



## NOTTINGHAMSHIRE NETBALL ASSOCIATION

### GENERAL CLUBS MEETING

MONDAY 20 MARCH 2023

AT JOHN A STEPHENS

#### Clubs Present

Bingham	Nottingham City
Boots	Nottingham Sirens
Bramcote	Nottingham Trent University
Bridgford	Players
Cliftonettes	Thistle
Gregettes	Tornadoes
Hucknall Town	

#### Committee Members Present

Pam Weatherby	Chair
Anne Henderson	Vice Chair / Resolution Lead
Liz Lorrimer	Co-Vice Chair
Jane Morrell	County Association Treasurer
Merle Laur	Press and Publicity Secretary
Jackie Gallagher	Competition TSG Lead
Connie Xavier	Coaching TSG Lead
Ruth Swaby	Membership Secretary
Angela Walker	Safeguarding Officer
Kathryn Gubas	Schools TSG Lead
Pauline Shipman	Performance TSG Lead
Sue Hunter	East Midlands Regional Chair
Claire Bowen	NDO – Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire

#### 1 WELCOME

Pam Weatherby welcomed all present to the meeting and introduced Sue Hunter as the East Midland Regional Chair.

#### 2 PRESENTATION TO PAULINE SHIPMAN

Tonight, we wanted to do something special in recognition of one of our long serving volunteers. Pauline Shipman was Chair of Nottinghamshire County Netball Association for 25 years! Yes, that is a quarter of a century!! Of course, prior to that she had been vice-chair and held other roles within the county, so it is no surprise that her name is synonymous with netball locally, regionally and nationally. You might even say she is a legend in her own lifetime. She has said herself on many occasions that if you cut her in half, like a stick of rock, you would see the word NETBALL running

through her core. Over her many years of service, she has been particularly passionate about junior netball and providing opportunities for youngsters to have fun whilst developing skills. However, she has been equally passionate about senior competition. She was instrumental in setting up leagues involving teams from local businesses as well as local clubs which ran successfully for many years at various venues across the city and county She has volunteered at countless events for all age groups as county chair, organiser, coach, manager, tournament referee, official or “just a volunteer”. Volunteering must be in her blood because she continues to volunteer her time and expertise on behalf of the county. She is still a much-valued member of the county committee as the Performance TSG Lead and she represents Notts at regional level on the Volunteer and Club Development TSG. In her own words, volunteers are not paid because they are worthless but because they are priceless. Pauline is definitely priceless! There really isn’t enough time to itemise all Pauline’s achievements or initiatives during her time as County Chair but everyone who has worked with her over her long career will have their own special memories as indeed will Pauline. From all the members of Nottinghamshire County Netball Association, both past and present, a HUGE THANK YOU Pauline for your leadership over the past 25 years and all that you continue to do on our behalf.

Pauline was presented with a plaque, cake, plant and gift vouchers from all our members in recognition of her extraordinary service as County Chair. Hucknall Town and Nottinghamshire Sirens NCs made additional contributions to the overall value of gift vouchers. There were also additional presentations from Cliftonettes and Bridgford NCs.



In further recognition of Pauline’s long service there will be 3 trophies known collectively as the Pauline Shipman Award. These will be awarded annually to the players in Notts Winter, Sunday and Summer Leagues who receive the most nominations as player of the match starting in the 2023-24 season.

### 3 APOLOGIES

Vicki Ashman	Saturday League Secretary
Chloe Matthews	Sunday League Secretary
Kay McKenzie	Two Counties
Patricia Codner	Secretary

#### **4 AMENDMENTS TO MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 24 NOVEMBER 2022**

None.

#### **5 ACCEPTANCE OF MEETING MINUTES – 24 NOVEMBER 2022**

Proposed by Jenny Toner and seconded by Claire Bowen and signed as a true record.

#### **6 MATTERS ARISING**

None.

#### **7 COMPETITION UPDATE – COMPETITION TSG**

The chair formally introduced and welcomed Jackie Gallagher as the new Competition TSG Lead.

##### **7a Vick Ashman – Winter League**

See attached report.

##### **7b Chloe Matthews – Sunday League**

See attached report.

##### **7c Merle Laur – Summer League**

Summer League application forms have gone out to Club secretaries and the closing date will be Thursday 6 April 2023. NUSA was not available on Tuesday and Wednesday for all the dates and times we needed so we have had to extend our League to include Thursday night. The league will start on Tuesday 9 May 2023. Guest Players may be used for the Summer League.

