

## Annual General Meeting 2019 - Minutes

Date/Time	9 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Location	South West Regional Office, Somerset Activity and Sports Partnership, Castle Road, Chelston Business park, Wellington, TA21 9JQ
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### AGM Attendees

Regional Chair	Karen Jones (KJ)	East Devon Chair	Jan Howard (JHo)
Vice Chair	Linda Dyer (LD)	East Devon Rep	Sue Whiffin (SW)
Regional Director - Officiating	Danny Neill (DN)	Cornwall Chair	Natasha Howard (NH)
Regional Director - Competitions	Lesley Thomas (LT)	Gloucestershire Rep	Val Sanders (VS)
Regional Director - Finance	Chrissie Brooks (CB)	Somerset Vice Chair	Julie McClean (JM)
Regional Director – Media & Comms	Michelle Rutter (MR)	Wiltshire Chair	Karen Davison (KD)
Regional Co-ordinator	Laura Woodruff (LW)	Dorset Chair	Linda Cutler (LC)
West Devon Chair	Marc Whaley (MW)	EN Partnership Manager	Samantha Kennerson (SK)
NSW President	Denise May MBE (DM)	Disciplinary Secretary	Sarah Lewis (SL)
Avon Chair	Jude Groves (JG)	Coaching Lead applicant	Natalie Pepperell (NP)
Volunteering Lead	Jenny Hannis (JH)	Legal Lead	Vanessa Taylor-Bryne (VTB)
Youth Representative	Issy Farrell (IF)	M&C Working Group Member	Sarah Bishton (SB)
Commercial Lead – via phone	Angela Rimmer (AR)		

### Apologies

Jersey NDO	Lauren Mills (LM)	Somerset Chair	Rebecca Squires (RS)
Cornwall NDO	Fern Nicholls (FN)	Gloucestershire Chair	Kirsty Wingate (KW)
Somerset NDO	Samantha Kemmish (SK)	Jersey President	Linda Andrews (LA)
Dorset NDO	Karen Peaty (KP)	Jersey Vice President	Wendy Luce (WL)
Avon & Wiltshire NDO	Kerry Brooks (KB)		
Gloucestershire NDO	Rachel Bussey (RB)		

Agenda	
10.30am	Registration, Welcome & Apologies for Attendance
10.40am	Minutes of 2018 AGM  To confirm the Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting (attached)
10.50am	Chair's Annual Report
11.00am	Working Group Presentations

11.30am	Accounts  To receive the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2019 the receipt of which will be proposed by the Finance Director
11.40am	Elections  Under the terms of section 7.4.6 and 7.4.7 of the 2018 Constitution all elected members shall serve for two years from date of election. No elections are due at this AGM
11.45am	Annual Subscriptions 2019/2020
11.50am	Vote of Thanks Close of AGM
Ref	Note, Action or Decision
1	<p><b>Welcome (KJ)</b></p> <p>KJ welcomed everyone to the 2019 AGM and LW gave apologies for those who were unable to attend. This year's format is a new one as we have introduced the County Chairs Governance Training day to help support with the Tier 1 Health Checks.</p> <p>KJ mentioned how successful referred to the just gone as National Volunteers Week and wished all our South West winners good luck in the National Goalden Globes.</p>
2	<p><b>Minutes of the 2018 AGM</b></p> <p>KJ proposed that the minutes of the 2018 AGM be accepted as correct, SL &amp; LC seconded.</p>

## Chairs Report (KJ)

KJ mentioned what a busy time ahead it was going to be but what a good few months we have coming up. The relationship with England Netball has never been better and the regional chairs forums are continuing to work well.

KJ gave an update on the NSW Community Development Grant, explaining that only 1 application had been received and that the deadline has been extended to the 30<sup>th</sup> June. KJ was however happy to see that the numbers are on the rise for the Big Summer of Netball.

Much work has been done working closely with the legal lead VTB on Governance and Netball South West is hoping to be Tier 1 compliant by September/October.

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KJ very impressed with the amount of work that the Working Groups and the RMB have done this year, and is privileged to lead this group of people. KJ is looking forward to seeing what else the RMB can achieve next year.

KJ mentioned that we are looking to have a full board in place by September as this is about getting the right people and using the strengths we have.

