

**YORKSHIRE NETBALL AGM**




**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON THE 14 NOVEMBER 2018  
AT THE RAMADA HOTEL, WAKEFIELD**

<b>MEMBERS</b>	
Nigel Harrison - NH	Interim Chair/RMB Elected member (1 vote)
Caer Harrison – CH	Partnership Manager England Netball (0 vote)
Lisa Woods - LW	RMB Elected member (1 vote)
Cheryl Dewhirst - CD	Treasurer – RMB Elected member ( 1 vote)
Kate Rickard - KR	RMB Appointed member (0 vote)
Katie Puplett - KP	RMB Appointed member, Thirsk Ladies NC (1 vote)
Rachael Radford - RR	SYCNA (1 vote)
Pam Hoyle – PH	WYCNA/ Shipley NC/ Honorary Life Member (3 votes)
Ellie O'Brien – EOB	DNC NC (1 vote)
Jenny Skelton - JS	Fusion NC (1 vote)
Diane Guy – DG	Wildcats (1 vote)
Gordon Padley - GP	Honorary Life Member (1 vote)
Debbie Chandley - DC	Barn Owls NC/Minute Taker/Regional Coordinator (1 vote)
Lisa Gledhill – LG	Huddersfield Grammar (1 vote)
Megan Kennedy – MK	Calderdale NC (1 vote)
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	
Kim Burns - Regional Chair	Sarah Watts
BSA NC	
Ripon Jewels	
Kate Kennady	

