**Grimsby and District Senior Netball League**

**League Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday 12th February 2025, 7.30pm**

**Wilton Fields, Wilton Road, Humberston**

**Present:**  Jackie Hewitt – Chairperson

Vicky Smith – Secretary

Jo Bradbury – Treasurer

Vicki Toftegaard – Umpiring Secretary

Lisa Holt – Membership Secretary

Lucy Hart – Assistant Secretary

Kirsty Charlton – Fixtures Secretary

1. **Apologies for absence**

There were apologies for absence from:

Tracy Barford – Vice Chair & Fundraiser

Julie Klug – Safeguarding & Coaching Officer

Emily Staniforth – Press & Publicity

1. **Minutes from the previous meeting held on Wednesday 6th November 2025**

The minutes from the meeting held on Wednesday 6th November 2025 were approved as a true and accurate record.

1. **Matters arising**

There were no other matters arising from the league meeting held Wednesday 6th November 2025.

1. **Game Management and Behaviours**

Jackie addressed game management behaviours and said since the beginning of the Winter Season, we have had numerous complaints, which had mainly been with regards to Player Behaviour towards the Umpires and off the Court confrontations.

Foul Language directed at the Umpire on several matches being no exception!

This has got to stop!

Jackie would like to remind everyone that in our Rules & Regs it clearly states under membership:

It is the responsibility of all Team Managers, Coaches and Captains to ensure that all players are in accordance with the following rules and regulations and also the World Netball Rules of the Game.

c) All clubs will be held responsible for the Overall Conduct (behaviour, demeanor, and actions) of all members associated with the club (players, officials and spectators).

The Committee are encouraging all Umpires to use Game Management as set out in the World Netball Rules 2024. - These have been described in the print out circulated at the meeting.

Jackie reiterated that that Umpires and Players really need to get familiar, please read, re-read, digest, seek out mentoring if unsure etc.

It is the Team’s responsibility to ensure that should a Player be suspended from play, that the sanction is followed.

Failure of Player to be removed from the court will mean that penalized Team will forfeit the match, and the score will revert to 30-0 to opposing Team.

Both Teams will still be responsible for Court Fees.

Should Game Management not be accepted by players/bench, and the Committee feel it warrants disciplinary action, we will do this through Lincolnshire & East Midlands Netball Disciplinary Procedure, and also include our Constitution section 11:

The Committee has the power to take appropriate action including the termination of membership of Grimsby & District Senior Netball League.

**"This is your only warning, all complaints are kept on file and will be used in supporting evidence with any future disciplinaries"**

Jackie would like you to encourage all your Team Members to download a copy of the Rule Book. It is Free, and it also is handy if you are a scorer, and the Umpire needs to refer to the Rule Book but hasn’t got her phone handy.

There are many Teams that do not have an Umpire, although we do keep encouraging every team, so ask for others to cover. Should you agree, but wish for a court swap for various reasons, please get this swap in place before agreeing to Umpire. When agreeing to Cover, please may I ask that you are confident enough that the level of game you are umpiring, that you have the necessary fitness levels required.

**Actions:** VT to Check the rule around being sent off re 2 minutes and who should time it. This will be communicated through the Officiating WhatsApp Chat and Facebook.

1. **Umpiring Update**
   1. Testing agreed to take place during replays

Testing is now to take place during the Summer. 6 people have come forward, teams reminded to come forward for testing and complete the forms provided. Payments should be made to the usual league account of £18 (£33 to be paid to EN per person).

Umpires reminded around positioning on court and to ensure you are present around the post. Consistency with the rules is key. Feedback has been given to the league when being assessed that our defenders are too close to the shooters and this isn’t being picked up enough.

Vicki is currently working with Robyn Rodgers to set a date for a Game Management session for umpires and players, hopefully in the spring/summer 2025.

Action: Game Management Session to be held.

1. **Membership**
   1. Global Hydraulic Services & Heath & Hygiene Netball Clubs

GHS have now folded but are honouring umpiring and scoring. Heath and Hygiene are also folding after 33 years in GDSNL. Jackie asked for a round of applause for Heath and Hygiene for their contribution to the league for the length of time they have been in the league.

1. **Fixtures**
   1. Winter Replays have been sent out to the team secretaries via email.
   2. Winter Handicap Tournament reminders to teams to vote on which day they would like to play on - £35 to enter and £5 for finals from 17th March for three weeks. 3rd week being the final.
   3. Registration for Summer League is 14th April, to start 28th/29th April
   4. Kristal Jackson Mixed Tournament – 11th May 2025
   5. Jo Laird Memorial Tournament 6th July 2025

For entries to the tournaments please email [tournaments@grimsbynetball.com](mailto:tournaments@grimsbynetball.com)

1. **Finance Update**
   1. Mixed Tournament £70 per team up to 10 players
   2. Jo Laird £55 per team
   3. Handicap £35 per team plus £5 for finals

We are waiting for updates from Oasis for any court fees changing. All court fees must be paid by the Friday after the last match to ensure no points deducted.

1. **Winter Nominations for Services to netball**

Reminder that forms to be sent out for nominations, please encourage your teams to vote.

1. **Press & Publicity**

Reminder to teams to pass on any celebrations to share on a monthly basis

1. **Netball Now**

This session is still indoors until the weather improves, Netball Now is held on a Sunday morning at 11am

1. **Fundraising**
   1. Charity Cash Bingo Night – date to be arranged March /April
2. **50th Celebrations – The sub-Committee need you**

Ann-Marie updated the attendees to say they have had the first meeting and a request from the sub-committee

The Weare50 sub committee NEED YOU! please can you forward any ideas on how to bring our 50th year to a close (Summer 2026). We need you to send your ideas of the type of celebration you would like to see. This can be any Theme - from fancy dress, to festival theme, to a ball or prom theme and anything in between. Please send your ideas to [weare50@grimsbynetball.com](mailto:weare50@grimsbynetball.com) - Closing date 28th February 2025

Ideas have been given such as fancy dress or a ball for presentation. Teams reminded to send ideas in of venues. Ideas will be taken to the committee and voted on. Email address sent to the WhatsApp chats for ideas to be sent to.

1. **AOB**

Ann-Marie mentioned that it has been agreed to share the memorial on the website for Sara White who used to play for GDSNL, who has sadly passed away.

Membership – with GHS folding, they cannot guest for any teams unless they second claim to a team in the summer. They cannot play in the handicap.

Summer league costs have been kept down, so a reminder to attend presentation evening is appreciated by the league. Trophies cost the league money and other ideas were suggested.

If teams would like a club Email address these can be provided to teams if they are required. I.e. [Blackrow@grimsbynetball.com](mailto:Blackrow@grimsbynetball.com)

**Dates for the diary**

* Charity Bingo Night – TBC
* Registration for Summer League: 14th April – Starting 28/29th April
* League Meeting - Wednesday 11th June 2025
* Presentation evening – 18th July
* AGM - Wednesday 3rd September 2025 – 7pm
* League Meeting - Wednesday 3rd September 2025 – follows straight after the AGM

**Date and Time of next meeting:**

**Wednesday 11th June 2025 – 7.30pm Wilton Fields, Wilton Road Humberston**

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