

KENT NETBALL ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
06 SEPTEMBER 2023
Rainham School for Girls

Attendance

Kent Netball Management Committee

Marlene Wander – President (MW)
Keeley Smith – Chairperson (KSM)
Michelle Ray - Vice-CHairperson (MR)
Dawn Cox – County Secretary (DC), Ashford NL
Dot Bryan – Membership Secretary (DB)
Natalie Beckett – Performance Lead, Welfare (NB)
Alexandra Carter – Registered Member Leagues Secretary (AC)
Caroline Duggan – Officiating Lead (CD)
Hannah Hyams – Schools Secretary (HH)
Justine McAvoy – Communication Secretary

Rachael Purchase (RPU) Kent and South East London Netball Development Officer

Life Members

Ann West (AW)
Cathy Hickey (CH)
Joan Mills (JM)

Other

KCSNL D1

KCNC – Vanessa Murray
Steel – Sam Pembroke
Eclipse – Dorothy Bryan
Hornets – Mel Hamill
Beacons – Sam Holder
Raiders – Karina Moses

KCSNL D2

Macklins – Kayleigh Bennett
Peregrine Falcons - Pauline Geffroy
Goldwyn – Hannah Hyams
Comets – Steve Gooch
Istead Rise – Natalie Beckett
Wealden – Rachael Jarman

Sian Green
Denise Chittenden
Nicola Barron
Sue Ellis
Alison Appleby
Val Keable
Ann Windsor
Teresa Macklin
Hazel Skinner

1. Apologies

Norma Roche
Davide Roche
Jenny Clark
Anita Hollman
Jenny French
Sue Moon
Kim Stafford
Laura Askill
Natalie Northover - Competition Secretary (Senior) (NN)
Helen Telfer - Treasurer (HT)
Liz Roche - Competition Secretary (Junior) (LR)
Jenny Fissenden – Communication Secretary (JF)
Katie Southam – Coaching Secretary (KSO)

2. President – Marlene Wander (MW)

“I hope you all recovered from the World Cup and now beginning to focus on domestic competition.

On behalf of Kent County Association, I would like to thank you all for your continual support to Kent and your patience when things have not gone well.

Congratulations to all the participants in our county competition and well done on the various promotions into regional and national competitions.

Kent continues to drive officiating development and has achieved great results with over **74 IO, 28 C and 5 B passes** this season and I know many still on the pathway.

To continue to promote the activities and successes you as members are achievement, do please keep tagging Kent or send information to our social media channels to share.

Do take time to read the reports to see how your committee have been supporting you as members and the activities you participate.

I would like to thank the committee of last year who all gives so much, and worked so hard to support our members, and wish all who are remaining or may be coming on board the best of luck and look forward to working with you all.”

3. Agree the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, 2022

Proposed: Keeley Smith

Seconded: Caroline Duggan

4. Matters Arising

There had been a request for more detail in accounts that was actioned.

5. Appointment of Tellers and voting arrangements

Rachael Jarman volunteered to be a Teller if the need arose.

6. Chairman – Keeley Smith (KSM)

“I would like to thank all the Kent Committee members for their continued hard work and support throughout the 2022-2023 season. I am delighted that they are all looking to remain in their positions for another year and although all the roles are covered, Kent Netball will always welcome volunteers to join the committee.

It has been another amazing year with achievements in many different netball disciplines. Please take the time to read all the Committee member’s individual reports which will provide full details but some of the highlights are:

Competition: Wealden experienced double success; winning the Kent County Senior Netball League (KCSNL) and then subsequently going to Regional play offs where they were promoted to the Regional League division 3. Wealden was then eligible for the KCSNL play offs where they were also successful along with Peregrine Falcons and Goldwyn. Beacons, who only entered the KCSNL this season won their division and were promoted to division 1. Well done to all teams.

Officiating: Kent Netball’s development for umpires continues with 74 IO award, 28 C award and 5 B award umpires qualified last season and with many learners still in the pathway. I would like to thank the team of assessors and mentors, led by Caroline who without them, these achievements would not be possible.

Coaching: According to England Netball’s ENgage, Kent has 19 new Level 1 and 13 new Level 2 coaches. Congratulations to all those that achieved their coaching qualification this season.

Schools: The School’s tournaments were well represented across all age groups. Well done to:

U14 winners, Walthamstow Hall school with Cranbrook School as runner’s up. For U16, first was Sevenoaks school and second were Walthamstow Hall school. Sevenoaks school were also winners for the U19 age group with Beechgrove School as runners up. Sevenoaks school was also successful in the regional rounds going through to the National school finals.

