

Cheshire County Netball Association

Annual General Meeting – 13th June 2017

Knutsford Leisure Centre, Knutsford

ATTENDEES

Julian Whitworth	Didsbury NC	Nikki Kendrick	Macclesfield NC
Debbie Whitworth	Didsbury NC	Anita Wareing	Warrington Town
Estelle Graham	Warrington Town NC	Phil Owen	Knutsford NC
Chris Brien	Alloy NC	Hannah Dean	Blacon NC
Fiona Rose	Independent	Georgia Owen	Blacon NC
Chris McCall	Independent	Annette Tyson	Appleton NC
Mel Morris	Beechwood NC	Tracey Drury	WESPA NC
Jenny Bignall	Beechwood NC	Jenny Moores	WESPA NC
Viv Chadwick	Sandbach NC		
Leanne Webster	Chester NC		

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the 2016 AGM – unavailable
3. Annual Reports
 - Chairperson
 - Head Coach
 - Treasurer
 - Competition
 - Officiating Secretary
 - Coach development
 - Schools
 - NDO
4. Elections of Officers/Board members
5. AOB

Meeting start: 7.05pm

1. Apologies for absence
Sue Day; Emma Jones; Andy Lowe; Anita Ryan; Anneka O'Connor; David Chadwick

2. Minutes of Meeting from AGM 2016

- Unfortunately these were not available on the night – these will be circulated via the website and any queries to be emailed directly to chair@cheshirenetball.co.uk
- No vote took place

3. Annual Reports

Cheshire County Chairs Report 2016/2017 (Estelle Graham)

This last season has been a very busy and successful one. The new committee from 12 months ago has worked tirelessly and I would like to thank them all for their hard work and commitment to our sport of netball and to our county of Cheshire.

The academies were full as ever with a busy training and match play calendar which saw the county not only compete in inter counties but also against the IOM and a travelling team from Australia, with players hosting the traveling athletes. A thanks goes to Phil for coordinating. We have already got a few ideas for next season. Thanks and congrats also to Chris B and her team of amazing coaches and team managers who make the county academy experience one to remember for a life time. And finally to Matt Heaton, our S&C coach – the girls all worked hard then worked harder with a smile on their faces especially with Roxanne came on!

Schools had the usual U15/16 , U18 and U12/13/14 fixtures along with the county round of the nationals. Congrats goes to the Grange U14's and Bridgewater U16's who made it to the National Finals. I would like to thank Emma Jones for all her hard work over the last few years – she is handing over the reins to Jess Fowler from the Grange who has kindly volunteered to take on the job of Schools Coordinator for the County. Also many thanks to Julian and Debbie Whitworth whom once again kept players and parents fed and watered.

The Cheshire Junior Netball League is going strong, being run by a subcommittee of volunteers from the clubs and commercial support from our treasurer Chris Brien. We started to look at options to increase competition across the county using several central venues – this didn't come off last year, but is being looked into once again for the forthcoming season. A smaller league also ran in Cheshire East very successfully and Chester NC are looking to run a summer league in Chester. Many thanks and congrats to all involved.

Congrats goes to Chester U14's NC who came runners up in the National Clubs Competition.

The Elite league once again has run successfully with a few new teams taking part from outside of the county and some clubs using it for training for elite junior teams. Many thanks to Fiona and Andy, who has been shadowing this year in preparation to take on the running of the league in the forthcoming season.

Chris McCall our officiating manager has been super busy as ever as her report will reflect. The new rules saw Cheshire invest in several venues around the county for Emma Pike to provide 4 workshops on the new rules. Attendance was a little disappointing but all took on board the

information with most leagues working to new rules from Sept. Unfortunately the umpire assessors course aimed for Cheshire was cancelled (by EN) however we have 7-10 people registered to take the next course (or have taken the course) from which they will follow their own assessments to enable the county to progress during the winter with umpire development and provide Chris M with a workforce greater than 1! Many thanks Chris M.

Development funds have been provided to some clubs this season along with additional support for those teams (and schools) making it through to national finals or taking part in national competitions, which helped towards the expense of travel. This fund is to be reviewed and rebranded for the forthcoming season – information will be available on the website from Sept. We also sponsored our Thunder player, Sophie Morgan.

Congrats goes to Warrington Town who won the regional senior league but missed out at the EN Prem 3 play offs. Also Chester who came 5th in the EN Prem league Div 2 (which included a trip to Jersey).

Player development outside of the clubs and county have popped up around the county. Love Netball run by Mel one of our county coaches, Ball hall and thunder run workshops as well as the newly formed Netball at the Edge in Alderley. All are aimed at non club players with the aim to promote Cheshire clubs for players to join. Following a recent survey, 80% of the junior club replied and around 90% of those clubs were full with waiting lists and 100% of those who replied needing more coaches and more access to venues. This is something Anneka, Cheshire's NDO is working on.

