

## League Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 19 February 2026  
**Location:** The Pavilion, Laceby  
**Chair:** Jackie Hewitt

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Vicky Smith, Tracey Glover, Betsy Allman, Emily Staniforth.

### 2. Minutes from Previous League Meeting

Approved as a true and accurate record.

**Action:** Upload approved minutes to the website.

### 3. Matters Arising – Umpiring

#### Umpire of the Year – Winter Season

- Teams will receive voting information via Engage.
- Voting will be submitted individually.
- Voting is based on the nomination of the best-performing umpire from those who officiated the team's matches.
- This process is nomination-based.

**Action (Committee):** Issue voting instructions via Engage.

#### Summer Season – Umpire Feedback Process

- End-of-match umpire scoring will not continue.
- A co-umpire feedback system will be trialled for the Summer Season.
- This is intended to support development and consistency.

**Action (Committee):** Circulate guidance on the co-umpire feedback process prior to the start of the season.

## Umpire Allocation, Standards and Match Day Changes

- Any changes to the published umpire rota must be agreed by all parties involved, including both teams affected and the Committee.
- Changes must be arranged in advance with an absolute deadline of 6.45 pm.
- Teams must ensure that appointed umpires are competent at the game level.
- Umpires should only officiate at a level appropriate to their qualification and experience.
- A reminder will be issued regarding nail length requirements in line with England Netball regulations.
- Feedback from the recent Game Management Course will be shared to support umpire development.

**Action (Committee):** Issue guidance on nail length and circulate Game Management feedback.

## 4. Summer Season – Key Dates

Item	Date
Registration Opens	16 March 2026
Registration Deadline	1 April 2026
Registration Packs & Fixtures Issued	20 April 2026
Season Commences	Week commencing 27 April 2026

- Teams must notify the Committee as early as possible if they intend to fold or merge.

## 5. Presentation Evening

- 17 July 2026 – McMenemy’s Function Suite
- £5 entry on the door
- All trophies to be returned cleaned by 29 May 2026

## 6. Replaying Matches – End of Round Format

- Current format to continue.
- It was explained that the change to replay 1st half matches was to ensure like-for-like games rather than at the end of the season, where Teams could have changed during the 2nd half, e.g., players returning from Uni

## 7. Tournaments

- Jo Laird Memorial Tournament – 17 May 2026
- Kristal Jackson Mixed Tournament – 5 July 2026
- Handicap Tournament – Date to be confirmed (dependent on completion of the Winter Season, including any replays)

Handicap entry fee confirmed at £30 per team (+£5 for finalists).

- The Handicap Tournament will be scheduled on either a Monday or Tuesday evening.
- Due to potential winter replays, the tournament timing is dependent on the confirmed end date of the Winter Season.
- Teams are asked to confirm whether they intend to enter the Handicap Tournament.
- Teams should treat this as a potential two-week extension of the season when considering availability.
- The handicap calculation method will continue to be reviewed to ensure fairness.
- Any player wishing to guest in the Handicap Tournament must have played on your team during the preceding season (winter).
- A guesting player will use one of their allowed “guests”, which will cover them for the entire tournament.

**Action (Teams):** Confirm intention to enter the Handicap Tournament.

**Action (Committee):** Confirm final dates once Winter Season completion is known.

## 8. Affiliations

- Planned guesting where a match is not played will be assumed to be used unless advised otherwise.

## 9. Finance

- Summer registration fee: £55 per team
- Court fee: £15 per match
- Ongoing monitoring of venue-related costs.

## 10. Facilities

Ongoing concerns were noted regarding:

- Court line quality
- Lighting levels

The Committee will continue discussions with the venue and, where appropriate, explore alternative venue options and potential external funding opportunities.

Steph Hanslip reported that funding has been agreed to repaint lines with Epoxy Resin, which should last longer

**Action (Committee):** Continue escalation with venue management and investigate alternatives.

## 11. Fundraising

- Bonus Ball to commence 25 February 2026.
- Charity event options remain under consideration - either Bingo or Race Night?
- Teams encouraged to join Easy Fundraising

## 12. WeAre50 Event

Update provided on planning progress.

Support required for:

- Volunteers
- Marquee
- Face Painter
- Festival Hair Artist
- Garden Games
- Hay Bales

**Action (Teams):** Discuss with teammates for contacts for Marquee, Face Painter, Festival Hair Artist, Garden Games, and Hay Bales to support the WeAre50 event.

## 13. Website – In Memoriam Section

- Names to be included to be confirmed.
- Family permission must be obtained.
- A photograph is required prior to publication.

**Action (Committee):** Obtain confirmations and permissions before website update.

**Action (Teams):** Share names to be included in the In Memoriam section

## 14. Player Safety – Injury Time Clarification

Discussion of situations in which a player slips or briefly needs time to regain their footing.

Further clarification to be provided regarding the umpire's discretion to briefly hold play in the interests of player welfare and sportsmanship.

It was agreed that the umpires should hold play and ensure the well-being of the player

**Action (Committee):** Issue formal clarification prior to the Summer Season.

## 15. League Meeting Start Time – Future Meetings

- A proposal was discussed to change the League Meeting start time from 7.30 pm to 7.00 pm.
- It was agreed to trial a start time of 7.15 pm

## 16. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 11 June 2026

The Pavilion, Laceby

Time: 7:15 pm

## Action Summary

### Committee Actions

- Issue Umpire of the Year voting instructions via Engage
- Circulate co-umpire feedback process guidance
- Issue nail length guidance
- Circulate Game Management Course feedback
- Confirm final Handicap Tournament dates
- Continue venue escalation and explore alternatives
- Launch Bonus Ball
- Provide injury-time umpire clarification

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## Team Actions

- Submit Umpire of the Year nominations via Engage
- Ensure appropriate umpire appointments
- Notify Committee early if folding or merging
- Submit Summer registrations by 1 April 2026
- Return trophies cleaned by 29 May 2026
- Confirm intention to enter the Handicap Tournament

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