



Wiltshire County Netball Association Annual General Meeting

Devizes Town Hall
8th June 2026

Attendees:

Mireille Drayton (Chair) MD
Sally Ruddle (Treasurer) SR
Tracy Watt (Performance & Coaching Lead) TW
Cathy Caulfield (Communication & Media) CC
Helen Maine (Events) HM

Janice Bardwell (Disciplinary) JB
Anna Young (Wiltshire Netball Development) AY
Hayley Hardie (Moonraker Chair) HH
Kelly Smith (Salisbury Chair) KS
Denise Sell (Swindon Chair) DS
Corinne Hunter (Safeguard) CH

Wiltshire Netball Clubs:

	Agenda Item	Discussion / Description / Action
1	Welcome	Mireille Drayton welcomed everybody to the meeting.
2	Apologies	Caroline Cavanagh West Harnham NC
3	2024/2025 Minutes	Mireille confirmed that the previous year's minutes had been circulated prior to the AGM. Mireille continued with the meeting, asking for confirmation that the minutes were a true and accurate record. Proposed- Kelly Smith (Salisbury League) Seconded- Hayley Hardie (Moonraker League)
4	Reflections and Strategic Planning	MD - Thanked members of the WC committee for their hard work and the 3 league chairs/committees for running their leagues for another year. 100 years of EN , commonwealth games coming up, wish EN good luck. Hopefully the England Roses will medal. Year 3 of over 40 Netvets tournament – Winners and runners up went through to Regionals and represented the county really well. Umpiring development has made some massive in roads – see CCa committee report Pathways – is financially viable now. Two new coaches in the Amesbury pathway. Still hoping to source other coaches for support across the county. Giving back (see slide) – WCNA has continued to give back to junior and regional teams. Two applications for athlete support of £200. Paid for Netvets to go to the Centenary Masters Festival as the WCNA entry. (£300 entry fee). We are trying to be transparent about where money is being spent to support the growth of netball across our county. No one has applied for bursaries for coaching or umpiring qualifications. WCNA can support up to 50% of the cost.



		Especially for level 2 Coaching course, which are expensive. This info is on the Wilts website. Download the form. See slide for Graph –shows 98% has gone back out to the different areas in 2024-25 This year 2025-2026, 100%+ of the money has gone back out. There is still money that leagues can bid for – up to £500 for centenary planned celebrations. Fees for 25-26 – EN fees have gone up. NSW remain the same and WN are the same. See slide for totals and breakdown. We don't know the last time WN fees changed but next year they might need to rise with inflation and in line with NSW fees. Bath update – Bath are serious about getting back into the NSL – Set up independent strategic board and Emily Siddy has been appointed as Franchise Operations Manager 2 days a week to work on the bid. Roses Pathway – Patric O'Grady has communicated that there are some changes to the pathways – See slide for breakdown
5	NDO Update	Anna's and Mireille's slides are attached with the e mail with minutes AY picked out some slides to talk through. Walking netball has been key in the county. Working with Schools and bee netball. Teachers like to use the cards and find them useful. Club development – Malmesbury and Amesbury – both accessed funds to help set up new clubs. NDO's also have to income generate £23-25k through running camps, tournaments, etc ONE Awards - Denise Sell Won the Unsung Hero Award last year and Linda Dyer – Long Service Award huge congratulations to both. NSW awards are on 4th July 2026, and we have a number of county nominations up for awards. Game for life – See slide Learning and Development – there was a freeze on courses. Big changes coming and more courses are available. Still use the expression of interest form. This indicates where the demand is. This is what EN use to decide where the courses will be running. There is a Level 2 course running in Bath. Bee Netball – 3 types of certificates or awards. If a level 2 coach, just need a top up, £30 if a member. Teachers also have a qualification they can get for £30. Bee leader awards is a 4-hour course. Not already a coach (£110 to £130). Buddle – Platform support by Sport England – have a look – has legal structures and responsibilities. Free webinar. If you collect club Fees through Engage – Action is needed regarding the organisation details. Please see slide if this applies to you. Howden's Benefits Platform – Has all the discounts you can use. Code is also on slide as well. Please promote this widely as there are some real benefits to your EN membership. Netball Her Webinars – free for members Back the Bid – Pushing netball for the Olympics Centenary Toolkits – link on slide



