**Minutes of the County Management Board Meeting held on**

Date: Wednesday 1st February via Zoom Video Conferencing

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|  | Present: |  | Della Louch (DL), Mary Yardley (MY), Caroline Richards (CR), Debbie Hopkinson (DH), Jane Hadfield (JH), Sarah Hollidge (SH), Matthew Millington (MM), Claire Bowen (CB) Carol Spencer (CS) &Tracey Mellor (TM) | Action by |
| 1 | Apologies for Absence |  | Pauline Brasher (PB), Laura Gee (LG), Rebecca Randell (RR), Donna Beckett (DB) & Jen Newman (JN) |  |
| 2 | Welcome and Introductions. Update from the Chair |  | * DL wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked members for agreeing to move the meeting date. * DL gave a brief update on the importance of Safeguarding. A small number of issues had been raised in relation to safety and wellbeing. In discussion around this topic it had highlighted the need for us to have a Safeguarding Lead on our Board. Sarah Hollidge has volunteered to undertake this role. * A vote was carried out on this appointment – this was agreed unanimously by the meeting attendees * Safeguarding in Commercial Leagues – England Netball have a draft statement thst will be shared with Counties soon. * G&F meeting 8th March – Focus - recruitment and role, EN Governance health check. * Website – email addresses are not currently working these will be re-setup soon. * Regional Update – RMB Meeting – Northants having success with a 40 plus league (going very well). Donna Palmer is looking at boarders and how we can better make use of the cross overs. * Dates: * 14th June – East Midlands AGM * 17th – 18th June – Coaching Conference * 2nd July – East Midlands One awards * DL – RR member update – Getting married on 18th February. CMB to send a gift of congratulations. * DL – JH has walked over 15,000 a day raising money for Motor Neurone Disease. She has walked in all weathers and only fallen a few times. We are very proud of her. |  |
|  | Matters Arising: |  | Matters arising items were closed at previous meeting – see relevant sections for further updates. |  |
| 4 | Approval of Previous Minutes: |  | **Previous Minutes –**  The minutes were reviewed and accepted as a true record. (MY&CR) |  |
| 5 | Safeguarding: | 5.1 | * SH would like to share more communication via social media to highlight safeguarding * SH shared that there are live ongoing Safeguarding concerns within the county currently – EN are working alongside SH. * CB shared that Nottinghamshire’s Safeguarding Lead is Angela Walker. She has been in post for a while and could be there to help and guide. CB will share contact detail with SH. |  |
| 6 | NDO Update | 6.1 | CB Updated:   * ‘Netball Her’ - email was sent out to a selection of people on 17th January from EN. There are a range of meetings that can be attended around things for young and old females, in and outside the sport. * DH raised a problem about young girls wanting to sign up for ‘into officiating’ courses and there doesn’t appear to be another till August. CB will feed this back as she has also had contact and is hoping more courses will be released from EN. * Netball Youth Camps – 2 in Derbyshire during half term. * CB will be visiting larger clubs soon and will be discussing any issues they are having. |  |
| 7 | Correspondence & TSG Matters | 7.1 | DL thanked the TSG leads for their reports.  **Player Development Program –** (DH)  DH explained that TSG meetings are very hard to organise. People who are on there are seen weekly and it is a challenging to get together.  DH - Everything is going really well. Lots of competition – U13 are currently unbeaten this year, U15 doing are also doing well. All very positive at the moment, great support from parents and teams are working well together. Ruth is brilliant.  Umpiring of Matches. DH looking for an agreement with other counties that the host county would provide all the umpiring for the day. DL agreed that is a sensible suggestion and will look at raising this at the county chairs meeting. MM suggested that we should pay umpires more. DH can’t find umpires. CR suggested that we need a whole re-think about it.  **Officiating –** (DB) absent – sent report  **Competition –** (MM) – sent report  CS – Regional Schools – Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Ashbourne U14 won and Repton U14 came second and will compete at Nationals Schools this year.  CS – Priority/Plan needed - only 1 Derbyshire club represented at the East Midlands Junior League (6%). What can be done to help clubs next year? CR – Clubs tried but didn’t all qualified. Clubs are struggling for personnel. DH – people need recognising more and given more of an incentive. MY – How can we support our junior and senior clubs? A plan needs putting in place for support. Planning Day to be arranged. DL will raise with other County Chairs.  **Coaching** – (JN) absent  MY asked for an update re-coaching TSG. DL updated that JN coaching commitments have increased but she is still representing Derbyshire at East Midlands Level. There is a lack of enthusiasm for a coaching forum.  MM discussed recent Level 2 coaching courses and fed back his poor experiences on the course. CB encourage MM to leave feedback with EN. |  |
| 8 | Finance Report | 8.1 | (CR) had provided a copy of the accounts and gave a summary update on our financial position.  Outgoing so far this year;   * Presentation Evening and Governance costs (see report) * Regional Grant – still needs giving to clubs. * Membership fees with be given back to CMB members. |  |
| 9 | Constitution and Bye-Laws | 9.1 | Nothing to report |  |
| 10 | Strategic Forward Plan | 10.1 | Now part of EN Adventure Strategy |  |
| 11 | Derbyshire Netball Facility | 11.1 | Nothing to report. |  |
| 12 | AOB | 12.1 | TM – Update given. Junior club working very well. The change of venue has helped – back to Chapel. |  |
|  |  | 12.2 | SH – How we recruit a next Chair of Derbyshire? DL no plans currently in place – this will be discussed at the G&F meeting in March. |  |
|  | Date of next meeting |  | Future Meeting Dates: -  Wednesday 12th April – face to face meeting at SH house. |  |