

8th AAS Annual General Meeting 2018 to 2019 Season

Thursday 9th May 2019

Committee Attendees: Jane Arnett (JA), Jane Davies (JD), Natalie Marchant (NM), Emma Feltham (EF), Sally Grimshaw (SG), Kelly Durbridge (KD), Ruth Parkinson (RP), Becks McRobb (RM), Pip Wilford (PW), Jonelle Bester (JB), Monica Church (MC), Belinda Bryan (BB), Kate Cordery (KC), Sarah Hallett (SH), David Grimshaw (DG)

Others Present: Matt Timblin (MT), Elaine Taylor (ET), Fiona Ford

Apologies: Emma Wakelin (EW), Sam Peel (SP), Linda Shirley (LS), Helen Hazell (HH), Katy Bridgens (KB)

1. Welcome and Introduction from the Chair

JA began the meeting thanking everyone for attending, particularly the non-committee member, Fiona Ford.

2. Agreement of last season's AGM minutes

Minutes from the last AGM were agreed.

3. Appointment of Officers

The following appointments and people were voted in:

- Assistant Treasurer – Katy Bridgens
- Social Media Officer – Kelly Durbridge
- Health & Safety Officer – Matt Timblin
- U13 Admin – Matt Timblin
- U11 Admin – Elaine Taylor
- Minis Admin – Helen Hazell
- Walking Netball Admin – Linda Shirley

The resulting committee for 2018/2019 is as follows:

Executive Committee (5 members)

Chair: **Jane Arnett**

Vice Chair: **Natalie Marchant**

Membership Secretary and Data Protection Lead (DPL): **Monica Church**

Treasurer: **Jane Davies**

Child Welfare Officer: **Sarah Hallett**

Head Coach: **Jane Arnett**

Management Committee

Events Officer: David Grimshaw

Kit Secretary: Sam Peel

Publicity Officer: Becks McRobb

Web Manager: Sally Grimshaw

Assistant Treasurer: Katy Bridgens

Club Administrator: Emma Feltham

Umpiring Secretary: Kelly Durbridge

Social Media Officer: Kelly Durbridge

Ladies Admin: Pip Wilford

Health & Safety Officer: Matt Timblin

U15/U16 Admin: Belinda Bryan

U14 Admin: Kelly Durbridge

U13 Admin: Matt Timblin

U12 Admin: Emma Wakelin

U11 Admin: Elaine Taylor

U10 Admin: Kate Cordery

AAS Minis Rep: Helen Hazell

Walking Netball Rep: Linda Shirley

Coaches: Jane Arnett, Natalie Marchant, Ruth Parkinson, Kelly Durbridge, Jonelle Bester

JA would like to the Kit Secretary role to include taking care of the shed. Also, ordering equipment such as balls, whistles, bibs, etc. It was suggested that a parent from the minis could be recruited to assist SP.

4. Chair's Report by JA

At the end of our eighth season, I am now looking at Ashted All Stars as an unstoppable force of nature – a bit like a snowball gathering more and more snow on its way. We can look back with pride and look forward with excitement. Our achievements, club wide, are many.

To mention just a few this year...

- 2 newly qualified Level 1 coaches
- 2 newly qualified Level 2 coaches
- A Golden Globe for our Junior Volunteer nomination
- The advent of AAS Walking Netball
- A 90 strong World Cup Tour to Liverpool
- Numerous AAS girls in Surrey U12, U13 and U15 Academies
- Kit being sold in a shop
- A sign to mark our permanent residence at Downsends
- A man on our committee
- First ever win against Richmond Ravers
- All this, and of course lots of happy girls, numerous medals and numerous trophies

The club is going from strength to strength. To validate the good work we already do, we are now working towards our Silver CAPS accreditation. This is a lot of paperwork, and I would like to thank Monica Church and Sarah Hallett who is working hard in the background for this to happen. We are hoping to achieve this accreditation in September. The idea is that this will be our Stepping stone to Gold. If we achieve Gold we will be the first club in Surrey to do so. It goes without saying that this will therefore be my next challenge, which will hopefully coincide with our 10th anniversary.

Thank you so much to all the fantastic committee and supportive parents who work so hard to make the club what it is.

5. Treasurers Report (JD)

JD circulated the accounts.

JD proposed an increase in subs across all age groups. This could be done by keeping the club membership fee at its current rate next season, when members start to pay affiliation fees direct to England Netball. Due to the different affiliation costs,

the proposed increase varied across the age groups from between approximately 8%-27% and caused some discussion throughout the committee.

