

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Date/Time	19 th June 12:30pm 2022	Location	Yew Lodge Hotel, Packington Hill, Kegworth, Derby DE74 2DF		
Attendees	Initials	Representing	Attendees	Initials	Representing
Sue Hunter	SEH	Chair	Louise Key	LK	Fenland NC
Sue Connor	SC	RMB Vice Chair/ Coaching TSG lead	Val Kindred	VK	Leicestershire
Carol Spencer	CS	Competition TSG	Anne Henderson	AH	
Jo Stephenson	JS	Officiating TSG			
Della Louch	DL	Derbyshire County Chair	Zoe Mitchell	ZM	Partnership Manager
Ian Marron	IM	Charnwood Rutland NC	Eleanor Udall	EU	Regional Coordinator

Apologies	Initials	
Liz Broomhead MBE	LB	RMB – Elected Member
Sarah Hollidge	SH	RMB Elected Member
Andrea Scigliano	AS	RMB – Elected Member
Morgan Williams	MW	RMB Appointed Member
Mary Yardley	MY	Volunteer and Club Development TSG

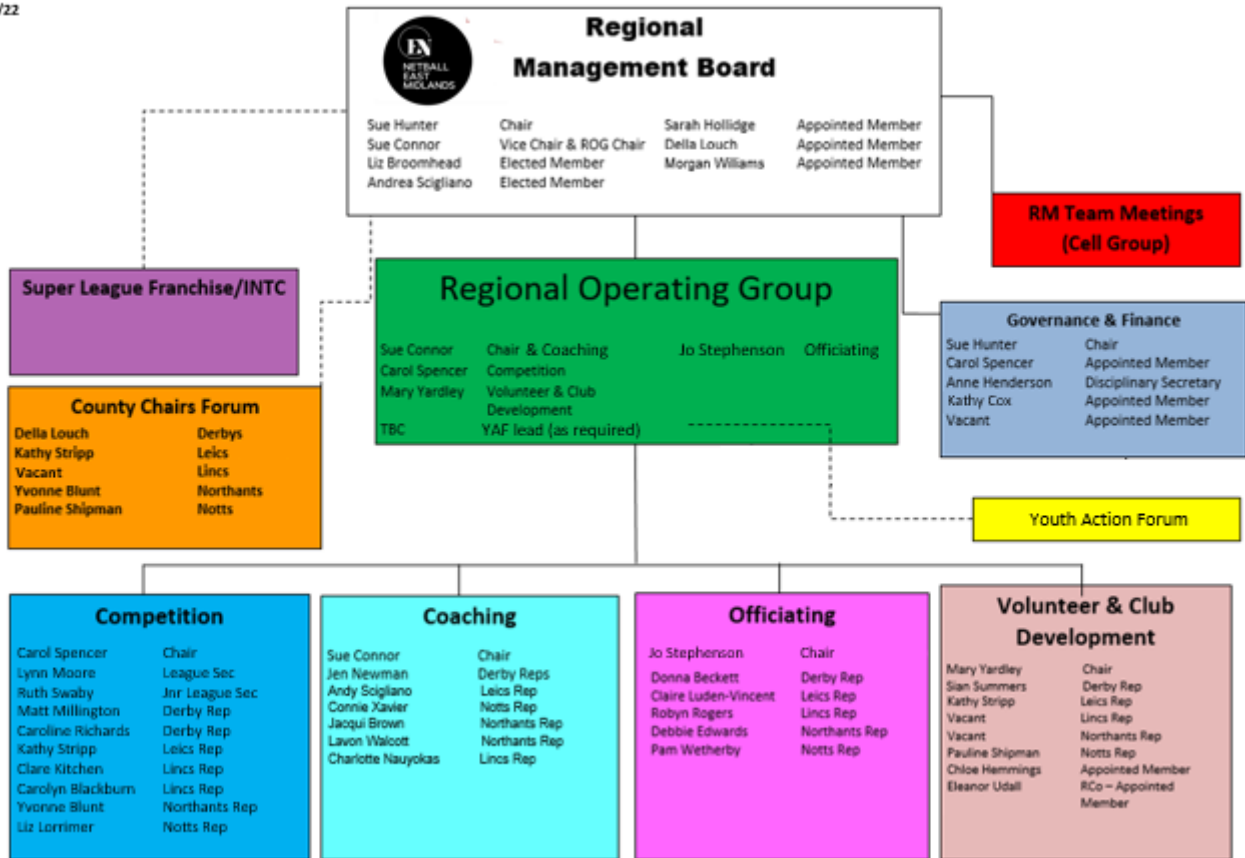
Circulation List
Attendees
Apologies

Ref	Minutes	Led by
1.0	Welcome	SEH
2.0	Apologies – As above	SEH
3.0	Introduction of the Regional Management Board – Regional Management structure diagram displayed -Appendix 1	SEH
4.0	Appointment of Tellers – 2 tellers appointed – SC and VK	SEH
5.0	Voting Strength – 8	SEH
6.0	Minutes of 2021 AGM – These minutes were accepted as a true and correct record - Proposed: SC, Seconded: CS	SEH
7.0	Chair's Report – The chair addressed the meeting and gave her report- Appendix 2. – Special thanks to RMB members, ROG, TSG Chairs and group members, coaches, officials, and all the unsung heroes for all their support and continued hard work throughout the region – Thanks also to all past and present staff members for all you do for the region- Rachel Gregg, Tara Nelson, Zoe Mitchell, Ruby Mahal, Val Kindred, Louise Key, Ruth Pickthorn, Eleanor Udall. – SEH asked attendees to contact her for any interest in new positions of Equity, Diversity & Inclusion volunteer and safe-guarding volunteer.	SEH
8.0	Regional Team and Regional Chair's Presentation – Regional Achievements – Appendix 3 – ZM and EU presented the Regional Office report	ZM EU

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – ZM thanked all those supporting returning netball to court. – VK asked that in future membership breakdown by age was included. – SEH presented key dates coming up in 20-21 – IM queried regional role in Mens and Mixed Netball, SEH clarified the relationship was with England Netball to develop supporting infrastructure and any interest should be directed to England Mens and Mixed Netball Association (EMMNA) 	
9.0	TSG Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – SEH explained all reports were in the AGM pack which had been distributed prior to AGM- Appendix 5 – SC highlighted that the Youth Action Group is to be resurrected as the Youth Action Forum. SC, MY and Izzy Cottrell to lead. 	SHE/SC
10.0	Accounts Report and Acceptance of Accounts Appendix 4 (a&b)	SEH
11.0	Acceptance of Accounts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Floor accepted accounts true and correct. – Agreed: 8, – Accepted as true and accept record. – JS and VK agreed. 	SEH
12.0	Constitution- Proposed Resolutions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 1.2 resolution changes agreed: 8. – 7.3.5 resolution changes agreed: 8. Constitution proposed changes are accepted as true and correct.	SEH