Changes at England have left the county unable to plan further than one year currently. Firstly the changes to the performance pathway, the regional academy is now under the ownership of Thunder and has now become an open trial. With this in mind, Cheshire have taken the opportunity to make a few changes to the training but we are to go back to county colours and we have a plan to ensure our Cheshire affiliated athletes have a fantastic season of training, matchplay and personal development. **Our aim to increase the standards of Cheshire county clubs** and like Chester U14's, be able to compete on the regional and national stage. In turn, this helps the Cheshire schools.

Increase in England netball Affiliation. In March with the reduced financial support from Sport England, England Netball called an Extra Ordinary meeting. I was very disappointed with the response from Cheshire clubs, with only one responding to my request to carry a vote for them. I took part in conference calls with Joe Adams and then went to the EGM in Loughborough on the county's behalf. The vote was yes to an increase in fees for O18 by £10 which will be fixed for 4 years. This funding is ring fenced for grass roots and EN have made some massive changes to save towards their £7M short fall including moving from Hitchin to Loughborough to share services with other sports and a complete restructure. As a gesture, Cheshire are to reduce the affiliation fee for the county to £1 per player for this season.

Netball in Cheshire is thriving with clubs bursting at the seams. With continued support from our NDO Anneka, who now has a core relationship with Cheshire East, she will be able to gain access to new facilities and with her plans for Junior Netball Now hopefully identify a new source

of coaches and volunteers as well as facilities and players. Cheshire are also looking to join Active Cheshire and will look to arrange courses for coach / volunteer development via them at discounted rates.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank once again the committee and volunteers involved with Cheshire County Netball this season. By working together and using the strengths to our advantage, **Cheshire continues to be a county of volunteers to be envied and I thank you all.**

Estelle Graham

13/6/17 Cheshire Netball Association County Chair

ACTIONS:

- Estelle to follow up with Michelle again at 'Netball on the Edge' to discuss netball club allegiance
- Emma Pike to confirm if Altrincham NC are affiliated to Cheshire (POST MEETING note – THIS IS CONFIRMED)
- Estelle to follow up investment opportunities for set up of a new netball centre.

Head Coach (Chris Brien)

Introduction U12's has been very successful. We have moved our ages in line with Thunder's (EN's) age groups to give them to best chance at the open trials.

U13's and U15's and U17's – with also an U14 as we are not running any development PODS. Concern as ever is coaches. Anyone interested please contact Chris Brien direct.

Treasurer's report (Chris Brien)

Chris provided a summary of the year's accounts

Competition report (Fiona Rose/Andy Lowe)

The Cheshire Elite League had another successful season, running the competition as a round robin every other week. The league was well supported by teams from inside and outside of the county including Tameside, Capricorn, Deeside and Merseyside Police. Matches were held fortnightly indoors at 2 venues (Alderley Edge and Winsford).

The same format will be run for the new 2017/18 season. No changes to the format is expected but a minimum age limit will be requested of 15+ on 1st Sept 2017 and a max of 2 teams per club to be allowed to enter.

Officiating Secretary's report (Chris McCall)

2016/17 Achievements:

C Award

Congratulations to those umpires who have completed and achieved their C Award:

Abbie Fisher, Ellie Woodward, Michelle Clunie and Jessica Taylor (all taken in Manchester)
Thanks go to Manchester Assessors for their support whilst waiting for Cheshire umpires to attend the Assessors course.

We have a number of umpires (majority of them juniors) who have passed their C Written assessment:

Jan Makin, Emily Coulthard, Abigail Coulthard, Jessica Walsh, Jasmin Barlow, Annette Tyson, Michelle Timm, Ellen Lewtas, Lauren Jones, Lesley Harrison-Pitt, Jessica Taylor, Megan Skidmore, Caitlin Holland, Zoe Hamlett, Laura Middlebrook, Dawn Patterson, Claire Walsh and Hannah Ward

Congratulations to Phil Owen on passing the A Award Written Assessment

Disappointingly this year, from 40 invites sent to learners to umpire at the trials only 4 responded, with 3 offering their services, two of whom are very keen umpires and awaiting their C award final practical assessment (Annette Tyson and Zoe Hamlet), thank you to all those who helped out, Andrea Whiston, Ann Burt Willams, Michelle Clunie. Unfortunately timing of GCSEs prevented many learners umpiring at trials.

This coming year we will be concentrating on developing a mentoring process to support all leagues within Cheshire but we can only do this with their support and secondly, increasing the number of Assessors.... 9 umpires have put their names forward to attend the Assessors course on 12th August.

Coach Development

All coaches invited to attend the county sessions, most coaches that attended were new club. Aim to push coaching at junior schools as there are more resources.

Lots of enthusiasm for new clubs but the same issues across the county, but lack of resource from EN. Survey from new coaches want to learn the basics.