JA/NM have prepared a detailed breakdown of costs and it is clear that even with the proposed increase in subs, Ashtead All Stars still represents extremely good value for money per session. Subs have not been increased in the past despite the increase in costs, including court hire. Players are now also receiving more for their money, including training sessions with Super League players.

The committee voted unanimously to increase subs.

When communicating the increase to parents/players it is important to explain clearly the need for the increase as well as including the cost per session. The club may also consider offering staged payments.

JD plans to give more regular, detailed financial updates throughout the year.

Committee to look at further options for raising funds, such as employee matching schemes and sponsorship. ALL

A consistent message is required for the financial buffer. It was suggested that this should not increase above 25% of turnover, although some research is required to confirm this. The buffer can also be written into the club's constitution.

6. Secretary's Report (MC)

Ashtead All Stars Club Secretary Update

Total active members = 250

Leavers=11

There is an increase in membership due to the addition of the 'Walking netball' squad, which began in January 2019. All age groups are full for next season.

Waiting list update

We have 120 girls currently on the waiting list; this is across all ages from U8-U14's. I anticipate that this number will probably increase over the summer as parents start to think ahead to next year. We have updated the information on the website about the waiting and trial list process. All enquiries are logged on a spreadsheet and an email response is sent to the parent usually within 48hrs confirming receipt. I send Jane and the coaches regular updates of the waiting list.

Trials for 2019/20

We trialled the YR4, YR5 & YR7's in March just before the end of the season. This was because of the number of girls on the waiting list, but also any girls given places would have the opportunity to join Jane's summer netball get some match-play practice and meet the other girls ahead of the new season starting. We may hold more trials in June, but this would depend on how many spaces are released by any leavers.

Contact lists & registers

The master list is updated regularly, and year group versions are sent out to admins and coaches on request. All documents are password protected.

Update on Projects for 2019/20 Season

CAPS Silver Award- Club Accreditation Planning Scheme

We have been promoted to the 'Silver' award and have been working throughout the year with our EN liaison Lottie Sudell, on putting together the documentation required to complete this. This has included drafting a matrix of all the roles and responsibilities, updating existing documents such as our constitution, safeguarding processes, player programme, policies and adopting new ones, but most importantly documenting our club's future within a 5- year plan. We are on track to get this signed off in September 2019, just in time for the new season!

GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation)

As many of you are aware the new EU legislation came into force last year on May 25th 2018. In order to be compliant with this new law, the GDPR sub-committee reviewed our club practices; from how we stored people's data to how we sent emails. We updated the club's privacy policy to ensure that it covered the aspects relevant for a mixed-aged sports club and

had it written in a way that our youngest members could understand. The privacy policy is available to everyone and is listed on the club website: <http://www.ashteadallstars.com/-club-policies.html>

Engage- England Netball website (new!)

EN have built a new website *Engage* which will replace the existing *My Net*. Jane and I attended a meeting about this on Saturday 4 May. The impetus for this change is to simplify the membership administration process and offer clubs a 'one-stop shop' system that they can use to help them run their clubs more efficiently. The main benefits to clubs are:

- ***Affiliations** (now called membership) - are to be paid directly to EN by the individual either by credit/debit card or by setting up a direct debit. **This no longer the responsibility of the club to administer.** Though we may look at setting up laptops at one of the summer netball sessions to assist parents.
- **Access**- dependant on your role within the club you will have access certain functions in the Engage system.
- **Competition management**- all associated paperwork in one place! This will only be an option for us to use if our leagues sign up to this.
- **Communication**- there is a secure email option through Engage.
- **Finance section**- club subscriptions can be paid, county fees etc. There is also reporting functionality to assist with collections.
- **GDPR compliant**- secure database that will hold members details, so no need for contact, membership forms etc. Paperless!
- **Kit**- packages can be created, but this is a work in progress so probably not available in the first waive.
- **Website template**- we don't need this, but we can embed a link on our website to Engage.
- **Qualification tracker**- record of all training details in one secure place.

The timeline for implementation is July- September 2019, with a members pre-check to start sometime in May. The only aspect that is compulsory for clubs at this stage is the **renewal or setting up of the membership (affiliation) process**. An email has been drafted for the parents explaining the changes and this will be distributed in due course.

DG asked if we knew the reasons for the 11 leavers and was advised there was nothing concerning and considered to be natural attrition.