1.	<p><b>Welcome and apologies:</b> NH, interim Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were 15 voting members present and 5 apologies received prior to the meeting. NH said that Kim Burns was unable to attend the AGM due to family reasons and that the other RMB members had appointed him to be the interim Chair for the meeting.</p>	
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2.	<p><b>Minutes of Last Meeting:</b></p> <p><b>Accuracy:</b> → PH proposed the minutes of the AGM held on the 19 October 2017 be signed as a true record, JS seconded this</p> <p><b>Matters Arising:</b> → None</p>	
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3.	<p><b>Receive the Annual Report and review for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018:</b></p> <p>→ NH went through the report.</p> <p>→ Kate Rickard and Katie Puplett were Appointed to the RMB this year. There were 6 members of the RMB. Under the constitution there can be up to 12 Board members allowed, (9 elected and 3 appointed), so there are plenty of vacancies</p> <p>→ The Region has excess funds over and above their reserve policy that needs investing. Priorities need to be set by the RMB.</p> <p>→ Competition (Rachael Radford) Rachael went through the competition slides and highlighted the fact the Yorkshire have only 1 team in the Premier league. There were not many teams who wanted to progress from the Regional or Northern league to the Premier league which was a problem. It brought into question why competition exists. There was to be a consultation period in December through to February 2019 in relation to the future of regional competition and what players and clubs want</p> <p>→ Performance (Jenny Skelton) Jenny briefly went through the performance slides.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Alex Young, The Performance Pathway coach, was on maternity leave and Francine Hall was brought in to cover.</li> <li>b) There had been a new U15 national school games tournament this year.</li> <li>c) Leeds Rhinos were not successful in their franchise bid but in July they were awarded the Regional Performance Pathway. Yorkshire Netball are</li> </ol>	
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	<p>no longer responsible for the performance pathway.</p> <p>d) Jenny said a massive thank you to all the volunteers that have worked in performance</p> <p>→ On behalf of the Region NH gave a tremendous thankyou to Jenny for all the hard work and dedication -she has put in over the years and to everyone else that has been involved.</p> <p>→ Officiating (Rachael Radford on behalf of Sarah Watts)</p> <p>a) Rachael stated that conversion is still an issue.</p> <p>b) Congratulations to Rachael for her appointment to NSL and European U21's</p> <p>→ Coaching (Pam Hoyle)</p> <p>a) Pam expressed her disappointment that no KS3 courses had been delivered in the Region even though they had been in existence for over 2 years. The 2 Tutors that the region had were not flexible enough to deliver in areas other than their own i.e Ilkley and Ripon.</p> <p>b) There was a need to track coaches so the region know what they are coaching</p> <p>→ Goalden Globe Awards – quantity and quality of nominations was an issue. Next year's GGA Awards ceremony will take place on the 3 May 2019 at the Holiday Inn, Leeds-Garforth. Nominations are now open for next year's awards</p> <p>→ There was a warm welcome to Ellie O'Brien who is the Chair of the newly formed Youth Advisory Group (YAG). Ellie gave a brief outline of the group's aims and main focus and told the group that the first meeting had taken place in October and was very productive. The group was aimed at members between the ages of 14 and 25 and all counties were represented on the Board. The aim is to have a YAG in each of the counties within the next 2 years</p> <p><b>Action Point: send Pam Hoyle information as to who sits on the regional YAG</b></p> <p>→ Road to Liverpool (Caer Harrison – Partnership Manager) Caer informed the group that EN launched the legacy at the Road to Liverpool conference in July</p> <p> Final legacy presentation.pptx</p> <p>→ There will be further events starting in January 2019.</p> <p><b>Action Point: Inform the RMB of further campaigns</b></p> <p><b>Action Point: AGM report to be added to the Regional website</b></p>	<p>EOB</p> <p>CH</p> <p>DC</p>
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4.	<p><b>Receive the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018:</b></p> <p>→ Presently the Region has over £57K in reserves against a designated reserve policy of £20K</p> <p>→ NH asked if the AGM were happy to receive the accounts. The accounts were unanimously received by the meeting.</p> <p>→ NH thanked CD and the Governance &amp; Finance Committee for all the work that had gone in to preparing the accounts</p>	
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5	<p><b>Approve the Regional Subscriptions for the 2018/19 Year:</b></p> <p>→ NH proposed that the 2019/2010 subscriptions remain the same as the 2018/19 year</p> <p>Vote: For 14; Against 0; Abstentions 1</p> <p><b>Vote Carried</b></p>	
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6	<p><b>To elect the following Positions to the Regional Management Board:</b></p> <p>→ None received</p>	
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7	<p><b>Consider any Proposed Resolution Submitted in Writing by Members of the Region:</b></p> <p>→ The proposal from the RMB: 'To move the financial year end for year end 31 August 2019 to the 31 March 2020. The proposal will give us a 19 months period.</p>	
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	<p>From the 1 April 2020 we will move to 12 month years ending on the 31<sup>st</sup> March each year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ A discussion took place as to the longevity between general meetings. It was agreed that should the proposal be passed a general meeting would be called in November 2019.</li> <li>→ The reason for changing the year end being that this would bring the Region into line with EN and other organisations year ends. There was a discussion around this</li> <li>→ In the constitution it states that, for elections to the RMB, the end of the term is at the AGM. Therefore anyone coming to the end of their four years term of office, whenever the AGM is, that would determine when they step down.</li> <li>→ Affiliations run from 1<sup>st</sup> of September therefore the creditors figure at the back of the accounts would be affected. Regions and Counties have to confirm their fees by May 2019 for the 2019/2020 season and as the AGM approve affiliations this needs to be taken into account when setting the date for the AGM.</li> <li>→ Caer told the meeting that there was a membership review currently being carried out by England Netball.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action Point: Ask where EN are with the membership review</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Voting strength</li> </ul> <p><b>Note: 1 member left the meeting prior to the vote therefore only 14 votes were now present</b></p> <p>The second resolution was that the RMB be and are hereby authorized to fix the date of the 2020 AGM. Both resolutions were taken together. Vote: For 9; Against 5; Abstentions 0</p> <p>NH declared that the two proposed resolutions were carried.</p>	CH
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8	<p><b>Consider Proposed Changes to the Regional Constitution:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ The group agreed unanimously to all the proposed changes apart from 7.3 and 8.11 so these were put to the vote after a discussion had taken place</li> <li>→ 7.3 – For the purposes of clauses 7.1 and 7.2 above, consecutive means continuous or uninterrupted succession. A person will be deemed to have served consecutively unless there is a break in continuity of at least four years. This shall be taken as the period between annual general meetings’.</li> <li>→ The above was proposed to align with EN and the UK Code of Sports Governance.</li> <li>→ There were concerns regarding volunteer recruitment and it was deemed unrealistic by some of the meeting members.</li> <li>→ Another concern was that the 2 year period was only added last year and the proposal to change it to 4 years was too soon given the lack of volunteers coming forward</li> <li>→ 7.3 was put to the vote</li> <li>→ <i>Lisa Gledhill left the meeting therefore the voting strength was reduced to 13</i></li> <li>→ Vote: For 8; Against 5; Abstentions 0</li> <li>→ Vote carried</li> <li>→ 8.11 – ‘No business shall be transacted at a General Meeting unless a quorum of 12 voting members is present’</li> <li>→ The issue raised was that if the RMB had 9 elected members then the RMB could out vote the members on every decision at the AGM, as they would be in the majority</li> <li>→ 8.11 was put to the vote</li> <li>→ <i>Rachael Radford left the meeting therefore the voting strength was reduced to 12</i></li> <li>→ Vote: For 7; Against 5; Abstentions 0</li> <li>→ Vote carried</li> </ul> <p>All proposed amendments to the constitution were therefore agreed.</p> <p><b>Action Point: Amend the constitution with the 2018 approved amendments and add to the regional website</b></p>	DC
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9	<p><b>A Vote of Thanks:</b></p> <p>NH gave a vote of thanks to all the volunteers over the year for all their hard work and dedication to the Region.</p>	
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9	<p><b>AOB:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>→ NH announced that the Region would like to present Jenny Skelton with the highest accolade which is only given to a very select few, YN's Honorary Life Member Award. Jenny has worked tirelessly for over 40 years. This was a popular decision and NH presented Jenny with a token gift of a bottle of champagne. Jenny will receive her award in a setting suitable for such an honor.</li><li>• The meeting was brought to a close at 8:40pm by the interim Chair NH</li></ul>	

**Dates of Next AGM:** To be determined by the RMB.