		EN membership opens on – Saturday 25th July 2026 – For the following season – 26/27 Any questions? None Video of County reflections through the ages shown. Request made for more photos to build up our reflections of netball in Wiltshire through the decades. Please e mail to wcnachair@outlook.com
6	Player pathway	TW – Info from Patrick came out last week. It doesn't change things but there are some things we do each year. He refers to the different 'clubs' which are the franchise clubs for clarification. In the SW we all feed into Bath. Even though no NSL county have all the pathways in place. These are in Amesbury, Swindon and Marlborough Future squads north and Swindon South which allows for more continuity. Some athletes moved to Bath ADC. Commitment to training is expected. Training takes place on a Thursday or Friday. This has caused issues for Moonraker league and matches. Weeks missed have impact as the coaching is sequential. TW requested that athletes are committed and that this coaching takes priority. Trial Dates – Amesbury U13 – Fri 10th July U15 – Fri 17th July Swindon – U13 Thurs 9th and Thurs 16th July Swindon - U15 – Thurs 9th and Thurs 16th July with a later time slot Final trial for Swindon will be Saturday 5th September. Still time to look after these dates if athletes can't make trials. If people are not successful, they get a score. Sometimes throughout the year, we ask some to come and join us mid-year. Hard part is getting comms out to club or schools. They have to be nominated by school or club, not parents. Program is about developing them as an athlete and match play can come later. Qn - Can it be communicated to WASPS and sports leader through school? This will be explored by AY Qn—could be challenging for the private schools? TW – the school will have an affiliation number athletes can use Emma - Schools – are trying to save money and do their own tournaments, don't always attend county things KS – Farley school is through IAPS TW – Dauntsey and Marlborough – come under school affiliation number. They have to be affiliated to EN to come through the program. MD – important the school players don't slip through the net AY – important criteria is clear and made aware to everyone TW – All on EN website – Criteria is all on the website and the position criteria. Qn - Can we ask that clubs get feedback on the players to the clubs – so that clubs can support players. TW – can be hard as different coaches. And conversation is often with the players. Qn - Can the clubs contact the coaches to get feedback and be more joined up to support them as a lot are very keen. TW – Amesbury – they do have form and this goes to the clubs.



		MD – TW has a plan as to what the coaches deliver – can this be shared with clubs, so they have an idea of what is being worked on? Can this be shared, TW agreed to share. CH – school and clubs aren't getting feedback when they nominate. TW – we have given feedback to clubs as to whether their players have been successful.
7	Receive Statement of Accounts	SR – one error on report – Bank balance is incorrect on left table total, there will be an amended copy sent with the minutes. £905 profit this year. Still a couple hundred pound outstanding and £100 still to go to Devizes, so total around £5/600 profit. Good we have not lost money this year and have stabilised the finances. This allows us to give back. Afford to help people in the county. Not been any bursaries paid out in 2 years. Can be used for Bee netball, coaching. Any EN courses. Any questions? DS - Do they still need to give up time to help with Pathways? MD – this has been softened, like with umpiring having to help at school's tournament etc. Tried to stop that being a barrier if people aren't in a position to give that time back. It is not enforced but would be nice to give back to county if possible. AY – For a bursary we need to understand why you want to be a level 1 or 2 coach. Does it allow you to grow a new section in club, or a club in a new area. Who are you going to be coaching. Active WASP also have bursaries. TW – also use the county as a mentoring session. Had a couple come to get an idea of session. Can tap into UKCC coaching. Playing sport for children. See what they want to learn. KK- can we claim it as a club, as a club we pay for our coaches etc. MD Clarified that it is currently set up on an individual application basis. MD – funding given on completion of the course. We can look at exceptional circumstances. We would need details and can look at on a case-by-case basis. Qn - Does the bursary cover the first aid and the safeguarding? MD – Currently no. This could be looked at.
8	Committee Reports	Chair Report (Mireille Drayton) Officiating Report (Caroline Cavanagh) Salisbury League Report (Kelly Smith) Swindon League Report (Denise Sell) Moonraker League Report (Hayley Hardie) Treasurer Report (Sally Ruddle) Coaching & Performance Report (Tracy Watt) Competition and Events (Helen Maine) NO Questions relating to reports circulated prior to the meeting. MD – Salisbury have had some issues with venue. An initial email by MD hasn't had any response as yet. MD will escalate if needed. This has a massive effect on the league. The floodlights need to be fixed with the support of a cherry picker. We are doing our best to work in partnership to try and find a resolution. KS – it is all football – all money is going to football. Commercial leagues are still using the courts as well.



