

ADNL Committee Meeting

Date: 4th April 2018 @ 7:00pm	
The Holiday Inn, Aylesbury	
Apologies: Melissa Le Tissier (MLT)	
Present: Sheena Woodward (SW), Teri Guest (TG), Lynne Scott (LS), Claire Hawkes (CH), Sonia Holford (SAH), Molly Wilkinson (MW), Alice Wilkinson (AW) and Samantha Hardy (SJH)	
AGENDA ITEM	ACTION
<u>Minutes from the Last Committee Meeting: 19th January 2018</u> Agreed.	LS to file
<u>Matters Arising from the last Meeting: 17th November 2017</u> <u>Complaint: 4th October: Division 5 - Quainton Sails v Raggy Dolls</u> It was agreed that as none of the players who played in their team would be returning to the League, no further action will be taken.	Completed
<u>Affiliations: Rule Infringement: Failure to follow the affiliations process - Bedgrove Belles, Division 1</u> Bedgrove were informed that the Committee's decision to apply the Rule is final.	Completed
<u>Matters Arising from the last Meeting: 19th January 2018</u> <u>Complaint: Team Storm alleged that an incident occurred between one of their junior players and a player from Kites Red</u> Both teams informed that there was no evidence to corroborate Team Storm's allegation so no action will be taken.	Completed
<u>Correspondence to ADNL</u> It was decided that the committee would not allow the sportswear company to post an advert on the ADNL website.	Completed
<u>Matters Arising from the venue sheets</u> 10th January 2018 - Division 1: Chelbridge informed that they have been deducted 5 points for not carrying out their rota duty.	Completed
<u>Coaching</u> Sheena provided a side-line coaching session for Foxes on the 28 th March. Foxes were very pleased with the session and gave extremely positive feedback.	Completed
<u>Umpiring</u>	Completed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On Monday 29th January, 8 umpires passed their C Award paper. • 4 Umpires have been confirmed at pre-C Award Assessment ready. • Both the active mentoring groups have attended another observation evening with TG and CH at division 3. • Umpires that have attended their Into Officiating course will be assessed at division 4 or on a Thursday evening at the Aylesbury Youth Netball League. 	Completed Completed Completed Ongoing
<u>Treasurer</u>	Completed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second half court fees have been paid by all Clubs. • Chelbridge have paid their invoice for cancelling their match against Camelot on the 13th September • Raggy Dolls have been refunded their court fees for un-played matches. 	Completed Completed Completed
<u>AGM Preparation</u>	Completed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aylesbury Rugby Club has been booked for the AGM on 20/06/18 • AW collecting winners shields ready for engraving. 	Completed In Progress

Complaint

Premier: Bedgrove Blades v SAS Royals – 7th March 2017

SAS alleged that a player from Bedgrove was overly physical, unsporting and was swearing during the match.

Bedgrove denied the allegation and made a counter-claimed that a member of SAS’s coaching team spoke to people on their bench in an aggressive manner. SAS deny the allegation.

The allegations were investigated, and the evidence was discussed by the Committee. The decision is: Due to the absence of independent corroborating evidence, no action will be taken.

Division One: Bedgrove Belles v Hares Black - 21st February 2018

Bedgrove have alleged that a player from Hares swore and made a threat of violence against one of their players. The Hares player has admitted to swearing but denies that she made a threat of violence against a Bedgrove player. The umpires stated both teams were contesting for the ball and for position. Neither witnessed the incident that Bedgrove alleged happened.

The allegations were investigated, and the evidence was discussed by the Committee. The decision is: The Hares player will be informed that swearing is unacceptable and is not an appropriate form of expressing anger or frustration. No action to be taken on this occasion as this is a first offence, any repeat of this behaviour will be sanctioned.

Due to the absence of independent corroborating evidence, no action will be taken regarding Bedgrove’s allegation of a threat of violence against their player.

Division Two: Bedgrove v Sands – 7:00pm match

This matter was discussed by the Committee outside of the meeting. One member declared a conflict of interest and was not included in the deliberation.

Bedgrove have alleged that:

- A player from Sands played in an intimidating manner against a Bedgrove player.
- Team members and people on the Sands bench were shouting and making intimidating comments during the match towards the umpires.
- Rota duty and scoring members from Sands behaved in an intimidating manner towards a Bedgrove player carrying out rota duty.

