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| **AGM** **VENUE – Broad Oak Bowling Club, Linthwaite**  **DATE- 15.09.15****TIME – 7.30pm** |
| **MINUTES** |
| **Item** |  | **Action** |
| **1.0** | **Attendees** Michelle Gay – Genies (Committee)Jackie Cork – Portland B (Committee)Joy Cummings – Douglas (Committee)Anna Bartys – Fountain (Committee)Ann Garvin – Tornadoes (Committee)Ken Ellis - CommitteeLucy Sykes – ShelleyEmily James – ShelleyAnnette McCloughlin – FountainPetra Kiernan – GiantsVicki Oxley – GiantsSian Nicholson – GiantsHannah Hope – MavericksVeronica David – TornadoesLinda Andrews – TornadoesCath Cannon- Pennine Weavers (Caboodle)Tracey Graham – Pennine Weavers (Caboodle)Gemma Atkinson – Holmfirth CDebra Whiteley – Holmfirth CGemma Patterson – Holmfirth ASuzanne Ellis – Holmfirth BJy Northgate – AmazonsFran Valentine – Kelly’s HeroesSarah Arundel – Kelly’s HeroesHannah Pattinson – Huddersfield All BlacksRachel Newton – MavericksHannah Pearson – MavericksSam Vant – MavericksHannah Byram – Portland CElaine Busfield – Portland ANicola Toner – MonumentalsTrudi Pearce – Hi Tech BEleanor King – Hi Tech A**Apologies**Natasha Dennis – Genies (Committee)Gloria Green– Monumentals (Committee)Maggie Hanson – Just Prestige |  |
| **2.0** | **Review of minutes of 2014 AGM*** The Chair reviewed the minutes from last year. There were no comments from the floor. The only comment brought forward by email before the meeting was that Rachel Newton and Hannah Pearson’s names were missing from the list of attendees from the 2014 meeting.
* Proposer, Rachel from Mavericks, Seconder Vicky from Giants
* Unanimously approved
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| **3.0** | **Chair’s Report*** Everyone confirmed they had reviewed and been given time to review the report
* One question raised by Elaine Busfield about reference to paying fees before the AGM, with the online registration when the amount hasn’t been decided
* The Chair replied confirming that the fees could be paid by bacs from the point of registration, but that the message had been that the payment could wait until the fees had been voted on and agreed. We discussed the change in being able to pay by bacs instead of bringing money along to the AGM and registering at the meeting. This has led to the new constitutional proposal to introduce a fee for non-attendance at the AGM, to ensure a representative from each team attends
* Unanimously approved
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| **4.0** | **Results Secretaries Reports 2014-15*** Report and results (electronic version available) read out by Michelle, Results Secretary

**Winter League 2014****Section 1**Winners – Hi Tech ARunners up – TornadoesPlayer of Season – Tracey Hartland (Caboodle B)**Section 2**Winners – Holmfirth Hotshots ARunners Up – Fountain CPlayer of Season – Karen Watson (Portland C)**Summer League 2015****Division 1**Winners – Hi Tech ARunners up – Tornadoes Player of Season – Jackie Fogarthy**Division 2**Winners – AmazonsRunners up – ShelleyPlayer of Season – Abigail Tunnacliffe (Amazons)**Division 3**Winners – Holmfirth Hotshots ARunners up – Giants 3Player of Season – Suzy Brierley (Giants 3)**Division 4**Winners – Genies 2Runners up - Holmfirth BPlayer of Season – Claire Smith (Monumentals B)**Maureen Kelly Park Tournament**Cup Winners – Hi Tech APlate Winners – GiantsUnanimously approved |  |
| **5.0** | **Treasurer’s Report*** Ken read through the Finance report (electronic version already circulated with agenda)
* Comment from Elaine Busfield regarding the excess income over expenditure from the Tournament, possibly not being as much if the trophy costs were included in that summary, rather than being logged and counted along with the other trophies for the divisions
* Agreed this could be split out but the trophy costs for the Park Tournament weren’t as much as previous years as the main trophy was donated by Cobwood trophies
* Reminder to all teams that there is money in the budget for paying for attending umpiring courses for players
* Proposed by Jackie from Amazons, seconded by Elaine from Portland
* Unanimously approved
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| **6.0** | **Committee Members** * Approval of Officers – all existing members agree to remain on the committee
* We are delighted that a new member has been proposed – Sian Nicholson would like to join the committee from the Giants club
* Voted on retaining all existing committee members with the addition of Sian
* Proposed by Jackie from Amazons, seconded by Linda from Tornadoes
* This was voted and agreed unanimously.
