LONDON AND SOUTH EAST REGION NETBALL ASSOCIATION
Annual General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 16 September 2026, 6.30pm, via Zoom

Present:

Alison Bennett	Regional Chair	AB
Julia Martin	Treasurer	JM
Tania Legore	Resolution Lead	TL
Laura Pawley	Competition TSG Chair	LP
Jane Kelloe	Officiating TSG Chair	JK
Pat Meadows	Essex Met CNA Chair	PM
Chris Kelso	Surrey CNA Chair	CK
Lesley Tischler	Middlesex CNA Chair	LT
Michelle Ray	Kent CNA Representative (attending in place of Keeley Smith)	MR
Emma Black	Partnership & Delivery Manager, London & South East	EB
Sophie Johnson **Apologies:**	Middlesex NDO	SJ

Marlene Wander	Vice Chair	MW
Dani Mugridge	Coaching & Performance TSG Chair	DM
Katrina-May Kwan	Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Officer	KMK
Francesca Akano	Regional Officer – London & South East	FA
Rachel Morgan-Jones	Communications Officer	RMJ
Keeley Smith	Kent CNA Chair (represented by Michelle Ray)	KS

1. CHAIR'S WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

AB welcomed members to the AGM of the London and South East Region Netball Association.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were noted as above. It was noted that KMK was not standing for re-election.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (17 SEPTEMBER 2025)

The minutes of the previous AGM were reviewed. No points of accuracy or matters arising were raised. AB sought confirmation that the minutes were a true and accurate record; members agreed and the minutes were approved.

4. FINANCE

Independent examiner

JM reported the sad death of the Region's independent examiner. She asked for agreement to approach Caroline McNamara to establish whether she would be willing to take on the role, noting that the appointment should be considered annually.

Mileage allowance and YesRef

JM proposed increasing the mileage allowance from 45p to 55p per mile. No objections were raised and the increase was agreed. JM said YesRef would need to be advised of the revised rate. JM thanked Anne for her work implementing YesRef and reported helpful support from the supplier. She outlined planned arrangements for

transfers and payments through Lloyds and said she would review the need for additional finance support after the first weekend of operation.

5. TO APPROVE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE RMB

No further recommendations were identified during this item, beyond the finance matter recorded above.

Elections and appointments

EB outlined the procedure: elected nominees would be put to members for any votes against, while appointed nominees would be put forward for any objections.

Vice Chair – Marlene Wander (MW)

Proposed by Keeley Smith and seconded by Dawn Cox. No votes against; elected.

Treasurer – Julia Martin (JM)

Proposed by Claire Baker and seconded by Jacqueline Penney. No votes against; elected. JM noted that her original role description also included chairing the Finance TSG and was willing to continue both responsibilities.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Lead – Althea Allen

Proposed by JM and seconded by Jacqueline Penney. No votes against; elected. It was noted that Althea had previously participated in the diversity group.

Regional Chair – Alison Bennett (AB)

The nomination initially lacked completed proposer/seconder information. AB explained that she had subsequently received consent and sent confirmation to FA. Members accepted the completed nomination rather than use the interim appointment route. Proposed by Maureen Clark and seconded by June Tenwick. No votes against; elected.

Vacancies were noted for Secretary, Communications Officer, Young Volunteer and Volunteer TSG Chair. Recruitment for the Communications Officer role would require further promotion following RMJ's departure.

Competition TSG Chair – Laura Pawley (LP)

No objections; appointment approved.

Officiating TSG Chair – Jane Kelloe (JK)

No objections; appointment approved.

Resolution Lead – Tania Legore (TL)

The nomination had not been completed within the original period. Jane and Pat were noted as proposing and seconding. No objections; appointment approved.

The Board discussed whether governance should be a separate appointment. It was agreed to add governance responsibilities to TL's role, with support from JK, LP and the RMB. A future co-opted governance specialist remained an option. Members supported an annual review of policies and website content following the May RMB meeting, with revised material sent to FA for upload; governance would also become a standing RMB agenda item.

Summary of Elected and Appointed Positions

Position	Name	Outcome
Regional Chair	Alison Bennett	Elected
Regional Vice Chair	Marlene Wander	Elected
Treasurer	Julia Martin	Elected
ED&I Lead	Althea Allen	Elected
Competition TSG Chair	Laura Pawley	Appointed
Officiating TSG Chair	Jane Kelloe	Appointed
Resolution Lead	Tania Legore	Appointed

Vacant positions: Secretary, Communications Officer, Young Volunteer and Volunteer TSG Chair.

6. TO RECEIVE ANNUAL REPORTS

i. Regional Chair's report

AB reported that a supply of centenary badges had been obtained to recognise volunteers, officials, competition helpers and other contributors. Members were asked to suggest recipients and quantities. AB thanked county and regional volunteers for progress towards Tier 1 governance compliance, noting that only limited further confirmation appeared outstanding. She encouraged routine updating of policies, risk registers and skills matrices. AB advised that Ezekiel was leaving the governance role and a replacement covering governance and safeguarding was expected.

ii. England Netball Regional report

EB highlighted Amex funding awarded to clubs and schools for equipment, training and coaching. Unsuccessful applications were being reviewed for alternative funding opportunities. EB noted that successful organisations' names had been announced, but certain payment details and one school's identity remained confidential pending permission or formal notification. AB requested an update on the programme's future arrangements at the next meeting. A question on early-season membership figures was raised; no definitive figure was recorded in the transcript.

iii. County reports

County reports were received. No additional points were raised on the Surrey, Middlesex and Kent reports during the initial round of questions. PM raised the rising cost of the Talent Academy programme, player selection criteria and the purpose of the pathway. AB said DM had been asked to convene county coaching/performance leads to compare arrangements and identify any issues to refer to EN. AB agreed to raise PM's concerns with DM.

iv. Technical Support Groups and Working Groups

Officiating: JK reported that Middlesex had applied for four places on an assessor course. She raised concerns about a new EN requirement for assessors to complete two assessments on different dates, introduced without consultation. Work with the East Region would bring Middlesex umpires into allocation arrangements for Mavericks events. Entry-level officiating numbers were encouraging, although progression to higher awards remained challenging.

Competition: LP provided a regional competition update, including junior league qualifiers and arrangements for regional events. The Regional Festival was planned for 25 April at Redbridge (year to be confirmed against the competition calendar).

Communications: RMJ's submitted report was received, including activity and engagement relating to the regional ONE Awards; further discussion was deferred to the RMB meeting.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Members agreed that the following year's three ordinary RMB meetings would be held via Zoom, while the AGM was intended to be in person. AB explained that the House of Sport was no longer available and that the venue would depend in part on future EN office arrangements. Meeting dates had been circulated.

8. DATE OF NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The next Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 15 September 2027.

The Chair declared the AGM closed at approximately 7.26pm.

AGM ACTION LOG

New actions arising from the AGM are numbered consecutively from Action 116, following Action 115 recorded at the May 2026 RMB meeting. Existing action references remain unchanged.

Ref	Action	Owner
116	JM to approach Caroline McNamara regarding the independent examiner role.	JM
117	JM to notify YesRef of the revised mileage allowance.	JM

118	RMB to explore recruitment and publicity for the Communications Officer vacancy.	RMB
119	TL and relevant TSG leads to coordinate governance reviews, with RMB support; the annual cycle and governance agenda item to be established.	TL / TSG leads
120	Members to email AB with suggested centenary badge recipients and requirements.	RMB members
121	EB to update the RMB on future Amex funding arrangements.	EB
122	AB to discuss Talent Academy costs, selection and pathway concerns with DM.	AB