13.0	Nominations and Election of Officers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – No applications received – Re-standing of all board members: agreed: 8. – Acceptance as true and correct- VK and SC agreed – SEH thanks SC and VK as tellers for the meeting. 	SEH
14.0	Vote of Thanks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – VK thanked SEH, East Midlands Staff, RMB members for their work with the hard year its been but that netball could not happen without them. She also personally thanked the region for their contribution to her retirement gift fund. – SEH thanked all those in attendance. 	MY
15.0	Close -1:17pm	SEH

Appendix 1- Regional Management Board Structure Diagram

Updated
19/06/22



Appendix 2- Chair Report 2022

Just thought as I have a captive audience, I would base my Chairs' report on a short history lesson, I am sure this is just what you have all been waiting for with bated breath!!! Then let me begin:

Formed in July 1949, the East Midlands territory as it was then known, comprised Leicestershire & Rutland, Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire. Huntingdonshire was also listed as part of the territory although they did not have a county association. No Derbyshire I hear the mutterings; Sues' dropped the ball again... Well, no I have not, at this time Derbyshire were part of the dark side! Ooooh sorry, I mean West Midlands!!

All joking aside and the end of the lesson, our regional association has been in existence for some 73 years in July. This just illustrates the importance of our netball family, and all credit to our past and present membership, we have survived and flourished to become the "East Midlands Regional Association" a thriving collective today, although I must add thank goodness, we improved our playing uniform and footwear!!



(Photo taken from The All-England Netball Association publication "The Silver Jubilee Book 1901–1926–1951) – Uniform illustrating 1901 & 1949

Survival over the last couple of years for all sport not just netball has been challenging. Covid 19 threatened our very survival, but true to our love of our game, the netball family supported the game, and I am proud to be a member and part of the East Midlands Netball.

Our last face to face AGM was June 2019, as 2020 & 2021 saw us host the AGM via virtual technology, and although this went well, it is so nice to be able to present this year's AGM face to face.

It is a strange year to try to encompass into a report as not all elements of the game were in full operational mode for part of the time. Some competitions such as the under14's & under 16's missed out on their events due to lockdown. Considering this England Netball created the U15 & U17 National Club Cup, this event was played in a completely different format at a different time of year to allow junior teams to play some competitive netball. The competition format was three regional rounds – North, Midlands & South playing from December to February with the winners of each age group travelling to the Copper Box, London and playing prior to the VNSL final @ the Copper Box in London. Charnwood NC won the U17 Midlands round, which was a huge achievement well done to all players, coaches, and team support. Unfortunately, we were not successful in having a representative team in the U15 age group.