The umpire confirmed that she dealt with one instance of intimidating play by awarding a penalty pass/shot. She did not think any further action was warranted.

The allegations were investigated and the evidence was discussed by the Committee. The decisions were: -

- *The Committee are satisfied that the umpire dealt competently with the incident at the time and that both umpires were in total control of the match. The Sands player has been informed via her Club secretary that The Umpire’s decision is final and should be respected.*
- *No action will be taken against the Sands players and team members who were off court as Bedgrove’s claims were not substantiated by the officials on duty.*

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>No action will be taken against the Sands players who were performing the Scoring and Rota Duty at 9:00pm as Bedgrove's claims were not substantiated.</i> <p>Both teams were informed of the committee's decision regarding the allegations.</p> <p><u>Division Four: Royal Jets v Thame – 14th March 2018</u> A member of Royal Jets has alleged that following their match players from Thame verbally assaulted and bullied one of their members. Thame deny the allegation. <i>The allegations were investigated, and the evidence was discussed by the Committee. The decision is: Due to the absence of independent corroborating evidence, no action will be taken regarding Royal Jet's allegation.</i></p> <p><u>Division Two: Aylesbury Lions v Allblacks Kiwis – 31st January 2018</u> One member declared a conflict of interest and was not included in the deliberation. The Allblacks captain refused to sign the score sheet at the end of the match because the scorecards were not the same. Short reports were requested from both scorers. One said that the cards were correct, the other said, in the third quarter she realised her card was slightly different to the other scorer and she addressed this with the other scorer and the rota duty person. A collective decision was made that the scores on both cards were fine. <i>On inspection by the Committee, it is clear that one of the scorers has made a mistake, as at the end of quarter 3, one scorer has Lions in the lead and the other scorer has Kiwis in the lead. It is not possible to identify which of the scorecards are correct. Therefore, the Committee's decided to let the score stand.</i></p>	<p>Teams to be informed of the Committee's decision.</p> <p>Teams to be informed of the Committee's decision.</p> <p>Tables to be updated</p>
<p><u>Correspondence to ADNL</u></p> <p>Email from Wingrave NC - regarding minimum age change They have 2 players aged 15 who are not on the EN Pathway and fall through the gap as they don't have enough players to form another team in the Youth league. We sent an email to AYNL asking if they have any teams in their League who need players, and do they put together teams if they are approached by young players individually. AYNL's response was encouraging and they provided an email address for teams to make contact with directly. The Committee confirmed that it is an ADNL directive and forms part of the League Structure. The decision to increase the age limit from 14 years to 16 years was to ensure that the game is enjoyable for all our members. The two factors that guided our decision were: - 1) Many young players have found it difficult to cope with the emotional and physical demands of playing in an adult league. Consequently, their Teams have stated that their young-age be a reason for them to be treated more favourably in matters concerning player conduct. This has been ongoing issue for many seasons and has occurred twice this season. 2) The Youth League is in danger of folding due to players coming direct to the Senior League. The Youth League has been acknowledged as an important pathway from junior netball to senior netball as it gives the opportunity for younger players to become physically and emotionally able to compete at a senior level.</p>	<p>Email Wingrave with the Committee's response and the information from the AYNL.</p>