Mel & Sue looking to promote all courses, opportunities to observe and get involved at the county academies.

Also in the new year Sue and Mel to target local leagues with workshops.

Schools report (Emma Jones)

Note from Estelle: Emma has done a great job working independently and organizing tournaments with very little input needed from Cheshire. Thanks Emma 😊

NDO report (Anneka O'Connor)

Apologies that I am unable to attend the Cheshire AGM this evening, this is due to other commitments. Update on my work programme to date.

July 2016 to June 2017

Main Highlights

Programme	Area
Back to Netball	Neston Great Sankey Blacon Northwich Great Boughton Wilmslow Warrington
Back to Netball Festival	Festival at Warrington Ball Hall
Challenge Cup	Reaseheath College
College Sessions	Reaseheath Cheshire West Priestley
Junior Clubs	Blacon Juniors Diamonds Neston Novas Penketh Panthers Stockton
Netball Now	EPSV

	Chester Uni Holmes Chapel
School Games	1 st – The Quinta 2 nd – Stockton Heath 3 rd – Twiss Green 4 th – Davenham CE 5 th – The Berkeley & Hoole 7 th – Malborough 8 th – Willaston
UNO	Chester University – Alex Boughey
Walking Netball	Chester University (Chester Campus) Chester University (Warrington Campus)
Leagues	New Cheshire West Netball League
CAPS	Alsager NC – Bronze Wilmslow Lightning NC – Bronze Chester Netball Club – Silver
Other	Assessor Course organised for 12 th August for Umpiring, potentially 9 new assessors in the Cheshire area.

July 2017 to March 2018

Priorities

Programme	Area
Back to Netball	4 Sessions

Back to Netball Festival	1 Festival
Challenge Cup	1 Festival
College Sessions	Support the current Colleges in the area
Junior Clubs	3 Junior Netball Now Sessions - Pay and play opportunity
Netball Now	3 Sessions
School Games	1 School Final
UNO	1 UNO Programme
Walking Netball	5 Sessions
CAPS	Re-accreditation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sandbach (Bronze) - Northwich Sapphires (Silver) - Ladyhawks (Silver) - Macclesfield (Silver) - Warrington Town (Silver) - Boughton Belles (Silver) - Didsbury (Silver) - Beechwood (Gold) New <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Appleton (Bronze) - Knutsford Juniors (Bronze) - Wilmslow Lightning (Silver/Gold)
Coach Education	Into Officiating x2 C Umpiring x2 Into Officiating Orientation x1 High 5 x1



	Key Stage 3 x1
Other	New partnership with Everybody

Thank you for all your support since I have come into post and again I apologise for not being able to attend tonight meeting.

If any Clubs wish to develop and need any support please get in touch and I will support where I can.

Anneka

4. Election of officers/board members

County Chair / Communications	Estelle Graham
Vice-Chair	Fiona Rose
Secretary	Anita Wareing
Finance	Chris Brien
Competition	Andy Lowe
Officiating	Chris McCall
Performance	Chris Brien
Coach Development	Sue Day (Mel Morris)

Associated members (non-voting)

Schools	Jess Fowler
Logistics	Andy Lowe
Compliance and Inclusion (*)	Phil Owen
Volunteers	Open

Proposed: Viv Chadwick ; Seconded: Leanne Webster

Compliance and Inclusion (*) – this role was previously known as ‘Welfare’
Throughout the season associated members will be volunteered with specialist skills as required.

5. AOB

5.1 Presentation Night

County run a presentation night for just academies – suggest including CJNL, bigger event including Cheshire regional clubs and schools.

Saturday 19th May 2018 – date booked (event created on Facebook and Cheshire calendar on line).



Sub committee to be put together. Action Phil Owen

5.2 Trial Dates

9th and 10th June 2018 – no matter what happens with counties via EN.
(Event created on Facebook and Cheshire calendar on line)

5.3 Match play for county academies

Asked if more match play – CB confirmed yes – intercounties as well as a tour

5.4 CJNL Expanding

Jenny looking to make it a year round league every week. To provide good standard of match play and umpiring. Encourage all to join Cheshire Junior League. These will be 3 venues. This needs advertising to encourage as many teams as possible to take part. See CJNL website and social media for more information.

5.5 Sandbach Tournament

1st /2nd July

5.6 CJNL Committee Meeting

20th June 2017 7pm Monks Sports and Social Club, off Manchester Road, Warrington

5.7 Website

Create a forum for clubs for FAQ – Phil suggested join sports plan. Action EG to look into and promote.

5.8 Useful websites and links

Twitter @cheshirenetball @nw_netball

Facebook Cheshire Netball General Rules
 NW Regional Umpires

www.cheshirenetball.co.uk

www.cjnl.co.uk

www.northwestnetball.co.uk

www.englandnetball.co.uk

www.netball.org

Meeting Closed – 8.45pm