



# *West Yorkshire County Netball Association*

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## **AGM 2nd June 2015**

### **LEAGUE AGM MEETING**

Chair Julie Thackray welcomed all to the meeting

### **Minutes of the last AGM (3rd June 2014)**

Minutes of meeting are available on the West Yorkshire website for all to read.

Minutes accepted as a true record

Proposed - Pat Dembickjy.

Seconded – Lee Davis

### **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising

### **Officers' Reports**

Chair Julie Thackray, advised the membership of the following points:

- As we now have a website that is updated regularly with news and information, there was no longer a need to have specific written reports from various officers.
- Congratulations to Morrisons on their achievement of not losing a single match.
- The entry fee for the coming season for existing teams is to be waived.
- Esme Stephenson is stepping down from the committee as she is moving to the north east. The committee would like to thank her for her many years' service on the committee, and wish her all the best for the future, and present her with a bouquet of flowers.

### **To receive League Accounts as of 31st August 2014**

Treasurer's report was posted on the website for all to read

Accounts received and approved:

Proposed – Suphena Clarke

Seconded – Odelle Hazlett

### **Amendments to the League Rules**

League Secretary, Elaine Busfield advised that all proposed amendments have been sent to clubs by email, and posted on the website

### **Amendments to the league rules for 2015-2016 proposed by the League Committee**

- 1c** If the League finds it necessary to cancel or alter the venue for one or more of the matches at an approved venue, it will ensure that any remaining teams at the original venue are able to obtain an umpire. If a match is cancelled due to circumstances beyond the League's control eg: a leaking roof, the rearranged date will be mutually acceptable to both teams. However, should neither team agree, the committee will stipulate a date, time and venue on which the match **MUST** take place.

Remove eg: a leaking roof

- 4a** All clubs/teams entering WYCNA League **must** register with the Results Secretary of the relevant division all their players by name and which team they represent ie 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> etc, no later than 2 weeks before the 1<sup>st</sup> league match.

Reword

All teams entering the WYCNA League must fully complete the league registration form and forward to the relevant Results Secretary before any player can take the court. The registration form must be updated and resent should there be any changes.

- 4b** All clubs/teams registering a new player, must inform the Results Secretary of the relevant division in writing, indicating which team they represent before they play their 1st league match.

Remove b) as it will now be covered by the new a)

- 4d** If a player participates in 12 quarters with a higher positioned team, she becomes automatically registered with a higher positioned team of her clubs choice for the remainder of the season. Thereafter, the player may not play for any other team within their club.

Insert apostrophe (to correct the grammar)

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- 4g** Any player affiliated to WYCNA may play only for one club within the West Yorkshire League.

Reword

Any player affiliated to WYCNA may only be registered to one team within the West Yorkshire League at any time.

- 4h** Should a player wish to change clubs during the course of the season, the new club must inform the Results Secretary of the relevant division in writing. Only following confirmation from the relevant Results Secretary, will a player be eligible to play with their new club and they must play no further games for their original 'named' club for the rest of that season.

Reword

Should a player wish to change clubs during the course of the season, it is the player's responsibility to send one email to the secretaries of the clubs involved, copying the generic WY committee email ([wycnaccommittee@outlook.com](mailto:wycnaccommittee@outlook.com)). Only one change is allowed per season.

- 5a** Each At the end of the game, both results cards should be completed, agreed and signed by the captains and umpires.

Reword

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- 6** Both teams should inform the Results Secretary, using the results cards provided, of the result of the match by the following Friday. If the results card and/or cheque is not received within this time, no points and no "goals for" will be awarded for the game to which the offence relates.

Reword

6. Both teams should inform the relevant Results Secretary using the results cards provided, the result of the match by the following Friday.

*Note:- If the results card and/or cheque is not received within this time, no points and no "goals for" will be awarded for the game to which the offence relates.*

9a Any team claiming points for a void/cancelled match must still submit a results card and cheque to the Results Secretary, stating the reason for their claim.

Reword

Any team claiming points for a void/cancelled match must still submit a results card and cheque to the relevant Results Secretary, stating the reason for their claim.

10 For all teams responsible for a void/cancelled match, a 5 point deduction will be applied per offence and the non-offending team will be awarded 3 points and 20 "goals for".

Change the penalty to 3 point deduction.

**Elaine explained that the committee had considered clubs' comments at last year's AGM about 5 points being too harsh, and as a result the penalty of 3 points is a rule change. The "20 goals for" remains in place.**

11c All teams in the Super League and Premier Division must have at least one named 'A' or 'B' award umpire 1<sup>st</sup> affiliated per team.

11d All teams in Divisions 1 - 4 must have at least one named 'C' award umpire 1<sup>st</sup> affiliated per team.

Reword

All teams in the Super League and Premier Division must name at least one 'A' or 'B' award umpire.

All teams in Divisions 1 - 4 must name at least one 'C' award umpire.

**For clarification, Elaine explained that this means an umpire can be named for any team (one only), regardless of the team that they are registered/affiliated with, but emphasised that this did not mean that teams must not continue to push through qualified umpires from their own team members.**

Once amendments have been made, renumbering will automatically take place to ensure correct "running" order.

Vote taken and all proposals carried

### **Election of Committee Members**

There were no nominations received from clubs.

The committee nominated the following people:

Laura St Clair, Lindsay Uren, Sharon Grimshaw to take on responsibilities of results secretaries.

The current Vice Chair, Alison Johnson to stand down and move to a result secretary role.

Lee Davis, Ordinary Member, to take the Vice Chair role

Pat Dembickjy briefly explained the duties of a result secretary. Emma Mccara volunteered for a position on the committee.

All proposals carried

### **Any Other Business**

Charity Day:

Pat Dembickjy informed the meeting that the Charity Day had raised £2242 for Breast Cancer UK, with over £500 being raised by Morrisons.

Suzanne Hewitson said that the initial idea of a charity day was for all the membership to get involved to organise events to raise money, not just the committee and the efforts of Morrisons.

Emma Mcara suggested that the event might be better supported if it takes place at one venue eg. An organised tournament

Julie Thackray advised that there were still raffle prizes to be collected.

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Lynne Armstrong brought up the point that clubs with a few teams, can find it difficult arranging umpiring if the fixtures place them at different venues at the same time.

Elaine Busfield explained the difficulty of keeping neutral when arranging fixtures, but the committee would discuss the point raised at the next committee meeting.

Suzanne Hewitson asked if names of players still have to be submitted 2 weeks before the 1<sup>st</sup> fixture. Elaine explained that the new rewording of rule 4a, eliminates this.

Julie presented Gill Newsome, Publicity Officer, with a bouquet of flowers in recognition of her sterling work on the committee this season, particularly her efforts in developing the website

There being no other business the meeting closed.