In the current season we as a region had two teams in the national Premium league. Charnwood who won division two and were promoted to division one for the forthcoming coming season. Wow! What an achievement, "Huge Congratulations" to all, for their commitment and fantastic results they won fifteen, games, drew two and only lost one game all season. TFC retained their position in league division three, again a fantastic achievement maintaining a mid-table spot well done to all. Going into the forthcoming season, we now have a third regional team representing the East Midlands in the National Premier League, Northants Storm qualified by winning regional league to participate in the national play off's and are now joining Charnwood and TFC in the premium league, the first time ever that the region has had three teams in the premier league at the same time! Good luck to all for the coming season.

This afternoon we are celebrating the amazing contributions made by our volunteers as we host the "One Awards" these awards were previously known as the Golden Globes. This year's selection process was extremely tough for the selection panel as we received ninety nominations for sixty-three individuals in 11 categories. Each nomination was anonymised before being given to the panel and all counties were represented on the selection panel. Many thanks to all members who agreed to undertake what turned out to be a mammoth task, and a massive thank you to all the nominators it is great to see so many volunteers being recognised by being nominated.

This year saw Sport England update and amend the tier one governance requirements that all counties and regions have a duty to meet. We as an association must include two new positions within our structure, one is an Equity, Diversity & Inclusion volunteer and the other is a safeguarding volunteer. The RMB have in the last week gone out to advert to recruit for these positions and welcome application for these posts so can I please ask that members share these requirements across the region.

I would also like to take this opportunity to convey special thanks to RMB members, ROG, TSG Chairs and group members, coaches, officials, and all the unsung heroes for all their support and continued hard work throughout the region, without their sterling efforts we would not have the opportunity to play and participate in our beloved game. I would also like to welcome two new members to the regional management team Morgan Williams (Leicestershire) has taken up an appointed board member position and Kathy Cox (Leicestershire) who has joined us on the Governance & Finance TSG as a general member.

This year has seen our region depleted in staff, we have experienced vacancies for a good period in respect of a Derbyshire/Nottinghamshire NDO and then subsequently, for a lesser period Leicestershire NDO. We have said goodbye to Tara and Rachel NDO's, and subsequently Val Kindred who took retirement earlier this year. We at the end of the second quarter are also saying goodbye to our partnership manager Zoe Mitchell who is moving full time to the West Midlands, however, we will on the 6th of July welcome Donna Palmer to replace Zoe, and indeed this week we have welcomed Ruby Mahal to the post of Leicestershire NDO. The last member of the staff team whom I have not mentioned is by no means last in the sense of the word Eleanor Udall, who as you may or may not know is our regional coordinator, Eleanor is the common denominator that holds us all together. Thank you to you all past and present staff members for all you do for the region.

Before I conclude, the presentation and the TSG reports contained in the AGM pack only give a slight flavour of the amount of work and effort put in by our volunteers and the EN team highlighting our many achievements and successes.

This just leaves me to say to those who are not remaining for the regional "One Awards, thank you for your attendance and a safe journey. To those that are remaining, I hope you have an enjoyable afternoon and thoroughly enjoy the new format.

Sue Hunter
East Midlands
Regional Chair

Appendix 3- East Midlands Regional Office Report

REGIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Charnwood Rutland NC won National Premier League Division 2

Northants Storm promoted to National Premier League 3

TFC Leicester top 5 finish in National Premier League 3

Ashby NC won Club of the Year at the North West Leicestershire Sport and Health Awards

Charnwood Rutland NC won the Midlands round of the National Club Cup

Loughborough Lightning VNSL Runners Up!

Victoria Burgess shortlisted for VNSL Coach of the Year and taking on Head Coach role

Nottingham Trent University Netball Club won Club of the Year at the NTU Sports Awards (again!)

Georgia Walmsley achieved 400 hours for Pass on Your Passion

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REGIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Stacey Howell awarded Level 3 Coaching

Tamsin Armour and Robyn Rogers awarded International Technical Official Award

Sara Bostock and Wendy Broad appointed to the Commonwealth Games (Statistician and Bench Manager respectively)

VNSL appointed umpires along with several international appointments between them: Kate Mann, Kate Stephenson, Lizzie Seywell

Kate Mann reached 50 VNSL matches milestone. Kate Stephenson reached 150 match milestone

Heather Gleadall's role in the Umpire Appointments Panel for Europe Netball Open Challenge on the Isle of Man

VNSL and Roses Reunited appointed Technical Officials: Donna Fenson, Jayne Bell, Jo Ball, Robyn Rogers, Sara Bostock, Tamsin Armour and Wendy Broad

Charlotte Allen (Mollbuzzers) selected for England Mixed Netball Programme with Chereese Naylor (Ripley) as Training Partner

Solomon Wright (Long Easton NC) selected for England Mens Netball programme

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REGIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Jess Monthe and Millie Van Nierop selected for Roses Academy Programme 21-22

