



## League Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 12th November 2025, 7.30 pm

Pavilion, Butt Lane, Laceby

Present:

- Jackie Hewitt - Chairperson
- Tracy Barford - Vice Chair & Fundraiser
- Hannah Denford - Secretary
- Jo Bradbury - Treasurer
- Kirsty Charlton - Fixtures Secretary
- Sophie Dunbar - Umpiring Secretary
- Lisa Holt - Membership Secretary
- Tracey Glover - Community Development Lead
- Bethsy Allman - Youth Empowerment Lead

### 1. Apologies for Absence

- Julie Klug – Safeguarding & Coaching Officer
- Emily Staniforth – Press & Publicity

Members were informed that the meeting was being recorded.

### 2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

- Minutes from 02/09/2025 were approved.
- Matters arising: Bonus Ball matter confirmed regarding the wording of the historic social media post and funds sent to the charity.

### 3. Chair's Update

- No specific updates to report.

### 4. Fundraising & Charity

- General Update
- Bingo night cancelled due to insufficient uptake (~20 people).
- Next round of Bonus Ball begins 3 December 2025.
  - £10 entry, running on Wednesday and Saturday draws.
  - 70% winnings / 30% charity split.
  - Open to teams or individuals.
- Charity Voting
  - Votes cast:
    - Angel Gowns – 2
    - Cuddle Cats – 2
    - SANDS – 20
    - Not Home Alone – 10
  - SANDS selected as the new GDSNL charity.
- Future Charity Events
  - Suggestion that short notice may have contributed to low bingo attendance.

- Suggestions included music bingo and race nights.

#### 5. WeAre50 – 50th Anniversary Celebration

- Date confirmed: Saturday 16 May 2026, 2 pm start.
- Venue: GY Cricket Club (fully confirmed).
- Large-scale celebration with a festival-style atmosphere.
- Ticketed event, but aim to keep costs minimal. Surplus funds to go to charity (exact allocation still to be decided).
- Call for contributions:
  - Entertainment and live music
  - Photos, stories, and memorabilia
  - Food vendors
  - Marquee providers
- Former league players and community members
- Volunteers will be needed on the day.
- Ticket release will follow once key logistics are secured.
- Contact: [weare50@grimsbynetball.com](mailto:weare50@grimsbynetball.com)

#### 6. Officiating

- Game Management Session:
  - Positive feedback from attendees; improved clarity for both umpires and players.
  - Attendance was low: 40 total attendees; 14 teams represented; 26/54 umpires.
  - Due to cost (speakers and venue), future sessions require improved attendance.
  - Future Options:
    - Discussion about mandating attendance (to be discussed and potentially raised formally at AGM).
    - Possible hybrid format: in-person + online.
- General Notes:
  - No new officiating courses upcoming.
  - Emphasis on building rapport with umpires and addressing issues early.

#### 7. Affiliations

- Guesting procedure and age banding require strict compliance going forward.

#### 8. Fixtures Update

- Division 3 replay matches are ongoing until at least 8 December.
- Proposed start for second round: 15/16 December, subject to replay completion.
- If additional replay games arise, the second round may be delayed until after Christmas.
- Replays have previously been approved (rare cases) to allow teams to play on both league nights.

## 9. Press & Publicity

- Saturday Shoutouts must be submitted by teams.
- New logo: Feedback requested.

## 10. Finance Update

- No significant updates reported.

## 11. Tournaments

- Jo Laird Tournament: 17 May 2026
- Kristal Jackson Mixed (Memorial) Tournament: 5 July 2026
- Query raised about potentially moving date due to conflict with World Cup fixtures – this will be reviewed.
- Query raised about making the Jo Laird a mixed tournament – this has been asked previously, and it will not change. Some league members do not want to play in a mixed tournament.

Action: Review diary dates (mixed tournament) and consider World Cup conflict when fixtures have been published.

## 12. Weather & Risk Assessment

- Reminders regarding responsibilities during adverse conditions:
  - Umpire: Assessment and decision-making
  - Team Captain: Ensuring team safety
  - Players: Must conduct personal risk assessments
- Lines and lighting issues:
  - School has changed line-marking provider; delays expected.
- Havelock suggested it as an alternative venue, but it has limited facilities (3 courts, 1 indoor).
- Abbie Baldock will support with court inspections for the league and inform the committee when she is on-site.

Action: Explore Havelock as a potential option to host games.

## 13. Walking Netball

- First session held 3rd September.
- 69 people registered interest: 10–14 attending weekly.
- Participants range from complete beginners to returning players, ages 30–80+.
- Poster prepared, but circulation is delayed pending confirmation of a suitable indoor venue (Oasis Stagecoach Hall has a bowed floor, awaiting resolution).
- No male participants yet; currently remaining women-only.

#### 14. Dates for the Diary

Key upcoming events:

- 3 December 2025 – Bonus Ball Start Date
- 19 February 2026 – League Meeting
- 16 May 2026 – WeAre50 Celebration
- 17 May 2026 – Jo Laird Tournament
- 11 June 2026 – League Meeting
- 5 July 2026 – Mixed Tournament
- 17 July 2026 – Presentation Evening
- 3 September 2026 – AGM & League Meeting
- 12 November 2026 – League Meeting

Action: Hannah to circulate the dates to all league secretaries.

#### 15. AOB

- Secret Santa, Christmas socks, and reverse advent calendar (food bank collections) noted under WeAre50.
- Netball Now tournament successfully launched the 50th year celebrations with WeAre50 present and distributing keyrings.

Action: Hannah to organise a Reverse Advent Calendar in December and a “Christmas Activity”

Date and time of next meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2026, at 7.30 pm