



Newcastle Town Netball Committee meeting 19 October 7.00pm, Bar Social

**Attended:** Bernie Hancock, Sarah Grice, Lesley Davies, Angela Lickorish, Beth Borthwick, Di Furnival, Jodie Preston

**Apologies:** Gemma Finney, Di Furnival, Jeanette Pointon, Pete Owen, Esther Moss, Kirsty Edwards, Sarah Clay, Dee Nicol, Emily Robbins

**Minute of Last Meeting:**

All agreed.

**Under 11 Netball**

Is now 7 a side on a rotation basis. 7 a side is going well. Only issue is the players getting used to the new positions. Beth is coaching Year 5, and Angela is helping out on Sundays with Year 5 matches. Players have adapted to new positions. Numbers are right up to 40. Year 6s are at totally different skill levels. They are working on the more skilled players having a different practice to the lesser experienced players. The club have approximately 10 emails a week asking for places. Hard for year 9 and 10 level to increase numbers as new players tend to have little netball experience.

Agreed to 7 a side owing to initially clubs not being recognised as Bee Netball providers as they did not wish to charge £50 for just a t-shirt and ball plus club registration fees.

Sarah is coaching the top year 7 team and Bernie is coaching the other 2 year 7 teams. Discussion took place around whether some 6 players move up or year 7 players down for training. Coaches will consider this further. Lesley wondered whether one of the players could be moved up to year 7s although this wouldn't benefit her year 6 team, she would benefit from being with more skilled players and being pushed. Will ask her parents whether she is interested.

Coaching situation is positive in that Sandy Keats has been bringing her grand-daughter and is observing training and she has much training experience and Lesley is hoping she will become involved.

Beth, Nicola, Lesley, Sandy and Liz are available to train so that should be sufficient for numbers.

## **Juniors**

25/26 year 7s at the moment in the club. The club are pleased that some players have come for the Muslim ladies group, which Gemma has been running. Some of these players have not been attending matches, however, and the club consider that the presence of spectators may be a barrier resulting in players not turning up to play. It agreed, therefore, that they will speak with parents about this to establish reasons for players not committing to match play. If cultural /religious issues are a barrier, these can be brought to the County's attention for further discussion to establish whether any changes can be made to help facilitate players accessing competitive play.

There are 9 under 16 teams, 2 prem teams and 7 teams in the Staffs Junior league. Newcastle are currently top in 12, 14s and 16s league. All teams are doing well. Under 14 qualified for regional last week.

Under 16s are near qualification for regionals. Played really well against Fenton on Sunday. All of the players from 11 have stayed with us from 6/7 years, which is something the club are proud of.

The players all train really well, apply themselves well to matches. There are always volunteers for scorers.

If 2 teams qualify for regionals then Sarah will be in Walsall. Sarah doesn't believe the infrastructure is there to support this. A scorer, flipper, first aider, Level 2 coach and an assistant coach is required. Assistant coach can be Level 1. But need to think about how to get support regarding assistant coach as this is likely to be an issue for the next 2 seasons.

## **Senior report**

Senior training is going well. STARS haven't trained at senior training so have been training with under 16s. STARS team is struggling as it has been hard to find cover. The club have ensured there is a responsible adult but there have been problems each game night. Lauren has offered to will focus on coaching STARS on Tuesday and will cover Mondays. The only issue she will have she will have if her match is the same night any may need a quarter to cover.

## **Treasurer report**

Bernie has spoken to Pete, who has been unable to complete report but he has no particular issues to raise.

## **Back to Netball**

Bernie is awaiting an update from Laura but attendance has been poor.

## **General**

Club has 260 members, including pending. Is huge job to ensure all documentation is up to date. First 4 weeks of the season were hard as it was difficult to ensure all members were registered and affiliated onto ENGAGE.

### **Any other Business**

The club will give a donation to [pancreaticcancer.org.uk](http://pancreaticcancer.org.uk) in Pat Arnott's honour.

Next meeting to be held at end of winter league. 11 April 2023 at 7pm at Bar Social.

### **EGM**

Angela to nominate Sarah as Secretary and Diane has seconded.

Beth to nominate Gemma Finney as Assistant secretary and Sarah seconded it.

Gemma Finney to step down as Safeguarding Officer – position to be filled asap.

Pete Owen nominated by Sarah as Complaints Officer and Bernie seconded this.

Updated Code of Conduct

### **1. Matters Arising:**

Thursday 19 October. Venue to be confirmed. EGM will follow

Minutes taken by Angela Lickorish