Loughborough Lightning U17 finished 4th in NPL

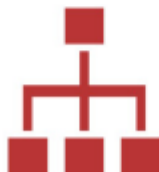
Loughborough Lightning U21 finished 4th in NPL

Loughborough Lightning U19 finished 6th in NPL



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REGIONAL OVERVIEW



88% of member leagues returned

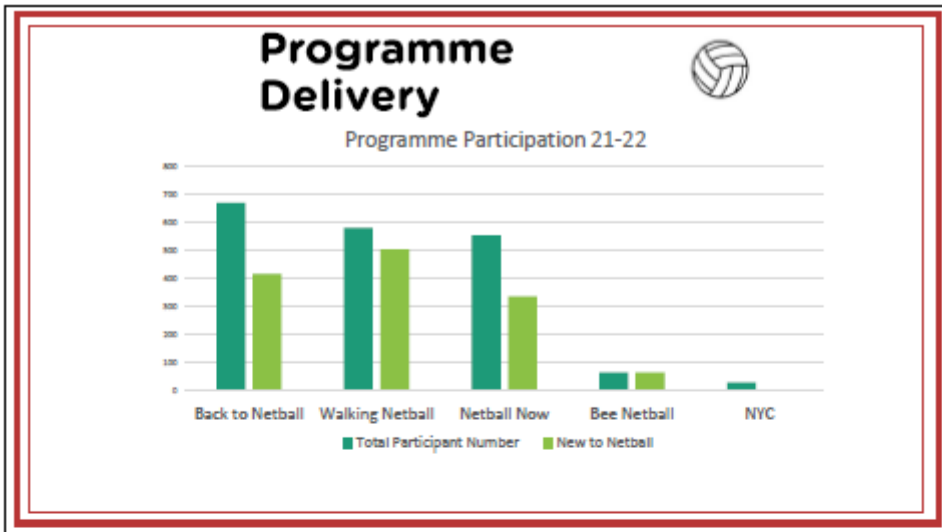


81% of member clubs returned to training or competition

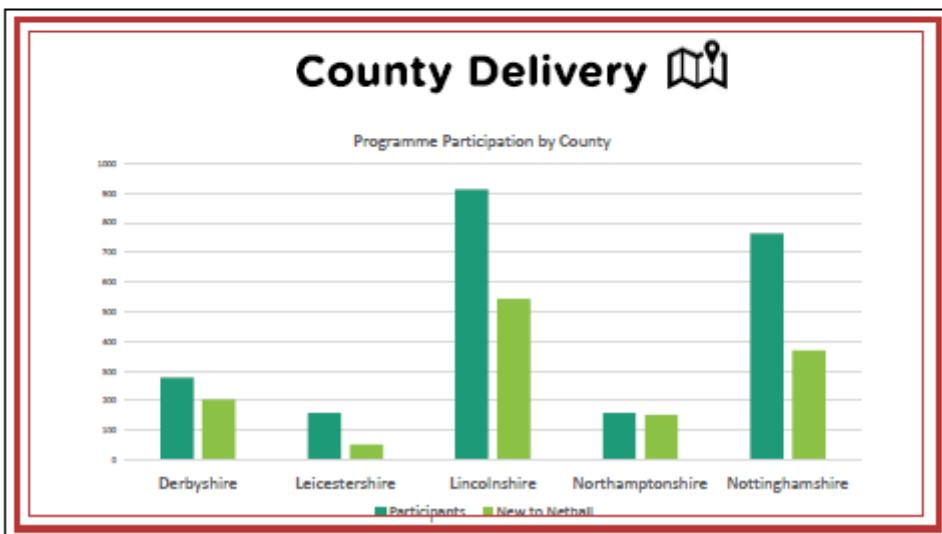


96% members have returned

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Membership

County	Total 19/20	Total 20/21	Total 21/22	% renewal 21-22 vs 20-21
Derbyshire	1327	1088	1307	105%
Leicestershire	1649	1418	1686	102%
Lincolnshire	1827	1754	1853	101%
Northamptonshire	917	1018	936	102%
Nottinghamshire	1434	1534	1458	102%

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More Achievements

Level 1 Coaching has continued to go virtual.

Level 2 Coaching is continues to be a blended course of virtual and practical delivery.

England Netball Coaching Level 1- Now virtual, 40 awarded learners

England Netball Coaching Level 2- 3 courses delivered, 28 learners awarded

England Netball Coaching Level 3- 1 learner awarded

Walking Netball Host Training- 1 course delivered, 20 learners

Bee Netball- 1 course delivered, 20 learners



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More Achievements

Into and C Award Officiating courses have continue to go virtual.

- 4 new B Award umpires
- 21 new C Award umpires
- 54 Into Officiating Awards
- 4 Technical Official Awards
- 2 International Technical Official Awards