7. Child Welfare Officer's Report (SH)

Training

This season I have completed the training required for the role. (Safeguarding in Sport and Time to listen) During the training, it became apparent that as club we instinctively do a lot of what was being taught. I came away very proud of Ashtead All Stars.
One area we could look to improve going forward is including the players in decision making.

Accident Reporting

It is important as a club that we keep a record of all accidents/incidents that happen during training and matches. We introduced a shorter accident report this season and going forward we will ask the captains parent/ admin to complete the forms at tournaments and matches (which will be stored in the green first aid bags).

Policy Updates from EN

As and when England Netball policies are updated, I have and will continue to update the committee. After feedback from the coaching team, it is felt that parents and players should be reminded of the AAS Codes of conduct and sharing photos on social media policies at the beginning of the new season. Re-reminding them if and when it is required.

DBS, Safeguarding and First Aid Training

I now have a record of all DBS renewal dates and Safeguarding/ first Aid training dates and will let you know when you need to renew.

CAPS

Safeguarding is a big part of the Silver CAPS requirement.
I have been working to pull together all the policies we need to implement for our Silver Award.

Before the New Season starts we will have a safeguarding page on the website (explaining what safeguarding is and who to contact etc.) with all the relevant policies.

8. Head Coach's Report (JA)

This season we have benefitted from having some guest coaches. Jo Trip provided some pre-season training for us, and has coached at three squad nights. Sophie Hankin came to do a Shooting Masterclass for us on a Friday evening. These sessions have been extremely successful so we intend to provide more next season. We have already booked in Jo Trip to provide another pre-season training, 31st August and 1st September, and we hope to organise more Friday night masterclasses.

This year the workload has been heavy on the coaches, as always, but we are still happy to continue as is. We have managed to organise the rota for next season already, and it appears to work. Only when we find an appropriate external coach who we are confident will coach the AAS way, with the AAS ethos, will we take on anyone new. In the meantime, we are busy training up our own coaches. Lucy, Alia and Amelia have been my apprentices this year and Lucy and Alia are now qualified Level 1 coaches. Next season we have three more u16s interested in learning to be coaches, so we will be helping them to achieve their goal, whilst at the same time our girls benefit from having multiple coaches.

We should be proud that as a predominantly non-selective club, we are able to achieve so much with our girls. We are of course extremely proud of our girls, but I have to thank the coaches who put their hearts and souls into their coaching, and the results are self-evident.

9. Kit Secretary's Report (SP)

Having moved the kit to the Kit shop in Fetcham this has proved successful. Andy is happy to continue for the next season.

He has paid for outstanding stock that he took from us (a cost of £1695.47), he continues to pay for the match kit on an ongoing basis. Unfortunately, he is unable to make the match kit yet, so this still has to be ordered via Team colours.

Unfortunately, we have lost the sponsor for the waterproofs.

Does the shop have enough kit for next season?

10. Website Officer's Report (SG)

The "Go Daddy.com" subscription has a year left to run, but the AAS Secretary email will need renewing in June.

The website was updated and refreshed in the summer before the start of the season. The aim throughout the season has been to have the weekly update and all results on the site by Monday evening. The scrolling ticker on the home page is updated with current information and there is also a link to the twitter feed. A "Policies page" has been created and a "Safeguarding page" to be created for the new season 2019/20.

With only 1 year left on the contract it may be time to look at alternative providers – possibly England Netball's new "Engage" system.

Committee to check that all details are up-to-date on the web site.

11. Publicity Officer's Report (RM)

It's been a great year, with lots of coverage in the Leatherhead Advertiser. Also, nice pieces in the Ashted Village News. For next season, please can the team admins/managers ensure that I get some info about matches, achievements with high res photos sent to me on Sunday evenings. We will also not include girls' names on photos going forward.

12. Events Officer's Report (DG)

Thanks to Events team: Jane Arnett, Becks McRobb, Pip Wilford, Matt Timblin, Andy Nash

Events held since 2018 AGM

- 1) High 5 Tournament, 8th December 2018
 - 80 players attended
 - All umpires provided by the club, feedback from parents and coaches was positive with coaches able to spend more time with the players
 - Use of Downsends Pavilion for registration and refreshments regarded as a success
- 2) End of Season Tournament, 28th April 2019
 - Well attended event
 - Feedback from parents and coaches was positive with coaches able to spend more time with the players

Planned Events

- 1) Netball World Cup, 13th / 14th July 2019
 - 90 players / parents attending, final payments dues by end of April
 - Hotel and coach booked (balance to pay)
 - Any Safeguarding / Health and Safety issues to consider?
- 2) End of Season / World Cup BBQ, 21st July 2019
 - Family BBQ for AAS members, family and friends held on Netball World Cup Finals day
 - Ashted FC Clubhouse booked (£150 including bar staff)
 - [Cost?]