KJ gave thanks to all the volunteers from the counties, and welcomed Samantha Kennerson as the new Partnership Manager. Thank you to all the Regional Management Board (RMB), to the working group, all of the counties and the regional staff for all their efforts during the year.

**Working Group Presentations**

The working group report slides were displayed and presented by the TSG chairs.

**Management and finance**

- KJ gave an update on the hardship fund and the partnership agreement that NSW has drafted to create more of a formalised agreement with the funding it gives out. More than happy to share this once it has all been completed.
- KJ explained that there are a couple of copies of the draft regional plan around the room. Completion has been delayed due to sections not being available by England Netball. Once all the national strategies have been completed the SW regional plan will be finalised and hopefully shared with counties over the summer. We know this is crucial to the writing of the county's plans.
- KJ gave an update on the fraud investigations – this is still ongoing however has been picked up by the police again following a 6 month sabbatical by the officer leading the case. Once there are more details this will be shared. A complaint made to the financial ombudsman has not come to fruition yet.
- KJ is looking forward to working with SK & AR on the new commercial opportunities for NSW.
- With the funds that are available NSW are considering focusing on an inclusion and diversity offer as this is missing in the South West at present – KJ will be speaking to volunteers e.g. Mo Squires about this in the near future.

**Competitions & Events - Seniors**

- LT gave an update on the RL structures and confirmed that Exeter had been promoted to National Prem. 3 and Team Jets returned to the RL. The CEWG is looking at making the fixtures work with/for Jersey wherever possible.
- Central venue has had a positive impact especially on the umpire mentoring and table official training that has been going on throughout the season and is very useful for all.
- LT gave an update on the upcoming season and how there is the potential for a RL3 weekend rather than specifically a Sunday (default day) however this is yet to go out to clubs but will do.

**Competitions & Events - Juniors**

- LD informed the room that the TSG had been working hard to listen to and adjust the regional league for U14s/U16 to make it work better for all involved. Positive to see that the county involvement is looking stronger.
- LD mentioned the group venue (Paignton is the only 4 court venue in the region) and that 6 out of the 8 clubs involved are happy to remain there, taking into consideration the position and umpire mentoring opportunities.
- Looking to encourage Div 2 (North & South) as it has previously been a heavy load in the south. LD asked if the counties could promote the seeding events.
- LD Introduced DM as the new chair of the Competition and Event Junior Working Group. She brings a wealth of knowledge and will be working with LD over the next year to ensure a seamless transition.
- State school tournaments are continuing to be strong and provide the competitive opportunities for these schools to identify talented athletes through great competition.

**Volunteering**

- JH gave an update on the implementation for GPDR and how this has been worked on further to guidance from England Netball. Fed back that the national volunteering strategy is due to be communicated soon.
- JH mentioned about looking at how else we can best support and reward volunteers and looking at succession planning.
- If any support is required, could counties please speak to JH

**Officiating**

- DN updated on the how well officiating had been going and how the incentive to hold more B award courses across the region has been a success. Officials had performed well at Into, C & B levels and there has been much better success rates with the A/B written assessments.
- Lots of great opportunities for Team White in mentoring, table officials for our franchises and opportunities at international events.
- Looking at holding an MtGL event in the region specifically for Officiating due to the new content that is being implemented nationally not always being accessible to South West officials.

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- DN informed that EN were bringing in a mentoring award, NSW already has its own and this is being re-written over the summer. It will be rolled out next season and attendance/accreditation this will be recognised by the EN award.
- Louise Cole, one of NSW's original TYUP umpires will be umpiring the England Roses v N. Ireland in the World Championships warm up event. This is recognition of the work done over the years to develop our young and talented umpires.
- DN informed all that he will be stepping down from the RMB when a suitable replacement is found however will still be part of the OTSG and support the work across the region.