 | **Sian to be invited to all future committee meetings – AB** |
| **7.0** | **Constitution** * Chair read out the proposed rule change regarding attendance at AGM, to apply a fine should a team not be represented
* A question was raised by Elaine from Portland about the wording – should it be changed to be “will “ fined, instead of “may” fined – this was agreed by the committee
* Also question whether the wording should specify that it relates to all teams wishing to participate in the forthcoming season – this was agreed by the Committee
* Question raised about why there should be someone from each team rather than each club. The Chair responded by confirming that this was for voting rights of each club
* Proposed by Tracey Graham from Caboodle, seconded by Elaine from Portland
* Accepted by all members except one disagreement, one “No” recorded
 | **AB to update wording as agreed** |
| **8.0** | **Rules*** Two proposed rule changes with regards to umpires
* The first proposal was that every club should have the same ratio of qualified/affiliated umpires to teams by the Winter season 2017 i.e. three teams = three umpires
* The second part is that any new teams wanting to enter the league should also have the same required number of umpires, from September 2017 will be allowed one year’s grace providing they have the correct number of nominated unqualified umpires working towards their qualification
* Question raised by Elaine from Portland regarding the timescales for new clubs, but then on discussion, agreed with the wording
* Question from Shelley around struggling to find umpires and also people who want to umpire. Can we find some more incentives to do it? Question asked if teams can pay more than £10? Chari responded confirming that teams can pay more than £10, as this is only a minimum, but umpires can only receive money to cover their costs, rather than being “paid” to umpire
* Comment from Amazons regarding not being able to find anyone which could mean their club could fold, Chair responded saying that the league is currently being supported by a small number of umpires who spend their days and weeks driving from venue to venue umpiring. Teams need to take responsibility and realise that the league can’t continue without more umpires
* Reminder to all teams that the league pays for people to attend courses
* Another question about giving more time and leeway to pass. Response by Chair confirming that we have already given people two years as an unqualified umpire, and those not attending the course were removed from the list
* Question raised by Shelley asking if we could triangulate the games and have central locations with central umpires? Response from Chair was that we have been asked this before, but it would mean that teams would only probably play once every three weeks
* Question asked whether there were any umpires that might not be affiliated to a team – response was possibly – and teams would need to find out
* Question asked if unqualified umpires could umpire at a higher level than currently, response was no, that this reduces the standard of netball and it isn’t fair on umpires or players
* General comment from Elaine Busfield that teams need to take responsibility and realise that more umpires are needed for such a large league
* Proposed by Michelle Gay, seconded by Linda Andrews
* 24 voted to accept
* 1 abstaining
 | **AB update Rules document** |
| **9.0** | **Fees****Winter League 2015 – 2016** **Summer League 2016*** £25 fee proposed by the Treasurer for both leagues
* Question from Elaine Busfield on why the fee is being raised from £20 to £25?
* The Treasurer advised that the fee had been reduced from £40 previously down to £20 and it was felt that a small increase should be made to bring some further money in for potential umpiring course costs
* Discussion around the healthy balance and that teams should benefit and proposed to reduce both Winter and Summer seasons to £20
* Proposed by Elaine Busfield. Seconded by Sarah Arundel
* In Favour – 12, Against – 6, Abstaining – 4
* Decision carried to reduce fees to £20 for the next two seasons

**Park Tournament 2016** * Proposed fee to remain the same at £40 per team
* Rationale behind this is that the 2015 event was very well attended, with 24 teams. This was a lot higher than recent years. 2016 may not be as well attended, but the general costs will remain the same
* Question asked if we can donate some money to Breast Cancer care as we had excess income over expenditure
* Fran Valentine commented that they raised a very good sum on their raffle and would welcome doing this again instead of the league running the raffle and receiving the money
* Proposed by Vicky from Giants, seconded by Nicola from Monumentals,
* Unanimously approved
 | **All teams to pay £20 for Winter 2015 entry fee by bacs by 28th September** |
| **10.0** | **Registration for 2015 Winter League*** Reminder to teams that registration is open online and needs completing by Thursday 17th September
* Question raised if you could enter more than one team at once to avoid repetition. Response that we will investigate this
* BACS payments deadline is Monday 28th September to pay £20 entry fee
* Unanimously approved
 | **Teams to register online****AB speak to website company** |
| **11.0** | **Events** * Park Tournament 2016 date confirmed as **Sunday 26th June 2016**
* Presentation Evening 2016 date – confirmed as **Friday 1st July 2016**
* Feedback form on tables collected about the 2015 presentation night provided in the majority overwhelming positive comments and scores
* The average rating for the venue was 8.3 out of 10
* The average rating for the catering was 8.3 out of 10
* The average rating for the DJ was 7.4 out of 10
* Conclusions are that we will reserve the Lockwood Park venue again for the 2016 event.
* There were many positive comments about the food, and a suggestion to have more vegetarian options, which we will take on board for next year
* Several people thought the food was excellent, although felt bad for the ladies who spent time cooking and serving it. We will have a think about the best option for next year, and consider requesting choices of songs for the playlist to ensure the DJ caters for all tastes.
 | **Committee to take forward** |
| **12.0** | **2016 AGM** * Date confirmed as Tuesday 13th September at 7.30pm.
 | **Committee book venue** |
| **13.0** | **Any Other Business** * None
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