

Ashtead All Stars Netball Club

Minutes of AGM 19th June 2013

Present:

Jane Arnett
Natalie Marchant
Cathy Calverley
Jemini Tarling
Michelle Crow
Cathy Stansfield
Sarah Makroum
Liz Driscoll
Helen Parker
Ruth Parkinson
Nina Porter
Carmel Ring
Helen King

1. Welcome and introduction from the Chair

2. Agreement of last season's AGM minutes

AGM minutes from 2012 were agreed

3. Appointment of Officers

JA to continue as Head Coach – Proposed: HK; second: HP
JD to continue as Treasurer – proposed: JA; second: HK
HK to stand down as secretary. JT nominated to take over – proposed JA; second HK
CR to continue as publicity officer – proposed JT; Second NM
HP to stand down as Kit Secretary. SP nominated to take over – proposed JA; second HK
LMcA to continue as Fixture Secretary – proposed JA; second HP
CC to to continue as Child Welfare Officer – proposed JA; second HP

4. Chair's Report

We have had a very busy season, and I'm sure from now on, each season will be busier than the last.

We have run 6 teams in the Nonsuch Junior League, and we have also organised friendly matches against Tiffin, The Downs, Oxshott, Fetcham, Cobham and Dorking. We have played in the Rushmore Tournament, the Surrey Clubs Tournament and the CD Phoenix Tournament. We have had two interclub tournaments, one at New Year and one at the End of Season. And we also went on netball tour to Shropshire back in October.

We took on a new age group at the beginning of the season, and we are taking on another new age group in September, feeding and expanding the club from the bottom. To do this we need to make sure that we have the club structure sorted to enable the club to comfortably expand. This month we have 4 ladies all taking their level 1 coaching qualifications; that is Natalie and Ruth, and also 2 new members to the club, Liz Driscoll and Vicky Lowery. Liz is taking on the role of Age Group

Manager for the new U10 age group next season, and Vicky will be an ad hoc assistant coach. What we are really in need of now is umpires, so if anyone would like to learn how to umpire, then please step forward.

The sale of Club Woolly Hats raised £200 for Rianna's Fund, and also bought us a fabulous banner which is currently hanging at the netball courts for all to see. The story was reported on by the Leatherhead Advertiser.

We had a very cold, wet season. Girls were very stoic, and indeed parents, so everyone should be congratulated on their gritty determination. Despite the terrible weather we have endured, the progress from all players has been lovely to witness, and the growth of the club both in numbers and in structure has been equally gratifying, so thank you to all those concerned – players, parents and committee members. I look forward to our continued growth next season.

5. Treasurer's Report

The club has a healthy balance, at circa £2,000 in credit.

6. Secretary's Report

We had a total of 62 players registered: -

- 21 – year 5s (U10s)
- 18 – year 6s (U11s)
- 4 – year 7s (U12s)
- 19 – Year 8s (U13s)

7. Publicity Officer's Report

Report on Ashtead All Stars (AAS) logo, website and publicity 2012-13

Logo

- *The AAS logo continues to be used on club documentation, the website, publicity materials and on the players' and coaches' kit.*

Website

- *We're still using Pitchero to host the AAS website and paying an annual domain name fee.*
- *Players continue to register on the website through a parent/guardian. There doesn't appear to be a use of or need for juniors to register themselves at this point, they probably text, BBM and Facebook each other anyway so we probably don't need to use that option and can just stick parental registration to simplify things.*
- *We have 41 unique members which includes: 35 supporters; 10 club members; 36 players; 3 staff; 3 coaches; 6 webmasters and 4 team admins. At the moment there is a team admin for each year group (also acts as team coach). We may need a new team admin for the extra year group.*
- *AAS now links to England Netball, Surrey Netball, Ashtead Football Club and Ashtead Cricket Club.*
- *AAS comes up first on a search in Google and appears on the websites of Surrey Netball, Ashtead Football Club, Surrey Family Information Directory and Pitchero. We could ask members to ask other clubs they are members of to link to us.*
- *If payments are moved online we will need a volunteer to take over this role.*

Publicity

- *We produced a generic poster and a Mayfair flyer earlier this year to advertise the club to newcomers.*
- *For the end of season fundraiser we produced an AAS banner and a press release and AAS featured in the following week's Leatherhead Advertiser. The AAS banner is hung permanently at the rec.*

CR to continue overseeing the website only. There is a need for someone else to take over as publicity officer. JA to approach Louise/others re taking on publicity role

JA

It was discussed whether email or Pitchero should be used for contacting parents re availability for matches. It was decided to continue using email for now.

8. Kit Secretary's Report

Kit secretary to order 20XXS skorts in anticipation for next season's new players
SP

Black leggings/white top(skins) for cold weather. RP to email out any good weblinks for obtaining same.

RP

Kit to stay as it is

Suggestion to recycle kit players have grown out of, at the beginning of the season. Sam Peel to action

SP

9. Fixtures Secretary Report

Last season saw us establishing ourselves with other netball clubs in the Nonsuch league and developing contacts both with other league teams and teams in the local area.

Friendlies were arranged with Fetcham Hawks, Dorking, Fairlands/Banstead Juniors, Oxshott, Tiffin, Downs and Cobham. All year groups had the opportunity to have at least 1 friendly match.

Next season we would like to build relationships with existing contacts and continue to develop new contacts whilst keeping within reasonable travelling distance. Initial contact has already been made with Weybridge Vandals and High 5.

There is a possible opportunity of a local junior league starting organised by Dorking Netball Club for years 7-10 with regular Sunday morning matches at Friends Life in Dorking with other teams such as Cobham, Focus, Oxshott, Fetcham which would give our older girls extra match play and practice. This would replace friendlies with those teams unless there is a desire for more games.

