone for remaining on the committee and for Clare and Liv stepping into new roles – a big welcome to Sally too 😊 Of course it comes with sadness that we say goodbye to Floria this year who moves on to take on the role of Chair at CPL. We're so delighted for you to be taking on the new role and excited to continue to work with you.

On behalf of the committee, I'd like to say thank you for everything you've done. We've created a little visual for you all to see how much Flo gives back to Cambridgeshire Netball and the impact she's had. You give up countless hours to ensure than netball continues to move forward at a fast pace, you coach, mentor, umpire, sit on committees, organise competitions and just give so much of your time to benefit others. Since becoming secretary in 2010 you've completely overhauled the way county administration works and you keep us all in line and your record keeping is just on another level!



Floria .pdf

11) PRESENTATIONS

Spirit of Netball Award: Janette Bowden

The Spirit of netball is chosen by the CCNA committee and is awarded to someone who embodies passion and dedication to enhance netball within the county.

Many of you will know Janette as our NDO – She works 3 days a week for England Netball but you'd think it was full time given how much she does for us here. She goes above and beyond her role and her passion for netball at **all levels** is truly inspirational. Janette is always happy to support clubs and has developed strong bonds with the county committee to work together to improve netball across Cambridgeshire, especially in the North. She is always thinking of ways to get more young players involved, regularly organising tournaments, supporting the y6 academy days. She also ensures netball is accessible to all, running back to netball sessions and walking sessions. Throughout covid Janette supported clubs and league with returning to netball. She's irreplaceable and is our deserved winner of the Spirit of Netball 2022.

Felice Papworth Grass Roots Netball Award

This award was created in memory of Felice Papworth and all that she did to promote and encourage netball in Cambridgeshire. It recognises anyone who has had a positive impact on the game and is nominated by you. We had two outstanding nomination this year, Olivia Petherick, and Jean Hobday.

Olivia Petherick (Winner)



Felice Papworth
Award - Olivia Pethe

Jean Hobday (Nominee)



Felice Papworth
Award - 2022 Jean H

Young Achiever Award

This award is in recognition of how hard our young players work both as a player and a volunteer. We had some amazing nominations this year – it was great to read them and to have so many wonderful role models out there. All these girls are playing at high level, studying but still find the time to coach, umpire and support their schools.

- a. Izzy Harrop – Royston - (Winner)



Young Achiever
Award Izzy Harrop.doc

- b. Rhiannon Jones- (Nominee)
c. Ella Taylor (Nominee)
d. Charlotte Smith (Nominee)
e. Monika Marino – Icons - (Nominee)
f. Maddy Brooking - (Nominee)



Young Achiever



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Award Rhiannon Jones.doc Award Ella Taylor.doc Award Charlotte Smith.doc Award 2022_Monika Award Maddy Brooking.doc

Youth Performance Award: Stephen Perse - U16

This award goes to our Youth team of the year

- Perse U16 Qualified for the U16 National Schools Netball Final – such an achievement and rarely achieved within Cambs.
- The girls trained incredibly hard alongside school fixtures to get themselves ready
- The quality of netball on display was on another level, nothing like they'd faced before. The girls shooting was on top form, pressure through court and defence was admirable.
- The grit and determination showed by all the girls was incredible. The girls stepped up and did everyone proud in each match. To make the National Finals was incredible and an amazing experience for them all.
- Beyond the Nationals the squad continues to have success finishing their season undefeated in the school fixture.

Team of the Year: Royston

After 4 consecutive Premier League wins, having lost two playoffs' previously and then being denied by covid I think we all knew it was this teams time to shine!

After an undefeated Premier League season, on 7 May 6 teams took to the court for a chance of Regional Promotion. After 5 tough games, Royston came out on top!

I think I speak for everyone when I say congratulations on a very well-deserved promotion to East region.

Charley-Lee Burton Award 2022: Hampton Harriers

Over the years we've sadly lost members of our netball family – today we remember them in different ways, whether that be through an award (Felice Papworth) or through a memorial tournament (Sarah Oldham Memorial Tournament).

In 2022 we sadly lost another member of the community – Charley-Lee Burton who passed at 27. Charley-Lee had played netball in Cambridgeshire since she was a young girl, starting off playing with her mum in the North of the county. She could settle in any position, had an amazing jump, and always had a smile on her face. She started playing for Harrier's 1st team for a season before falling pregnant with her little girl. She also had a beautiful baby boy shortly before passing. Charley-Lee will be very much missed by everyone who knew her and in memory of her love for netball we are introducing the 'Charley-Lee Burton Memorial Award'. After speaking with Charley-Lee's mum Tina, this award will go to a player, volunteer or club from the North who has a positive impact on the netball at any level.

This year the first recipient of the award goes to a club, who through the pandemic and this year have given so much back to their members. The club continue to support back to netball and has been instrumental in bringing players up into the HPL league as well as providing support and training to teams before, during and after games. Training sessions are provided for all abilities with more experienced players mentoring. They run charity sessions throughout the year to provide members with opportunities to play with mixed ability in a fun environment. During the pandemic they also merged two clubs Hampton and Harriers (the club with which Charley-Lee belonged to), allowing wider number of players to have access to coaching and as a result more juniors now have a club with which to join.

We're really pleased to pass this award onto Hampton Harriers.

Contribution to Netball in Cambridgeshire: Jill Harrison

It is a little known fact that Jill is the reason that all of us are here today, without her there would not be a Cambs County Netball Association. She was brought in by England Netball when the county was about to go bust and she put the building blocks in place to ensure that would never happen again. She certainly taught me the value of tight budgeting and building a super team around you.

She is held in such high regard by the region that when they were asked to put forward local heroes to carry the Olympic Flame, Jill was chosen by Sport England.

Jill is a mentor in every sense of the word, such is her passion for netball and officiating that when the mentoring requirement was launched by EN there was only one person who would be able to bring it into Cambs and that was Jill. She ensured that Cambs led the way as far as the implementation of mentors went, training up a field of recruits and seeking clever ways of getting as many umpires through as possible. Her legacy is the number of umpires we have in the county today and the umpiring sub-committee that still works incredibly hard to deliver all of its targets.

Jill has mentored many people on the committee too, I served as vice chair under her, and she spent hours ensuring that I was ready to take on the role of chair, sharing her expertise and time with me.

Jill is a coach, umpire and ex player who has been in and around netball for the last, well let's just say many years – I am sure she will be able to tell you how long. In that time she has held many roles including:

- County Chair

- County Premier League chair
- Lead Umpire
- Lead Assessor
- Lead Mentor

She has and still does deliver the IOA and C award umpiring courses.

She mentors and assists umpires up to their A award written paper, even delivering tutoring and classes in her own home. She is responsible fully or partially for leagues of umpires and holds a passion for delivering officiating that is matched by few.

Her love for netball never wains and she is the first to offer to help out and often the last to leave the court on a Sunday. I think she still gets the same level of enjoyment that she has always had from the sport, but like the best leader recognises when it is time to let someone else have a go.

This is not goodbye, Jill still be a very present force at matches, it is merely a recognition of the huge amount of work she has put it and the lifetimes worth of commitment she has made to netball.

12) AOB

Floria Marshall - Big thanks to Jen for first year as chair

Jen – County coaching please give feedback, positive or negative

Jen – Funding – please do get in touch with us If you'd like to access the membership support fund.

See website for Academy's roles currently open