<p><u>Email from North Bucks</u> Clarification was sought about general members and the time Committee Members can stay in post. The Committee confirmed there are no General Members, instead there are Divisional Representatives. If a position on the committee is vacant at the end of the season, team secretaries are informed of the vacancy and nominations are then made in advance of the AGM. Advice was sought from England Netball to ensure this is okay. They have confirmed that as our Constitution does not give a time limit, the Committee is compliant.</p>	Completed
<p><u>Matters Arising from the venue sheets</u> 7th February: Div 4 - Covered in fixtures. 21st February: Div 1 - Covered in complaints</p>	
<p><u>Umpiring</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved Umpiring Lists is now applicable to Division 2, so every division has an active operational list. • Umpiring workshop was offered and delivered to Wingrave NC during their training session. They have many learner umpires, so a plan is being devised to group them to avoid a bottleneck. • Providing Hares NC with advice and guidance on how to put in place an umpiring succession plan. • Working with AJNL & AYNL to capture umpires over the summer to help speed up assessments from September. 	<p>Completed</p> <p>Completed</p> <p>Completed</p> <p>Completed</p>
<p><u>Treasurer</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report 	
<p><u>Fixtures/Venues/Results</u></p> <p><u>Fixtures</u> 7th February - Div 4, John Colet (JC): 7pm match cancelled as teams couldn't access the venue in time. When they did gain access, the floor was wet. The teams dried the floor so that the next 2 matches could go ahead. JC said that the caretaker wasn't available to open the door, another staff member was supposed to do this but forgot. JC have apologised and credited back the hour. The match has been rearranged for 7.50pm on the 25th April, both teams have been advised.</p> <p>21st March - Div 3 8.15pm match cancelled by Saints. Thame Tornadoes awarded the match. Saints to pay Thame's match fees for the cancelled fixture</p> <p><u>Venues</u> Division 5 at Aylesbury College: We currently book 2 hours 30 minutes to cover 2 matches per week. Matches start at 7.15pm at the request of the college to allow setting up the netball equipment following the previous hire which finishes at 7.00pm. All Venues will be contacted In June regarding dates required for next season.</p>	<p>Completed</p> <p>Points to be awarded/deducted as per ADNL Rules</p>
<p><u>Divisional Rep Co-ordinator</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Premier divisional rep position will be vacant at the end of the season. • AW and SJH to review the venue PRF procedure. 	<p>AW to confirm with div reps if they will carry-on next season. Report back to the committee.</p>

<p><u>Feedback from Divisional Reps</u></p> <p>Nothing to report</p>	
<p><u>Team Registration</u></p> <p>Two teams will not be returning to the League next season.</p>	
<p><u>Proposed League Structure</u></p> <p>Following Team Registration, there are only 3 teams in division 5 so it was decided that we would no longer run a 5th division. Instead, the 3 teams will be absorbed into division 4.</p> <p>Feedback from the teams in division 5 was that, the season was not satisfactory for them because they were playing the same teams every other week.</p> <p>In addition, the division is not financially viable.</p>	<p>Teams to be informed at the end of the season.</p> <p>Teams applying to join for the 2018/19 season to be notified that there are no spaces, they will be placed on to the waiting list for the 2019/20 season.</p>
<p><u>Umpire Registration</u></p> <p>Not all teams have a Team Umpire who is eligible to officiate their matches.</p>	<p>To be discussed further at next Committee Meeting</p>
<p><u>Finishing Positions</u></p> <p>Projected finishing position were discussed.</p>	<p>Actual Finishing Positions to be discussed further at the next Committee Meeting.</p>
<p><u>AGM Preparation</u></p> <p>All Committee members have confirmed that they would be happy to stand again for their current positions. Any vacant positions will be listed in the AGM Notification.</p> <p>Advance notification of the AGM was added to the Team Registration form which was emailed to the Club Secretaries on the 10th March.</p> <p>Formal notification of the AGM to be emailed to Club Secretaries at least 14 days before the AGM.</p> <p><u>Rule Amendments/Additions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add overhead bibs • Amend Age limit <p><u>Awards</u></p> <p>Jen and Friends Spirit of Netball Team Award:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the first year, the Committee will nominate teams and select a winning team. From the 2018/19 season, teams will nominate another team at the end of each half of the season. <p>Chairman's award:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be awarded by Sheena. <p>Umpiring award:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be awarded by the umpiring team 	<p>Email will be sent first week in May.</p> <p>Changes/Amendments to be drafted for next Committee meeting.</p> <p>To be discussed further at the next Committee Meeting</p> <p>SW to announce at the AGM</p> <p>CH to announce at the AGM</p>
<p><u>GDPR</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EN have provided a document, which is an overview of GDPR. This was discussed amongst the committee. • EN will be issuing template documents to help with policies and procedures. 	<p>Committee Members to review the data they hold.</p> <p>To be discussed further at the next Committee Meeting.</p>
<p><u>Procedures: Complaints/Code of Conduct/ Safeguarding</u></p> <p>Current policies and procedures to be reviewed for the 2018/19 season.</p>	<p>To be discussed further at the next Committee Meeting.</p>

<p><u>Retirement of a long-standing ADNL player and former committee member</u></p> <p>Initial discussions were had regarding acknowledging the retirement of this player.</p>	<p>To be discussed further at the next Committee Meeting.</p>
<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>None</p>	
<p><u>Date of next committee meeting</u></p> <p>Proposed for early May 2018 – Venue and date to be confirmed</p>	<p>LS to organise</p>
<p>Meeting Closed at 11:15pm</p>	