I will be making contact with teams over the summer months and once the Nonsuch league match dates are confirmed, I will start to arrange the friendlies around these dates with the aim of putting together a fixtures list for the season. Please feedback any ideas or suggestions to me at mcarthur@tesco.net.

Aim is for 4 friendlies per year, per age group.

LMc

Aim: for a fixture list at the beginning of the season. League fixtures are announced in September. It was noted that it is difficult to get other clubs to commit to friendlies early on in the season

LMc

10. Child Welfare's Officer's Report

From a child welfare point of view I have very little to report.

There have been no incidents or problems with safeguarding reported to me during the past season. All safeguarding requirements appear to have been adhered to.

11. U12/U13 Coach's Report

This has been a tricky group to manage. There is a huge range of ability and also a huge range of commitment levels. With 23 in the age group, we thought that we could easily enter 2 teams into the League. This wasn't the case. We played different combinations of girls for every match,

depending on who was available, and often having to draw from girls in lower age groups, or girls who had only just joined the club. I was often still phoning around Saturday evening to sort out teams for the Sunday morning. Some girls had other sporting commitments, hockey, football, swimming etc. and some girls had just arranged other things, and some girls who turned up did not always have the right attitude - maybe this is the 'teenage' effect. For these reasons I would like to suggest that next season we only put one team into the League, and girls will have to fight for these places. I also need parents to commit to the dates of the 4 League Sundays, which we tell everyone at the beginning of the season.

It wasn't all bad, there was some great netball played, and I am hoping that if we have a more structured squad next season, and some indoor training, then we can play even better. My committed and dedicated U12s usually made up the U13 B team. It was always going to be tricky for them, but as always they did their very best. Next season we are hoping to enter the U12s into their own age group, so we are looking for new U12 players.

This age group played friendlies against Dorking, Fetcham, Tiffin, Oxshott and Downs.

U13 A team : 8th in the League, Won 3 Lost 6

U13 B team : 8th in the League, Won 2 Lost 7

12. U11 Coach's Report

We began the season by selecting two squads, based on ability. Teams Vega and Polaris were formed. The girls played in the Nonsuch High 5, U11s league, and had a great season, even with the challenging weather at times. Team Vega played consistently well all season and finished in a fantastic third place, receiving their medals at the last tournament of the season. Team Polaris found the beginning of the season a little trickier, but by the end they were playing brilliantly and won 2 out of their last 3 matches, finishing a credible 8th in the league.

We have had a number of 7 a-side friendlies this season which have also gone incredibly well for us, putting Ashtead All Stars firmly on the map with the larger, more established clubs. The excellent level of play was confirmed at the end of season tournament in Farnborough, with Team Vega coming an amazing third out of 14 teams, who had travelled from many different counties for the event, only narrowly missing out on reaching the final by one goal.

The improvement and development of all the girls has been wonderful to see this season. They all take their netball seriously and want to improve. Great friendships have developed too, with the girls all wanting to do well for each other. I couldn't be more proud of their development and successes this year and have high hopes for their future success. I'm especially looking forward to the opportunity to work with the squads indoors next season, which I hope will hugely benefit them all.

13. U10 Coach's Report

The under 10s had a fantastic first season, enduring some of the most challenging weather conditions both for training and their league matches. We entered two teams into the Nonsuch junior league, calling them Draco and Orion. At this age, the girls play high 5 netball, which means that they switch places across the court during the course of a game to develop their understanding of all the key positions in a netball team. For many of our girls, this was their first experience of a competitive sport. They revelled in their wins and were sometimes a little despondent when they lost out to a stronger team. Out of a field of nine teams, we performed admirably, with the teams coming in fourth (Orion) and fifth (Draco) place.

All members of the squad made tremendous progress throughout the season as they developed their core netball skills. Jane and I were delighted to see them arrive enthusiastic and keen to learn each week. They all really got to grips with the skills they needed and got real enjoyment out of the exercises and drills developed.

In addition to the league matches, we arranged a few friendly matches and are hoping to expand upon these next year for the squad who will then be playing as under 11s.

Thanks goes to the parents who supported our teams from the side lines, shouting words of encouragement to all.

14. Training, matches and discussion of plans for next season, for each age group

The club structure for 2013/4 including coaches and training times is in a separate document entitled 'Club Structure for 2013 2014' which is being sent as another attachment with these minutes.

In summary, training for next season on a Monday evening at Ashtead Rec to be as follows: -

U10s – 4.00 – 5.00pm
U11s – 5.00 – 6.00pm
U12 s - 6.00 – 7.00pm
U13s - 6.00 – 7.00pm
U14s – 7.00 - 8.00pm

Teenage helpers will be required

JA

An alternative, if any parent wanted to stay and help

JA

For the 2013/4 season, the U14s will have one team only in the Nonsuch league. Aiming for B division if possible.

JA

U13s will have one team, again aiming for B division of Nonsuch league

JA

U12s will continue to have two selective teams – Vega and Polaris

U11s continue to play in the Nonsuch High 5 league. However, this year their teams – Orion and Draco - will be selective.

U10s next season. Agreed that league matches are to be mixed ability teams. Teams may be selected for friendly matches.

Squad Training will be on Wednesday evenings 6-7pm at Downsend School sports hall. Specific squads to train fortnightly. More details on the Club Structure document attached. Wednesday training dates will be given in advance. Cost of £5 per session

15. New Member's Booklets

JT to print booklets for new players. Email updated sheets to existing players.

JT

16. Any Other Business