

**BIRMINGHAM NETBALL ASSOCIATION**  
**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**On 22nd November 2022 at 7pm**  
**Via Zoom Video meeting**

Attendance and Apologies

Committee Attendees Present:

Hannah Reed – Chair (and Officiating)

Kemi Okunnu – Vice Chair

Sharon Wells – Treasurer

Gaynor Jones – Secretary / Covid Officer

Sharon Smith – Media and Communications

Anne Marie Hooper – Pathway Development

Carla Lloyd – County Clubs

Jayne Clayton – Safeguarding

Colette Thomson - Member

Kirsty Dixon – EN NDO Birmingham

Present were 11 representatives from Birmingham netball Clubs, BINL, BSNL, Net Set Go Leagues and non- voting player representatives.

Welcome – Hannah opened the meeting at 7.15pm and welcomed all to the call. Apologies were received from Deb Rolinson BNL, Norma McClean BINL, Varsity NC. Each attendee introduced themselves to the group stating roles on the Committee or within their Club or League and names.

Previous Minutes and Matters Arising from 2021.

No matters arising were submitted from the Previous AGM Meeting. The Minutes were approved by Sharon Smith seconded by Kemi Okunnu as a true record of the meeting.

Annual Reports

All Annual Reports were read out by the relevant Committee Member present. A copy of the full report is available on our website [birminghamnetball.co.uk](http://birminghamnetball.co.uk)

Hannah Reed opened with – ‘What a year it has been; but one that I am sure none of us will forget in a hurry. Birmingham were proud hosts of the Commonwealth Games and is highlighted within the Annual Report in Appendix 1.

I am proud to chair our committee meetings in an effort to improve netball engagement year on year and this year has been no exception. Our committee is ever growing and again I am proud of all the hard work our volunteers put into netball both on and off the committee. It really would not be same without them. Gaynor for keeping me in check, Kemi for some wonderful suggestions, Sharon W who is an excellent treasurer, Sharon J who never sleeps and does a fab job on media comms, Carla for county club competitions, Anne-Marie for running our Academies, Jayne for thankfully having little work to do on safeguarding, Colette for her unwavering support in anything and everything, Chauvell and Salli for schools liaison and finally Kirsty who is there whenever I need her! Thank you all for another brilliant year!

Birmingham had a successful 2021-22 season with County Club competitions back up and running, Academies back up and running and officiating assessments back underway as well as leagues operating a ‘business and usual’ year. Each of these sections is covered in more depth within the report

Following the verbal report from Carla Lloyd, Heather Foster from Foxes asked how the 3<sup>rd</sup> placings were managed within the Regional qualifiers. Kemi Okunnu explained that this was done on a rota basis and if the next County does not have a 3<sup>rd</sup> placement then it is passed to the next County. Carla thought it was more "out of a hat"

Action – Hannah Reed agreed to confirm with Regional chair Kerry the exact process and follow up with Heather.

### Election of County Management Committee Officers

#### Re -elections

Two CMC members were standing for re-election which is every 2 years:

- Ann Marie Hooper – Pathway Development role. Proposed by Jayne Clayton  
Seconded Heather Foster
- Carla Lloyd County Club Competition role – Proposed by Chris Peddie and  
Seconded by Sharon Smith

The two were re-elected for a further 2 years.

#### New Elections

A new core voting role of Coaching Officer was proposed to enhance the Committee membership. Colette Thomson, MBE was proposed by Hannah Reed as Colette already was a member of the BNAC (and no longer employed by EN) and provides wide experience to benefit the BNA. This was seconded by Heather Foster, Foxes. Approved

Due to the resignation of Chauvelle Lynch as Secondary School representative, Hannah Reed explained that Sam Evans (recent One Award National Teacher winner) would take the role on an interim basis. This will be advertised wider.

Two other vacant roles for Data Protection Officer and Disciplinary Officer would be advertised and if anyone was interested in the vacancies then to contact Gaynor Jones Secretary.

### Financial Report

The detailed Income and Expenditure Accounts for financial year 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022 were presented by Sharon Wells

Sharon explained the colour coding and gave examples of income and expense items. The Commonwealth Games activities were budgeted for £2000 as a unique opportunity to invest in the City during the year. No questions were raised.

Closing Statement Balance £6022.94

Hannah then explained and provided evidence of the signed independent Audit of the accounts that had taken place in line with the Constitution. Two improvements were recommended and would be implemented 1) 2 signatures to sign bank statements and 2) 3<sup>rd</sup> signatory on the account to replace Margaret Palmer's signature as due to health issues was no longer able to support.

The Account was proposed by Jayne Clayton and seconded by Colette Thomson as a true and fair record of accounts.

### Constitution

Gaynor Jones explained the BNA Constitution had been revised to the new EN County template. New items were shown in black and existing in red and Gaynor provided examples on changes. Although black items were new items they were actually being worked to with the BNA processes but not documented. There were some items which would require action to complete and these were already part of the BNA governance action plan improvements.

Version 3 Constitution was proposed and seconded by Jayne Clayton and Sharon Wells and approved as the new version.

#### County Affiliation Fees

Birmingham fees remain at £3 per player (under 18) and £5 a player (over 18's).  
Regional Fees would also remain the same.

#### AOB

a) Diane Barrett raised questions on behalf of Norma McClean from the BINL. There was a rumour that there was a new Summer League being set up, so asked 'who is behind it and do the BNA support it?' Hannah Reed said there is no other County affiliated Summer League in Birmingham. To confirm only the following leagues are affiliated to England Netball and thus are supported by the BNA: Birmingham Netball League, Birmingham Intermediate League, Birmingham Summer League and Net, Set, Go. There has in the past been a Women's League which may be in the process of re-establishing. We at the BNA are only concerned with affiliated EN Leagues. Kirsty also stated that Net Set Go had affiliated 2 weeks ago. Christine Peddie BSNL reminded all that Summer League applications were available if still needed.

b) Hannah Reed explained on behalf of Deb Rolinson from BNL that a meeting was being held on the 30<sup>th</sup> November with representatives from Birmingham Leagues and Birmingham University management to discuss options, rates, repairs, future use of the University netball courts. The outcomes would be shared with all.

c) Dionne Sutton Royals commented that she liked the new Vision Statement within the Constitution.

Meeting closed at 20.14pm

Dated: 30/11/22

Signed:  Chair

