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North Durham County Netball Association Committee

Minutes

Friday 17 October 2025

Attendees

Gemma Sandberg (GS)
Rebecca Cairns (RC)
Ashleigh Elliott (AE)
Emma Hubbard (EH)
Fiona Srogi (FS)
Joanna Makepeace-Woods (JMP)(chair)
Julie Kimber (JK)
Louise Peacock (LP)
Lauren

Apologies

Angela Stoker
Charlotte Rush

JMP informed the committee that she attended the Community Planning Workshop with England Netball Jill Shapsford is going on Maternity and is looking to develop and action plan for her cover
4 areas they plan to deliver

- Volunteer Recognition
- Centennial Activities
- Schools – Bee Netball and Secondary Delivery
- CPD for coaches

They are trying to have a cohesive plan across the region that Counties and Clubs can feed into.

Junior League

Next steps now Beth has stepped away – Lauren is willing to take on the role with mentoring / support from Emma.
Emma proposed amalgamation of the two leads now the support posts are in place – JMP said that can be considered for future seasons.

East Durham College fixtures – look to rearrange / switch round some fixture at East Durham college due to the courts not being full size when utilising the two-court arrangement. Joanna and Lauren to meet to discuss the options

Inclusivity Policy

Joanna has drafted an inclusivity policy for clubs to be able to request reasonable adjustments for scorers/coaches this will be circulated for feedback – suggested to add these requests to the team sheets

Expenses

Need to publish expenses policy Louise to pull together some information on current policy for a starting point.

Senior League

Running well with the admin support

Emma has raised with the Beacon the need to clean the courts

Performance

Some great players through the trials – have had a few drop out due to Rhinos / Regional

All information requested by Patrick has been forwarded to him

Only issue is Beacon cancelling fixtures and waiting on a few qualifications being sent through

Comms

Centennial activities – 100 years since England Netball established. There has been a request for County to provide any photographs across the years

Julie will have a look at what she has, and Gemma will approach Members to see if others have anything to contribute

Finance

Louise is still in handover with Rebecca, change over of banking access is taking a while but if anything is sent to the treasurer email it will be paid.

Charity Champion

Joanna suggested approaching the person who nominated the charity to be a charity champion and help mould the fundraising opportunities

AOB

Emma and Gemma left as Joanna had a request from Wildcats to raise.

Wildcats requested whether the rule regarding the number of times a player could be played up before transfer onto a squad be waivered due to the division 1 teams being short as players had either left or were injured for a couple of their lower division players.

General discussion was had regarding this, and a consensus to decline the request was agreed for the following reasons

There was opportunity to withdraw prior to start of the league

Opens the possibility of the same request being made by all teams

Rule was tightened in the previous season due as it was abused with players playing across

Sufficient numbers in lower-level teams to be able to play up without repeating players over the required numbers

Ashleigh joined at this time - raised some considerations to be made at the point of recruitment in 2026 to make the safeguarding / contract requirements easier to manage, for example open ended contracts so qualification and right to work checks will not be required every year.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

TBC either Friday 5th December or Sunday 7th December has most votes