Future Events

- 1) High 5 Tournament, December 2019 (repeated annually)
 - Checklist created for future tournaments
 - Ideally need to find a couple of parents from Yr4 – 7 to lead organising
- 2) End of Season Tournament, April 2019 (repeated annually)
 - Checklist created for future tournaments
 - Suggestions to enhance further include timekeeper adjacent to astro-turf courts, registration lists in alphabetical order and a bar
- 3) World Record Attempt, [Date tbc] 2020
 - Aim to involve all available club members and parents
 - Preference for longest netball match (72hrs, 5mins) and requested details from Guinness
 - Target end of Summer holidays 2020 or October half term 2020
- 4) AAS, 10yr Anniversary event, [Date tbc] 2021
 - Potential Options
 - Butlins (or similar) where we have previously attended netball tournaments and hold end of season tournament followed by dinner
 - 'Festival' type event held at local camping site with family BBQ
 - Formal dinner

KD suggested a quiz night for girls and parents be added to future events.

The possibility of purchasing a beer tent for events was raised.

13. Umpiring Secretary's Report (KD)

Always a hard job at the beginning of the season especially with the adults as you want to lock in as many umpires as you can! A harder task next season as we have more adult teams to cover. In general, we have a great set of umpires willing to help our club.

A bit disappointing with regards to the junior umpires this season and their availability to umpire throughout various fixtures. Whilst girls are all keen to umpire at first, umpiring is not for everyone and it takes a lot of commitment over a very long period of time.

We have another bunch of girls coming through the umpiring programme this Summer and with a new umpiring policy in place, I hope that the girls will be committed next season.

Finally, there is an Into Officiating Course in May which a few of our girls are booked onto.

A huge thank you to Linda, Teresa, Lucy M and Charlotte C for mentoring our girls this season.

14. AAS Ladies' Report (NM)

This season saw the introduction of a C team in the Kingston League, in addition to our current A and B teams in the Kingston and Surrey Leagues. This has meant we have been able to offer matches to all our adults, as well as introducing several U15s and one U14 to the adult leagues. Next season, we are hoping to add a second C team into the Surrey League to accommodate the girls moving up.

I am pleased to report that we have had great success this year, with the Surrey League A and B teams, both winning their divisions totally unbeaten all season. We have been approached by the league with a tentative offer to promote our As up to Division 2, as a team has withdrawn, a jump of four divisions and our Bs to move up three divisions to take the place of our A team. There are obviously many scenarios for the league to consider, but we are very much hopeful that this promotion will come off. In the tougher Kingston league, all three teams performed brilliantly, with the As finishing top of their division, with only one loss all season and the Bs finishing in second place, only three points behind a strong Guildford Team, meaning that both the As and Bs will also be promoted next season. Our Cs, with a different team combination every match, also performed fantastically well, finishing in fourth place, a great achievement in their first season.

I couldn't be happier with how the adult section is progressing. To be winning divisions so emphatically this season, is a testament to how far we have moved on in just four seasons. For the younger girls, to be playing alongside our adults and girls who are a year or two older, has been a wonderful learning experience and is bringing them on in leaps and bounds. They are confident in coping with the much more physical aspects of game and are happily giving as good as they get. This has been invaluable for the girls who are still playing junior netball too, as they are able to transfer these skills into their junior leagues.

I am very hopeful that our promotions next year will keep the players motivated all season and will progress their play on to the next level, moving our adult section into the realms of the top divisions, which is an incredibly exciting prospect. So few other clubs are able to give their young players the opportunity to play regularly at this level, so I'm thrilled that we have been able to achieve this for our girls. To enable us to compete at this level, we are planning to restructure our training next year, as we will have even more players to accommodate. I will train the A and B squads and Kelly will train the large C squad, alternating between indoor and outdoor training each week. For those who don't want to play matches, or maybe are not ready for the squads, we are also introducing a match play session every Wednesday.

