

Shetland Netball Association

September 2023 Minutes



25.09.2023 – 7pm – Fire Community Room

[Hybrid meeting was adopted – whatsapp call and in-person]

Present: Committee & Apologies

Present – Claire Morris (Chair), Ava Johnston and Kaitlin Leslie (Vice Chairs), Linda Thomson (Press Secretary), Beth Mouat (Umpiring Representative), Kelsea Blades (Treasurer), Leah Henry (secretary), Rhianne Colvin (County/Cup Rep), Denise MacBeath (Fixtures Secretary),

Apologies – Sophie Morris (EOSD rep), Amy

1. Current League – any issues – fixtures, reports etc.

Piercings are still causing an issue, and people not covering over them. The junior team were voicing that all of their games are later so Isles players can't play. Denise says she will try her best to accommodate this request and move some junior games to earlier times. First division is due to finish next week, second division will finish 2 weeks after the October holidays. Denise will aim to get the Post-Christmas league during the 3rd or 4th week of November. During the gap, the committee will aim to organise umpiring or hat nights in this booked court spaces. Feedback around the junior team is very positive from the coaches and the scores have been really close and players feeling they are "playing good netball".

2. Website Updates

Kelsea and Brian have updated the website and the committee agreed it is looking smart. The only thing left to change is the constitution and the rules.

3. Accounts Update

Senior account is sitting at £6,086.57 with no current outgoings. Scottish Cup and Island Games account is sitting at £1204.33 with SRT court fees to come out and Dundee court space/umpires to come out. October Camp Days, Auction and Halloween Fundraiser money still to come in to the account. Mixed netball has made a loss this year, however it made a profit last year so it evens out.

4. Shetland 1 Cup and County Squad

Team will be going out today or tomorrow. Coaches – Kirsti Leask, Morag Fox (trial period), Beth Mouat (supporting role) and Louise Moar (post UHA). Training will be merging with Island Games squad for a few weeks before the Games and then will go forward as the Cup squad.

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5. Shetland 2s

There has been really good feedback from the squad and training is well attended. The Scottish Cup fixtures should be coming out soon.

6. Island Games

Lots of successful fundraising has taken place. Louise and Beth will be accompanying the squad as mandatory umpires. These places will be part-funded by their sponsors and part-funded by the SNA.

7. Future Fundraisers

Some of the committee have intimated that there should maybe be a separate fundraising committee role/roles for SNA. Sophie will be looking to book a band and a venue for 18th May EOSD. Kaitlin will take responsibility for the trophies this year (23-24).

8. Umpiring Plans

Louise has done her C assessors training and now can be assessing at Level C. Beth and Louise have been working with the juniors "on the whistle" training. With the court space being available in November due to the break in leagues, so are planning for the 15th to be an umpiring night. For the 22nd and 29th the committee are planning to use this as hat nights, perhaps more than just the committee.

9. Coaching CPD

Rhianne proposed we took up coaches from south to help develop confidence in coaching across levels (junior – senior). It was proposed we approached Netball Scotland to help fund or organise coaches from South to come up and help. Linda added that it would be brilliant to have a blanket expectation/standard across netball in Shetland especially for juniors – i.e. shooting technique and coaching assistance could boost this. Committee to gather list of names of coaches and then approach Netball Scotland to provide coaching guidance/support.