#### Marketing and Communications

- MR spoke about the success of creating a M&C working group. This is now complete although new volunteers are always welcome.
  - The priority last year was social media and we are pleased to say that we are now reaching more people daily through the new NSW Instagram account and work of the volunteers.
  - MR updated on the new membership system and websites that EN are providing to all counties, clubs & regions. NSW is looking at transferring everything over to an EN platform over the next 12 months to ensure a uniformed approach.
  - MR is still interested in getting county volunteers linked up to the TSG so that we can help push the website and social media (NH & SW interested in supporting this)
  - Working with LW to produce an NSW newsletter to keep in contact with all members individually
- Action: LW to check the Marketing Lead on the Movers and Shakers Document
- MR gave thanks to the working group and was proud of where we are.

#### Youth

- Busy 1<sup>st</sup> year with successfully putting on 2 positive mental and wellbeing workshops in the counties using Severn Stars players and local yoga delierers.
- Pushing out the 1<sup>st</sup> U13 charity tournament with 3 entries so far to raise money for netball in Africa.
- Looking to expand the workshops into other counties, there has already been interest in Exeter & Cornwall
- Looking to create a Youth working group with young umpires coming on board first.

#### Commercial

- KJ introduced AR who phoned into the AGM
- AR is looking to support Issy on promoting the mental wellbeing workshops to both junior and senior players and making the event sustainable and commercially viable.
- Looking at the competitive opportunities using the research that has been completed by Plymouth Marjon students on getting women and girls in sport.
- Keen to support with the new website development and will have a focus on the NSW shop, ensuring this is profitable and fit for purpose.

#### Franchise Liaison

- LD gave an update on the position with our 2 franchises with feedback from the Road to Liverpool conference.
- SS & TB have made progress with creating their own management boards and the relationship is getting stronger
- LD explained how we are continuing to support both franchises with MR in regular contact
- LC asked about the monetary split as SS are only based in one county. LD explained how the player centred approach is allowing them to have more academies across the South West and that our focus was supporting both athletes and coaches from our region.

#### Coaching

- LD spoke about the succession rates for Level 2 coaches as OneFile has been causing an issue. LD has previously offered a workshop on upskilling old L2s to the new content – only Jersey has taken up this offer.
- KDT mentioned about poor communications from Head office regarding L2 courses which has caused individuals to cancel their place last year. LD explained how the communication is getting better and how the work with the Regional Coordinator is helping with this.

#### England Netball

- National achievements has been great however the South West team have excelled their financial target.
  - New targets for the South West Team – 7 New junior clubs
  - New exciting products with the new membership system, Bee Netball, the Netball World Cup coming up. Comms for the new system Engage has gone out to all.
- Action – SK to get numbers for clubs & leagues that have signed up so a strategic push can be done.

5	<p><b>Accounts</b></p> <p>KJ informed that there were still funds available this year for all the exciting work the RMB had planned however fees might have to be increased next year depending on the requirements of a larger board and the potential negative impact of the new ENGage membership system – this is something for counties to be aware of ahead of the 2020/21 season</p> <p>CB gave an update on where the funds are split- making the room aware of the percentage awarded to the franchises. CB confirmed that ring fenced money was used where possible i.e. Youth rather than drawing down funds from the core budget and reminded everyone that all members money was spent in developing the game locally.</p> <p>CB proposed that we accept the accounts from the accountants as correct - VTB seconded.</p>
6	<p><b>Elections</b></p> <p>KJ confirmed that there were no elections this year as the board were elected on a 2 year term last year.</p> <p>KJ stated that the entire RMB will be due to be re-elected next year.</p> <p>There have been no major changes required to the constitution however after the recent governance discussions minor changes will be made over the next season and presented ahead of the 2020 AGM</p>
7	<p><b>Annual Subscriptions 2019/2020</b></p> <p>Fees to be remain the same for the 2019/20 season.</p>
8	<p><b>Vote of Thanks</b></p> <p>DM gave a vote of thanks to all the RMB and congratulated them for all the great work that the board has done this year.</p> <p>DM stated she was very impressed with how big the region is and the work that happens on the ground.</p> <p>DM gave thanks to LW for leading the way with support for the RMB, thanked LD for all her hard work and the big footsteps she has to fill in her new role and what a loss it would be with DN stepping down however glad that he isn't going too far.</p> <p>DM gave thanks to KJ for all her work as the Chair and on her recent umpiring accolade.</p>
9	<p><b>Formal Close of AGM</b></p> <p>KJ closed the AGM at 12.30pm.</p>