Finally, a huge thank you goes out to Pip Wilford for running all the admin for the teams once again this year. Pip, I couldn't do it without you! With three teams out each Saturday, I'm not able to go to every match logistically, so a big thank you also goes to Kelly and our adults, who take on the responsibility of looking after the younger girls at these fixtures. Your help is hugely appreciated.

15. U15/16 Report (NM)

The 2018/19 season saw a change in the way we trained the U15/16s. After trials we split the group into a squad and non-squad group, with me taking on the squad girls and Kelly taking responsibility for the non-squad. Although some were disappointed not to be training with their friends any more, the change has been incredibly successful for the squad, with our sessions being more finely structured to the needs and ability of the girls we are coaching. The impact this has had on the level the squad girls are playing at, has been immense.

At the start of the season, we struggled to get our usual teams into Nonsuch, with the league giving priority to other new clubs' A teams, so we were at risk of not getting a B team into the league. However, as the U16A division is such a high standard, many clubs were reluctant to put their A teams into it, which enabled us to gain a place in this division for our Bs. We also were given a place in the U15 division, where again we were playing against many other clubs' A teams. All our girls performed brilliantly, with our As taking home the silver medal and our Bs coming 7th in this extremely tough division. Our U15s came a fantastic 5th in theirs. I have made a request to the league for independent umpires to be utilised for this year group next season, as on a couple of occasions, the outcome of the match was undoubtedly decided by the umpires and not the play, which potentially cost our As the league. I very much hope that this change will be implemented.

At Mid-Surrey we had fantastic success, with our Bs winning gold in their division and the As picking up the silver. I'm hoping that next season, we will be able to get a C team into this league, to give even more of our girls the opportunity of matches.

This season also saw a squad of 12 girls taking part in the County League at Cranleigh for the first time. This league is for the top 16 club teams in Surrey and is split into two divisions. Unfortunately, the qualifying tournament was rained off in September, so, as a new club, we were placed in the B division. This league was a massive success for us, with the girls taking home the silver medal.

It has been a pleasure to coach these girls this season. They have been focused, hard-working and keen to learn and the progress they have made has been superb, competing at the highest level of club netball Surrey has to offer. Both year groups gelled fairly well, although there will always be room for improvement with this, but they have been a happy bunch, with a lovely camaraderie amongst the girls and no issues with discipline. It's been great!

16. U14 Report (JA)

The U14s have always been the Bridesmaid and never the Bride, until this season. The U14A won all of their 9 matches at Nonsuch and scooped GOLD which they truly and thoroughly deserved. The U14B were equally fantastic, achieving SILVER in the B Division, narrowly missing out on Gold on Goal Difference only. I couldn't have been more proud of the two teams.

Unfortunately we were unable to get a C team into either the Nonsuch League or the Mid Surrey League this year, and although this was disappointing for some, there were not enough girls to be able to sustain a C team in all the matches. We organised a couple of friendlies against other clubs and against our own teams during training, and some of the C team girls had opportunities to play up when required.

The Mid Surrey League was also successful, with SILVER medals for the A team. It was more of a struggle for the B team who were playing in the A Division. This was a deliberate move because they won the B division so easily the previous year. The girls played really well, had some close games, and came 7th overall.

The girls will now be entering the mixed U15/U16 age group. I know the girls are slightly nervous about the mixed age group, but they should be confident as they have every opportunity to do well. We have structured the mixed age group so that everyone who enjoys the club and enjoys playing netball will be able continue to enjoy themselves.

At the end of the season, schools and clubs were invited to nominate two players from the u14 age group to attend U15 Surrey trials. Amazingly 8 of our girls are through to trial. This is a fantastic achievement for the girls. We are very proud of them and wish them all the best in their upcoming trials.

I will be watching the progress of the girls next season and look forward to seeing what they can achieve.

17. U13 Report (KD)

Following last year's success, it was always going to be hard to follow that. However, we didn't disappoint.
A Team won Bronze in the Nonsuch League and Gold in Mid Surrey League
B Team won Silver in the Mid Surrey League
C Team won Gold in the Nonsuch League.

We had eight girls in the Surrey programme this season. Four in the Satellite and Four in the Development academies.

We started off with four teams in this age group and with a handful of girls leaving at the beginning half of the season (due to other commitments) it went down to three. A, B and C. We had a D team entered in the Nonsuch league and we managed to field this every week (albeit with illegal players) to ensure everyone (us and other teams) got matches. A special thank you to the U12s who have filled in for us throughout the season.

