

## Annual General Meeting Minutes

### LONDON AND SOUTH EAST REGION NETBALL ASSOCIATION

The 2025 Annual General Meeting of the London and South East Region Netball Association, held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2025, 6.30pm, at House of Sport, 190 Great Dover Street, London, SE1 4YB

#### Present:

|                |                                                         |    |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------|----|
| Alison Bennett | Regional Chair                                          | AB |
| Keeley Smith   | Kent CNA Chair                                          | KS |
| Amber Derrien  | Middlesex CNA Representative & Vice-Chair               | AD |
| Jane Kelloe    | Essex Met CNA Representative<br>(Officiating TSG Chair) | JK |
| Laura Pawley   | Surrey CNA Representative<br>(Competition TSG Chair)    | LP |

#### In attendance:

|                 |                                                              |    |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|----|
| Marlene Wander  | Regional Vice-Chair ( <i>virtual</i> )                       | MW |
| Julia Martin    | Treasurer                                                    | JM |
| Tania Legore    | Resolution Lead ( <i>virtual</i> )                           | TL |
| Dani Mugridge   | Coaching and Performance TSG Chair ( <i>virtual</i> )        | DM |
| Emma Black      | Partnership & Delivery Manager, East and London & South East | EB |
| Francesca Akano | Regional Officer – London and South East                     | FA |

#### Apologies

|                     |                                        |     |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------|-----|
| Pat Meadows         | Essex Met CNA Chair                    | PM  |
| Christine Kelso     | Surrey CNA Chair                       | CK  |
| Rachel Morgan-Jones | Communications Officer                 | RMJ |
| Katrina-May Kwan    | Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Office | KMK |
| Lesley Tischler     | Middlesex CNA Chair (on sabbatical)    | LT  |

#### Common Acronyms

|     |                           |     |                                 |
|-----|---------------------------|-----|---------------------------------|
| RMB | Regional Management Board | ToR | Terms of Reference              |
| TSG | Technical Support Group   | EDI | Equality, Diversity & Inclusion |
| WG  | Working Group             | EN  | England Netball                 |
| C&P | Coaching & Performance    | NDO | Netball Development Officer     |
| LSE | London & South East       | CNA | County Netball Association      |

## **1. Chair's welcome and opening remarks**

AB welcomed everyone to the 2025 AGM for the London and South East Region.

## **2. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were noted as set out above.

## **3. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting (18<sup>th</sup> September 2024)**

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th September 2024 were approved, with one amendment.

- Page 4: Spelling correction of "gauge" within the Communications section.

## **4. Finance**

JK stated that the Officiating TSG appreciates the support from JM and the Finance TSG.

JM said she has slightly adjusted costs within the accounts to compensate for increasing facility costs.

## **5. To approve any recommendations of the RMB**

No recommendations were received prior to the meeting or were made during the meeting.

## **6. To receive annual reports**

### *i. Regional Chair's report*

AB said the RMB need to be mindful of the number of complaints being received by different members of the RMB.

AB asked if anyone has suggestions, or can think of anyone to recommend to volunteer for the RMB, they should share them with her.

### *ii. England Netball Regional report*

EB shared that it had been a difficult year for the EN LSE team, and that they had dealt with a lot of changes in staff.

EB said that facilities continue to be an issue across the Region.

AB said that membership numbers were slightly lower this year and asked if anyone has suggestions on how to increase membership, they should share them.

- EB shared that EN is conducting a league pilot scheme, which should help increase membership, and this has already been discussed with the relevant counties.

### *iii. County Reports*

#### **• Essex Met**

JK informed the RMB that the County have started a league for under-10s, which currently has 5 teams.

JK also shared that courts 2 to 5 at Redbridge will be resurfaced in November.

#### **• Kent**

AB stated that Kent and Surrey are the top counties in the country for Into Officiating qualifications (according to Gary Burgess).

KS stated that the data on the ENGage website about who has obtained qualifications and when courses have been completed is inaccurate.

KS also said some members struggle with the next steps while working towards their qualifications, as they believe the County will contact them. However, due to some of the

GDPR settings on Engage, members need to contact the County themselves.

- AB asked if this is something that can be included in the course information, and if participants can be provided with the next steps?
  - o EB responded that this information is already included in the course content and is shared with participants.
- **Middlesex**  
AB said, 'given the tough year the County has had, the year has still been a productive one and there have been lots of positive things.'
- **Surrey** – No questions were asked about the report.

#### *iv. Technical Support Groups and Working Groups*

- **Competition TSG**  
AB asked whether all competition dates had been finalised for the Region and if dates had been received from EN?
  - LP said that EN sent the calendar with competition dates for the 2025/26 season between July and August (2025). As a result, competition dates had to be changed, and the venue of Senior Regional League play-offs has had to be changed to The Score.
    - o LP said it is frustrating to only receive the national EN calendar a month or two before the start of the season.
    - o **ACTION:** AB to provide feedback of this at the next Regional Chair's meeting.
  - LP said the only date that has not been finalised is the date of the Regional Festival.
- **Communications**  
AB said that the report included a lot of information about the pilot scheme and there are lots of learnings to be taken from it.  
  
AB took the opportunity to thank those within the Region for their hard work and effort in creating the social media content for the 2025 LSE ONE Awards.
  - AB thanked FA for the extra time she spent filming content of the winners.
  - AB also thanked the working group of RMJ, KMK, and FA.
- **Officiating TSG** – No questions were asked about the report.  
JK said a Regional forum for umpires was held during the previous week and it was well received and had already informed LP of the feedback that was given, regarding competition rules.
  - AD – Middlesex umpires have players providing ID in some leagues to ensure players are eligible to play.
  - LP – Senior Regional League players are being asked to provide ID to deter teams from bypassing the rules. This should make people less inclined to break the rules.
- **Coaching & Performance TSG** – No report provided.
- **ED&I WG** – No report provided.

#### **7. Any Other Business**

- a. MW said that she would like feedback to be given to EN that when you affiliate on Engage before September 1<sup>st</sup> it lists the membership status as "scheduled", but the

Regional League requires membership status to show as “active” by the deadline they set.

- i. FA explained that the system says “scheduled” until the start date for the new membership.
- ii. LP said she would feed this back to the Competition TSG, as they will need to ensure they ask for status on club player registration lists to say “active” after a new membership season has begun.

#### **8. Date of next Annual General meeting**

It was agreed that the date for the next AGM would be **Wednesday 16th September 2026**, commencing at 6.30pm.

The meeting closed at 7.20pm.