Finally, a special thank you to all the netball volunteers within Kent County; you are all the unsung heroes that make netball in Kent so successful. “

7. Development Reports

RPU highlighted a few key areas of development:

- The increase of over 1,000 members on the previous year
- Over 200 new to netball through programmes
- Kent's 16 programmes of WN were leading the way
- The launch of the gender policy was coming to the end of the consultation
- The success of Netball her
- New partnerships provided opportunities, university festivals
- Bexley sport officer working with coaches to make it more inclusive.

8. Annual reports

The reports were adopted without objection.

Proposed: Rachael Jarman

Seconded: Sam Pembroke

9. Accounts

No comments, no questions.

Proposed: MR

Seconded: KSM

10. Notification of Registration Fees 2023/24

The registration fees were shared.

11. Appointment of auditor

HT recommended Kevin McNamara as county auditor for 2023-24. There were no objections.

12. Election

The following committee members remain in post for their second year:

Liz Roche - Competition Secretary (Junior)

Natalie Northover - Competition Secretary (Senior)

Caroline Duggan - Officiating Lead

Alex Carter - Registered Member Leagues Secretary

Jenny Fissenden - Hospitality Officer

The following committee members stood again for re-election:

Chairperson – Keeley Smith

Vice-Chairperson – Michelle Ray

Treasurer – Helen Telfer

Coaching Secretary – Katie Southam

Communication Secretary – Justine McAvoy

Membership Secretary – Dot Bryan

Performance Lead – Natalie Beckett

Schools Secretary – Hannah Hyams

All were accepted en block

Proposed: Val Keable
Seconded: Sam Holder

Nominations were invited from the floor for the vacant positions. The following elected positions remained vacant:

Member #1
Member #2
Member #3

MW asked for volunteers at any time during the year.

The appointed roles were announced as follows:

Resolution Lead - Dawn Cox
Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (ED&I) Officer - Michelle Ray
Safeguarding Officer - Natalie Beckett
Youth Representative - Emma Baker

13. Break

No break was taken.

14. Safeguarding

No matters to report.

15. County Leagues/Competition update.

CD requested that KCSNL clubs print the game management form and send them to CD if used. This was pending a system being set up with the umpires. She also requested that clubs attend the Game Management sessions that were upcoming 14/09/23 on Zoom. **Action: Clubs**

JM reminded clubs to send the player lists ordered by surname and in alphabetical order. There was a request for the player list form to be provided in MS Word format. **Action: DC**

16. Presentations

- **The Joyce Crust Salver for, "Services to Kent Netball"**

Presented by: Marlene Wander

Recipient: Sue Ellis

Sue made a brief speech thanking the Kent Committee for its work and reminiscing on over 50 years in netball. At 16 Sue was 6' 3" and wanted to play in a netball team. Tina Head decided she would be a shooter, Karen Tappin said she must be an umpire and the rest was history. Sue recognised netball as being her "absolute passion and relief from the stresses of work".

In the absence of the perpetual trophy, Sue was given a small replica to keep.

- **The Marge Millar Award for “Organisations promoting the development of Netball in Kent”**

No nominations were received.

- **The Needham Rider Salver for, “Services to Kent Youth Netball”**

Presented by: Keeley Smith (KSM)

Recipient: Sam Holder

Beacons, under Sam’s leadership, had delivered and supported local league development. They had embraced development of the sport for young people, going beyond just running a club. Sam was recognised for her contribution to the talent programme as a coach and administrator.

Sam said that her passion was working with kids and was very lucky to be involved in junior leagues, county and club.

In the absence of the perpetual trophy, Sam was given a small replica to keep.

- **The Kent Netball Young Netballer Award**

Presented by: Natalie Beckett

Recipient: Tami Papohunda

Natalie described Tami from KCNC who had been in the development pathway for a long time. She had progressed to Pulse and the England pathway.

The individual trophy was taken by a representative from KCNC.

- **The Kent Netball Team of the Year Award**

Presented by: Helen Telfer

Recipient: Wealden’s County League team for both success in the county league and also in qualification for region.

Rachael Jarman took the cup and its cleaning cloth.

- **The Kent Netball Administrator Award**

Presented by: Dawn Cox

Recipient: Nikki Barron

Ashford Netball Committee member 2003-present
C Award Umpire

Assistant coach

Very organised, has had to develop tech skills along the way.