18. U12 Report (JA)

The season kicked off with one U12 side entering a pre-season opener tournament in Sussex. The team played in a round robin of 10 teams, won 8 games, drew 1, and received Silver medals just losing out on Gold on goal difference. What a start to the season!

This year we were unlucky in the Nonsuch League draw in that we had to play our U12A and U12B both in the A Division. The U12A did really well and received Bronze medals, but it was a struggle for the U12B team. Unfortunately they lost two key players early on, and that coupled with unavailability issues made it even harder. However, AAS team spirit pulled the girls through and the girls were rewarded with two fabulous wins on the last day of the season. Next season I will be fighting hard to have an A team in the A Division and the B team in the B Division which will be much more comfortable. The U12C team played in the C Division and enjoyed some good standard games, winning some and losing some and finishing midway in the results table.

It was a similar story in the Mid Surrey League. Again, we had both our U12A and our U12B in the A Division, and our U12C in the B Division. This was the only way we were able to get 3 teams into the League. We will need to review this next year. Although this allows us 3 teams in the League, the downside is that again the U12B have had an uphill struggle and this can be demoralising.

In this group most girls work hard as they really want to learn, but there are a few who mess about and don't take it too seriously. It is very clear that those in the former group have improved dramatically, and many of those in the latter group have not improved at all. Next season I will be splitting the group into ability groups/hard working groups a lot more than I have done this season, and it is up to the girls to determine which group they will put in.

I am lucky to have a great, supportive and appreciative bunch of parents who are always offering to help and offering to buy me coffees.

I love my U12 group and look forward to the next season.

19. U11 Report (JB)

This, the last season of High-5 netball for the girls, was a very exciting year.

In September 2018 we kicked off with a season opener tournament in Brighton – and the girls came third on the day. This set the tone for loads of fun and entertaining netball ahead.

Our U11's played in both the Nonsuch and Mid-Surrey leagues. As with the U10's we had two teams in the A-division and one team in the B-division.

Our Black team was unbeaten in the Mid-Surrey league and won gold; they came second in the Nonsuch league and won the end of season Nonsuch Tournament.

Our Purple team, who were drawn in a tough A-division, fought fervently, with lots of passion and came 6th in the Mid-Surrey league and 7th in the Nonsuch league. Our White team came a fantastic and well deserved 4th in the Mid-Surrey league and 7th in the B-division of the Nonsuch league.

Star players of the season was Libby Taylor, Emily Low and Evie Hazell and most improved players were Emma Flint, Louise Montgomerie and Phoebe Davies.

The format of High-5, love it or loath it, has ensured that we have a group of tremendous all-rounders, who are fit and adaptable at any position on court. They are ready for 7-a-side netball and are looking forward to a new chapter in their netball career with coach Jane Arnett.

I would like to thank my assistant coach Lucy Townsend who endured the winter with me and helped me develop the girls' skills. Also – Emma Wakelin our administrator – who has done a stellar job in organising me and the team. I could not have done it without you both – many thanks.

20. U10 Report (JB)

The U10's started the season with their first taste of competitive High-5 netball at the Nonsuch league. Due to the setup of the league we had two teams in the A division and one team in the B division. This made for very tricky team selections as not only were some of the girls new to netball, majority had never played a competitive match before and then we also really struggled with player availability for those initial league matches. During the first initial matches, a few U'9 players had to step up to help out. Although we had trials in the summer, we had to trial again mid-September to ensure we could put out full teams in the future. Our club secretary Monica did a brilliant job in getting all new girls registered and affiliated within a couple of days.

Our year group size grew to 27 girls with a very wide range of netball abilities. Coaching such a wide range of abilities could have been a challenge had it not been for the devoted volunteer help from Martha McRobb and Lauryn Campbell and later on in the season Faye Ranger. Many thanks to you.

The girls were all extremely committed to their training – even on those extremely cold, wet and icy evenings, they still turned up and gave it their best to develop and progress.

Our Black team, in the A-division at Nonsuch, grew stronger and stronger and by the end of the season they'd won Bronze for the league and Bronze at the Nonsuch end of season tournament.

Our Purple team, also in the A-division, had a tough season. The teams in the division were strong, but the girls never gave up and still enjoyed their netball. They came 6th in the Nonsuch league.

Our White team with majority of the girls in the team new to netball, came 7th in the B-division.