		AY – EN have a league at risk report, and they look through to see if they can support. She will be championing it. KS –They are prepared to go to the local MP about lack of facilities. Have backing of clubs in Sailsbury
9	Committee Vacancies	Election of Officers willing to stand again: Chair: Mireille Drayton Vice Chair: Vacancy Secretary: Vacancy Coaching & Performance: Tracy Watt Disciplinary: Janice Bardwell Safeguarding: Corinne Hunter Media & Comms: Vacancy Schools: Sophie Newman Competition & Events: Vacancy Umpiring: Caroline Cavanagh Treasurer: Sally Ruddle Vacancies and elections: Vice Chair: Secretary: Media & Comms: Competition & Events: MD - need people to come forward. CC and HM will support in a hand over for the year. They described their roles. CC – Comm – got FB and Instagram pages – they are linked. Sharing any club news, like RL 3.. Netvets, any local events. Anything from Sailsbury or Devizes league sent through. Website is word press site and relatively easy to do. Upkeep of Website and cross promoting from EN. Peaks and troughs of busy times. HM – Competition and Events – peaks and troughs again – Sept – Nov – NetVets to organise, January organise – Runs in March. Moves on to Adult and junior leagues and organising the play off dates. Liaising with clubs as to if they interested and liaising with NSW. Sometimes play offs are not always needed. Be good for project management, event organisation experience. MD – Any volunteers. None at this stage. MD asked that members reach out to their clubs. Although voluntary, these roles are great on a CV and we have a fab committee of willing volunteers. All committee roles voted in; Proposed – Laura Holt – Lawn Seconded – Helen – CSN MD thanked Cathy and Helen for being prepared to remain in posts. Flowers presented.
10	Amendments to Constitution	MD referenced Tier 1 Governance documentation that is being re visited at county level to support EN documentation. Documents like skills matrix, risk register, succession planning, financial controls, AGM minutes, the Constitution and others



		that all require updating and submission by 1st September 2026. MD proposed some minor changes to the WCNA Constitution; EN Gender Policy - Rule 2.2 – added in last year we now need to change the tense to 'came into effect' rather than 'will come into effect'. 6.6 not England Netball travel but WCNA annually agreed rates 8.6 accounts are independently scrutinised and examined Proposed- Alice Prichard - Calne Seconded- Turdy Proctor - Devizes
14	AGM Date 2026	AGM 2027 Monday 7th June 2027 Confirmed as the date next year.
	Farewells and Presentations	As we are in the EN Centenary year, the 3 leagues were asked to nominate someone from each league to receive a 'special recognition award'. Brief overview of presentations. Hayley Hardie – Moonraker – Kirstie Hearn I have known you for 25 years, since Chippenham club. 2019 I joined Devizes. Kirsty has stood down as Treasurer after 20 years. Massive thank you from Wilts and Moonraker. She is always looking for ways to save money and has worked hard with the Leisure centre to keep fees manageable for teams, so that as many people as possible have access to netball. After covid Kirstie was key as part of the subcommittee of getting people back on court, we were also in a position to refund clubs fees or give them the options of taking it off the next season fees, all work she did alongside her busy lifestyle and job. Hopefully she can continue her netball in peace. Mireille Drayton - Salisbury – Kelly Smith – Since first playing in Salisbury at the age of 14 some 40+ years ago Kelly has been involved in the Salisbury League ever since - as a player, coach, umpire and a Salisbury League Committee member. Her playing developed to Kelly becoming a L2 Coach in the 1990's- since then she has coached club teams in the Salisbury League - including a Back to Netball group who now a well-established Adult Club. Her Salisbury Committee volunteering started over 25 years ago - initially as Fixtures Sec and she is now the League Chair. Thank you Kelly for all your energy and support to the Salisbury League over the last 40 years. Salisbury League Committee MD – Swindon – Kelly Allen – SDNA nominated her as umpiring secretary. She has sets up and run a range of umpire sessions to help with the introduction of the revised



	rules and she works relentlessly to and give aspiring umpires the confidence and opportunities to progress. She especially supports those new to umpiring and gives her time freely to support them to get them ready to be assessed. Within SDNA she organises the umpires on a Saturday so that each team has appropriate umpires and takes on a great deal of work co-ordinating and managing all the information provided from clubs and the invariable late changes. She also gives up her Saturdays to mentor and assess umpires. Kelly is the epitome of a volunteer who gives so much of herself to her role without expectation of payments and quietly just gets on with the job. Kelly is a well-deserved recipient of this award. 3 Special Recognition Awards presentations. MD – Final recognition goes to Denise Sell – SDNA Chair who leaves this role after 20+ years as Chair. Denise has been involved in netball since the age of around 14 playing for a local club, Lawn in the adult leagues. She went for England U/21 trials and played for Wiltshire County U/21's when she was 16/17. She has been involved in coaching since the 1980's, first with Nythe netball club, then returning to Lawn as a coach in the 90's. She coached Wiltshire County U/14 and U/16 in the late 90's and has been a coach at Nationwide netball club for 20 years. Denise Sell has been Chair of SDNA for over 20 years and does this in a voluntary capacity. Her determination, hard work and dedication has meant that Swindon has extremely well supported leagues that continue to thrive. Her leadership has meant that local clubs and netballers of all levels and abilities are able to play netball and have a range of opportunities available to them. This includes winter and summer leagues, over 35 league, junior league, walking netball, netball now, back to netball. Denise is an amazing ambassador for our sport of Netball and has invested a huge amount of time to enable all of our netball community to be able to access what they need over many years. We wish her every success as she hands the Chair reigns over from next week and we extend our heartfelt thanks for Denise's huge contributions to netball in our county over many decades. Final play of the video of Wiltshire photos. Please send in more pictures. Thank you all for coming. MEETING CLOSED at 21.00
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