2003 - started as a representative on the committee

2004 - took on the secretary role

2007 - vice Chair but kept the administration of the league (Captain's packs etc)

2020 - Umpiring Secretary and responsible for shared document outlining which umpire is expected where.

As we moved to online communication, long gone are the days of spreading out endless A4 manilla envelopes to fill with all the photocopying!

The individual trophy was taken by Nikki Barron.

- **The Kent Netball Coach Award**

Recipient: Teresa Macklin

Brilliant Coach who 100% deserves this award

We as a team would like to nominate Teresa as she is a brilliant coach and took on Tanzanite, as well as her other two teams, when Tanzanite's previous coach left rather than letting the team fold which all the girls are extremely thankful for.

Teresa has always been on hand when needed through training and has really helped the girls become the team they are now and we would love for her to receive an award so she knows just how grateful and appreciative the girls and parents are for taking the team on when we all know how busy she is coaching and managing her other two teams as well as Platinum Tanzanite. We can tell how much time and effort she puts in coaching and managing three teams so definitely deserves an award.

A huge thankyou and the girls look forward to continuing working with her to see what the next season brings.

Teresa gave her thanks for the award.

The individual trophy was taken by Teresa Macklin.

- **The Kent Netball Officials Award**

Recipient: Ann Windsor

An A award umpire that despite retiring from national officiating has been extremely supportive of learner umpires for many many years at the grass roots level within the County. Continually assisting absolute beginner umpires ensuring they build in confidence until ready to officiate their first match. Often making herself available at the Sevenoaks Junior league to support these learners, many of whom are under 16. Although Ann primarily focuses on learners working towards their IO award, Ann has also mentored several learners to C award level with equal success boasting a 100% pass rate.

The individual trophy was taken by Ann Windsor.

- **The Kent Netball Inclusion and Diversity Award**

Recipient: Laura Askeil

Laura is a very passionate netball player and plays in the Maidstone and Medway leagues and also Saturday leagues in Dartford. She loves nothing more than bringing netball ladies together and is always out offering to find ladies teams and encouraging their gameplay. She realised that there was a need for more back to netball for ladies who wanted to get back into the sport and play just for fun in preference to competition. Once her players have built their confidence and skill sets she helps find them teams. She has set up friendly Netball Lynx in Kent Essex in Sussex.

The individual trophy was taken by - unknown.

- **The Kent Netball Unsung Hero Award**

Presented to Lou and Zoe (the two ladies in the cafe at RSG). NB to present flowers at the upcoming weekend and MR to hand over the gift vouchers.

- **The Kent Netball Young Volunteer Award**

No nominations were received.

- **Kent County Senior Netball League**

Presented by: Dawn Cox

The D1 trophy was taken by Rachael Jarman.

The D2 trophy was taken by Sam Holder

- **Life Membership**

A small crystal paperweight was presented as Life Membership to Denise Chittenden and Helen Telfer, for their many years of devotion to netball in the county.

Denise Chittenden

1995 County Colours for umpiring

A Award Umpire who has officiated at County, Regional and national level

2018 Gold Whistle from England Netball to recognise her 20 years as an active A award umpire in the Premier League

2018 Kent Netball Officials Award

Retired from officiating at national premier league in 2021

Previously a Kent Tutor

Currently Mentors and assesses C award and B umpire award learners in the Kent County and Region.

Ashford Netball League Committee 1989-91 and 2009-2012

Helen Telfer

An A award umpire who has previously officiated at National, Regional and County level.

Has been an officiating assessor for the County for 30 years or more.

Has been actively mentoring Kent umpires toward their B award for over 13 years which is prior to the creation of the Kent mentoring scheme.

Was one of initial mentors of the Kent mentoring scheme when implemented in 2014 and since then has mentored 21 learners for their C award and B award and currently still mentoring with 100% pass rate.

Is also a qualified Technical official allowing her to be a table official at Superleague and other national events; one of the few qualified Kent technical officials. Helen has also supported Telstars by being one of their table officials within the premier league.

Regularly attends Kent schools tournaments to assist with the running of the tournaments and acting as tournament referee.

Kent Netball Committee 2015-present; currently as the Kent County Treasurer.

17. AOB

Ann West thanked RPU on behalf of Kings' Walking Netball. She said that WN had been evolving quickly in different ways, for instance in age and ability of participants and that EN needed to look at how that was happening. She advised that RPU and Joan Mills had been extremely supportive in the concerns she had sent to them, however an area for development would be the Umpiring for WN -

Action: KSM

Joan Mills thanked the whole committee on behalf of the membership for its work.

The meeting ended at 20:25.