The star players of the season were Jocelyn Busby, Karla-Vie van Jaarsveld, Isla Dymock and the girls who improved the most were Martha Gale, Ella Coghlan and Scarlett Matthews. Well done to you all.

Next season we will be playing in the Mid Surrey and Nonsuch leagues giving us 8 league days during the season. Early commitment from parents will be vital as new league rules do not allow for much movement of players between teams.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank Jana Moffett our year group administrator for all her wonderful help and support during the season.

21. U9 Report (KD)

Nearly every Saturday I have had a full attendance for this age group. These girls are a very committed, happy and talented bunch and I do hope they all return next season. In the first half of the season we played some friendlies against City of London Freeman's School which proved to be a great experience for all the girls. We won one match (17-0) and lost the other (3-1) Fantastic results considering a lot of the girls hadn't played any matches or netball before. I have really tested them this season, often coaching them skills that I have taught my older groups and they have responded fantastically.

We had 31 girls on the waiting list to join this age group in September and myself, the Club Secretary and Chairperson had lots of discussions on what we were going to do. We ended up holding trials and we were amazed at how much talent was on display. It made selection very, very hard! After more lengthy discussion, we decided to change the structure for next season and have a match play squad and a development squad, with each squad having a dedicated coach. We offered 15 places. So far 11 have accepted and four have declined due to going to other clubs. We have currently not offered any more places as we are waiting for the current girls to confirm if they are returning next year. There is a possibility of course that we will not need to change the structure depending on how many girls return, etc.

I have entered an U9 match play squad into the Elite Youth Netball League in Farnborough this Summer. They are playing up in an U10 division. Currently, we have only played our first fixtures but they won all their matches quite comfortably so far, so fingers crossed we keep this momentum going.

I'm really looking forward to next season and what this age group can bring.

A massive thank you to Kate for being the Minis admin.

22. U8 Report (RP)

Running for a number of years now, the minis 'section' of the club is thriving, introducing our youngest players to the game we love and enjoy. For many of our under 8s, joining minis is their first introduction to netball. At the start of the season, skills and abilities vary as does their knowledge of the game, the playing positions and the rules. Week by week, we work on the core skills required to play including catching, throwing, footwork, shooting, defending and movement around the court, using a variety of drills and practices which get the girls working in small groups or pairs. At the same time, we build their knowledge of the court, the player positions and the rules such that they are soon able to end each training session with a match. Using other drills and exercises help to build their stamina, flexibility, balance and core strength, our focus is to build all round capabilities whilst ensuring they all are having fun!

It is always pleasing to see how rapidly they progress and the December high 5 tournament, now a regular fixture in the season provides the match practice that helps cement in part the skills they have been working on.

This year for the first time, we arranged some high 5 matches with a local school during our usual training session. This was appreciated by the players and parents and would be something we would like to do again if possible.

In spite of the inclement weather this winter and spring, the girls' enthusiasm for netball continues unabated and it is a delight to see them literally bound onto the court each. Our teenage helpers are an asset to themselves and our club and play an important role in helping the younger players develop.

We wish them the best of luck as they progress to the U9s.

Walking Netball (JA)

Walking netball has been a huge success with all available places filled very quickly. 22 ladies signed up for a trial term starting in January 2019.

The session has run on a Tuesday evening, 8pm - 9.30pm. As we could only book the Sports Hall from 8.30pm - 9.30pm we decided to start the session on the outside courts for half hour of warm up and drills before going inside for an hour of matchplay. It soon became clear that no one actually wanted to play outside, so the tendency was for the group to turn up late, chat for a bit, and then take to the inside court as soon as it was free.

With this in mind, going forward, our intention is to only book the Sports Hall next season and not the outside courts. The sessions will be reduced to one hour, 8.30pm - 9.30pm. Having worked out the cost of these sessions for a whole season, the pricing structure will be in line with the rest of the club, with the subscription being £120 for the year, with £40 affiliation fees on top.

Linda Shirley, our Walking Netball coach, has agreed to be the Walking Netball Administrator which gives Linda a place on our management committee. We are extremely grateful to Linda who runs this very successful group, and we are delighted to be able to add Walking Netball to the Club's portfolio of activities.

23. Training Schedule for Next Season

Next season's training schedule has been agreed by committee.

24. Administration Schedule for Next Season

Next season's administration schedule will be circulated to members.

25. CAPs

CAPs was covered within the club secretary's report. It was noted that a five year strategic plan is required.

26. Any Other Business

No further business reported.