##### **7d Liz Lorrimer – Regional Competition**

Regional Schools Competition

U14 – Plate Competition – West Bridgford finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place and Fernwood finished in 5<sup>th</sup> place.

U16 – Cup Competition – West Bridgford finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place and in the Plate Competition Fernwood finished 5<sup>th</sup> place.

U19 – Nottingham Girls High School finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place and Rushcliffe Spencer Academy won the Regional Competition and went through to the National Finals where they finished in joint 17<sup>th</sup> place out of 18 teams.

U16 Regional Clubs Qualifying Tournament – 26 March 2023 – Notts will be represented by Cliftonettes and Nottingham City.

U14 Regional Clubs Qualifying Tournament - 16 April 2023 – Notts will be represented by Bingham and Cliftonettes.

Regional Senior League is made up of 3 divisions. Placings for Notts Clubs:-

Division 3 – Hucknall Town 1<sup>st</sup> and Nottingham City Comets 7<sup>th</sup>

Division 2 – Cliftonettes Navy 4<sup>th</sup> and Cliftonettes Scarlet 6<sup>th</sup>

Division 1 – Bridgford 1<sup>st</sup> and will now go through to the play offs for the National Premier League, Nottingham City Aces 7<sup>th</sup> and Nottingham Sirens 8<sup>th</sup>

### **8e Regional Junior League**

The league has not yet finished with both age groups to play rearranged games scheduled for 2 April 2023. As this is school holidays some teams will be arranging their own games. The league will be decided once these games have been played, current standings are:-

U14

1<sup>st</sup> – Northants – 30 points

=2<sup>nd</sup> – Louth – 22 points

=2<sup>nd</sup> Lincoln City – 22 points

4<sup>th</sup> – Charnwood Rutland – 18 points

U16

1<sup>st</sup> – Nottm City – 28 points

2<sup>nd</sup> – Cliftonettes Black – 26 points

3<sup>rd</sup> – Lincoln City – 24 points

4<sup>th</sup> – Charnwood Rutland – 23 points

### **9 CURRENT NCNA VOLUNTEER VACANCIES – ANNE HENDERSON**

Vacancy for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Officer - no applications received. Angela Walke, our current Safeguarding Officer has agreed to incorporate this role as Covid Officers are no longer required.

NCNA Secretary – no applications received. The post will be re-advertised.

Sunday League Secretary – no applications received. The post will be re-advertised.

All volunteers will be supported. Roles can be shared and shadowing can be arranged for anyone interested in supporting the work of the committee. Speak to any member of the Committee or TSGs to register interest.

### **10 INTRODUCTION TO NETBALLHER – ANGELA WALKER**

Angela Walker attended an EN focus group meeting on Safeguarding after completing a survey in 2022 about safeguarding in Notts. AW reported that no issues had been raised with her.

NetballHer campaign is about understanding female health from puberty through to menopause. website address <https://netballher.thewell-hq.com>

All members are encouraged to look at the information which may be especially useful to coaches.

### **11 MEMBERSHIP TASTER RATES – RUTH SWABY**

Membership Taster Rates 2023 will be offered again by England Netball and are available to anyone who is eligible for the taster rate with a 50% discount if they are brand new to membership or returning to membership after a three-year absence (this means that the member's last membership will have expired 31 August 2019 or earlier). The taster rates will start from 1 March 2023.

## **12 CLUBS QUESTIONNAIRE ANALYSIS AND FEEDBACK – CHAIR**

The results from the survey were shared as a powerpoint (see separate report). 13 clubs responded.

Members went into small groups to discuss the following:-

- If the number of club representatives are reduced to 1 per club, what are the pros and cons of that rep also being an NCNA member? Conclusion?
- What contingency plans should clubs put in place in case that rep is unable to attend? Implications for sanctions as per current league rule 16?
- Clubs will need to re-evaluate how information from meetings is disseminated effectively to all its members.
- Virtual or face to face meetings?

The responses from the floor will be collated into a short report which will be issued to clubs and committee members to form the basis of what happens next. The current rules for attendance still apply for the July 2023 clubs meeting.

## **13 PRESENTATION OF THE CHAIR'S AWARD – PAULINE SHIPMAN**

Pauline Shipman congratulated Pam Weatherby as Chair of the Notts Committee.

She thanked the rest of the committee who supported her and always did a good job.

Pauline presented her final awards as County Chair to the following:-

Lindsey Haywood for services to grassroots netball.

Karen Cresswell who formed her own club.

Jackie Gallagher who cannot say no when asked.

Kay MacKenzie who does lots of work in the County for netball.