



Grimsby and District Senior Netball League
League Meeting Minutes
Thursday 4th September 2025, 8:45pm (followed the AGM),
The Pavillion, Butt Lane, Laceby Nr Grimsby

Present: Jackie Hewitt – Chairperson
Tracy Barford – Vice Chair & Fundraiser
Vicky Smith – Secretary
Jo Bradbury – Treasurer
Kirsty Charlton – Fixtures Secretary
Julie Klug – Safeguarding & Coaching Officer
Lisa Holt – Membership Secretary
Emily Staniforth – Press & Publicity

1) Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence recorded.

2) Minutes from the previous meeting held on Thursday 11th June 2025

The minutes from the meeting held on Thursday 11th June 2025 were approved as a true and accurate record.

3) Matters arising

The matters arising with regards to the game management will be discussed on the agenda.

4) League teams joining and disbanding

Jackie asked the attendees if they were aware of any teams disbanding – Signal Box indicated that they were 99% sure that they would register, however they would need to get confirmation on Monday evening. No new teams have entered for 2025-2026.

5) Registration GDSNL Forms

All registration forms need to be submitted by 11th September 2025, a reminder as this has been added into the rules any late submissions will not be accepted.
Age Banding forms need to be completed for the forthcoming year; these are available on the website and will be sent out in the registration pack. Every team club that has any under 18's then there should be a safeguarding officer who has undertaken the training as per the England Netball. As per EN Guidelines, ideally the main coach should not be the Club Safeguarding Officer.

6) Grimsby & District Senior Netball League

The Committee confirmed that the Winter League start will be 22nd September 2025.

7) Change of Sponsorship and updating Engage

Jackie requested that any changes of sponsorship need to be informed to the Committee by 11th September and Engage must be changed, please ensure you have plenty of time to make the changes.

8) Linking your club to GDSNL

Please ensure that your Club and Teams are linked on Engage to GDSNL, if you have problems undertaking this, Jackie has previously sent instructions via email on how to do this. This is required so memberships can be checked.

9) Proof of payment

Proof of payment can be sent into Lisa as the membership secretary with the GDSNL registration forms.

10) Issuing of Fixtures and Team pack email – score cards

Hannah will issue the Registration packs by 15th September 2025 – in time for the new season start.

11) GDSNL 50th Anniversary celebrations

Ann-Marie updated the attendees that 50th Anniversary celebrations were being planned, and the sub-committee have been meeting monthly. This will be to celebrate old and new through 50 years of GDSNL. Ann-Marie also mentioned that a new logo has been produced for the 50th year.

12) We Are 50 - Netball Now Tournament

Jackie highlighted that a We Are 50 – Netball Now Tournament will be held on 10th September 2025. All regular Netball Now attendees are welcome to attend, if you can assist with umpiring please contact Jackie for further information.

13) Presentation Evening and 2026 booking

Presentation evening will be held on 17th July 2026, we hoping to book GTFC McMenemy's. Further information will be provided over the course of the year.

14) Umpiring Update

a) Game Management

Jackie informed the group that a Game Management course will be held on 13th October 2025. All umpires are expected to attend, along with players from the league. This will be led by Robyn Rogers and Lizzie Sewell who are both extremely well qualified and experienced in officiating. Please send to Sophie Dunbar any requests which need to be covered. This will be held at Oasis Wintringham School – further information will be circulated nearer the time.

b) Qualifications on Engage – Officiating England Netball

Vicky reminded all players, officials, and coaches to ensure that any EN qualifications you have gained are listed on your qualifications section in Engage and on the GDSNL registration sheet.

c) EN Umpiring Courses

Expressions of Interest for EN Umpiring Courses is available on the EN Website, check out the information through our website.

d) Umpiring List

Hannah will circulate the new Winter umpiring list.

e) Jewellery and Nails check

Please ensure that all players and officials come to the matches netball ready, this should be on the onus of the player, teams also check your players and officials will provide a final check.

f) Reminder to check who is umpiring and capabilities.

A reminder that when asking for cover ensure the umpiring capability is appropriate. Following guidance from Lincolnshire County Kirsty will be looking at Fixture to try and put an experienced umpire with a less confident umpire to try and balance and improve confidence.

15) Fundraising

a) Charity Update

Tracy updated and thanked everyone for their amazing support raising money for the chosen Charity Friendship at Home – a huge amount of £5,100 was raised by the league!!!

b) Considering Charity Nominations

Nominations will be required for 2025 – 2026, this will be on the agenda for the November meeting, so please produce plenty of ideas. you can send in any information for a charity nomination, but you would have to read out this nomination at the meeting. It must be local, and you would be expected to help with fundraising.

c) Bonus Ball

The Bonus ball continues, and monies will go to the new chosen charity. There are several teams/individuals waiting for 1 number to win excess of £200.

16) Walking Netball

Jackie highlighted that Janine Syborn, Ann-Marie Tuplin and Fern Tuplin have attended a Walking Netball Leader session in York recently. A new weekly session has been launched on 3rd September which is held at Oasis Wintringham School at 6pm. Janine Syborn mentioned that there had been 55 applications of interest and last night was the first session where 18 people, had fun, and enjoyed the session. Lincolnshire NDO Louise Key, was very complimentary of how the ladies ran the session.

17) Finance Update

a) Court Fees 25/26

These are to remain the same at £15 per match, bank details on registration pack Team Guidance.

18) AOB

Ann-Marie thanked the Committee for all their hard work and commitment over the last year.

Date and Time of next meeting: 12th November 2025 at 7.30pm
Venue to be confirmed.

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