

Blue Jays AGM Tuesday 11th July 2023 5 Rivers Leisure Centre, 7:30pm

Present: A Thorndike, V Ford, S Middleton, C Middleton, E Rackham, S Pennels, B Yeates, V Dolan, K McEwan, J Hill, S Hill, E Barnard, K Parkinson, T Watt

Apologies: P Swaine, S Pickup, R Staples, T McClelland, L Newman, S Shipsey, C Barrett

Matter Arising: Nothing specific arising from last AGM, we have done what we said we would do. Sign off agreed – Nominated Val, Seconded Emma

Reports: Please see reports attached separately.

From Treasurer's report, Andy suggested that we consider paying umpires with excess funds for junior league, rather than reducing cost of entry. The cost of Paypal was also raised by Andy. Val advised that this is the only way members can currently pay through the website, so discussed removing that payment option. Both items to be considered by new committee going forward.

From Umpiring Mentor's report, Tracy agreed that getting new umpires to C Award level was important. Minimum age for this is 16, and for U18s, safeguarding measures must be in place when they umpire matches.

Tracy Watt, County Coaching Update: Tracy updated us on her role as the Wiltshire County Netball Player Development lead, and how she and the county can support Blue Jays next season. The aim is to work with and support our new and existing coaches, and to provide opportunities for coaches to learn and share ideas. Following the AGM, Tracy and coaches will meet to discuss how and when this support will take place.

Changes to the Constitution – see attachment: These were agreed – Nominated Val, Seconded Andy

Proposal: The idea was welcomed in principle, but it was agreed that implementation needs further consideration.

Blue Jays - Chairs Report 11th July 2023

This has been a very challenging year, as my last season I have been working hard on getting all the relevant paperwork, web site updated and attending meetings, this will hopefully make the new committee's role a lot easier next season.

Just a quick overview of the season.

The numbers have been very good this year for most groups, which is very encouraging, sadly not so many in the U12's and Ladies groups this year, in my opinion with the U12's only having the year 7's in that group would account for the numbers, but not sure about the Ladies group, it was good back in September, but we have a drop off throughout the season.

The club and coaches are looking into a change in the age groups, the Bees to stay the same for years 4,5 & 6, but maybe put years 7 & 8 together to make an U13's from 7-8pm, the other section at that time might be U15's or a development group, then the two sections from 8-9pm would be U18's and Ladies, all this is yet to be decided by the new committee and coaches but the members will be notified if any changes are made, we also hope to identify talented players and if they need to be challenged more we will consider moving them to a higher group.

Sadly, we didn't get around to putting on the parents' session this year but hopefully we can re-introduce that next season.

We organised tickets to see Team Bath in May which was a very successful evening. We held our annual tournaments as usual in April and May, both were very success and enjoyed by all the teams that entered.

The county are holding an ADC (Athlete Development Centre) in Salisbury next season, Libby and Sherise have attended the trials and are awaiting the results.

The County Satellite dates for the U13 & U15's is, 2nd, 7th, 9th & 14th of September, the potential Athletes will be nominated either by club coaches or their school, and all the paperwork will be sent out in due course.

Just a few words to say what brought us the EGM in March.

When Beth relocated in Oct last year it left us one coach short and then we were informed that two existing coaches were leaving at the end of the season as well as Babs and me, which left us in dire situation and thoughts were that we may not be able to continue next season, therefore we called EGM in March this Year.

The response was good, and everyone rallied, we now have two ladies already on their level 2 coaching course, we have two more waiting for the next course in this area.

We have had an offer from two very experienced County coaches who said they can give support to the new and exciting coaches over the first few months next season. Babs has offered to stay on as support coach and to continue her Role as Umpiring Development Officer, which is fantastic news.

Also, Sarah has offered to stay on as Bees Coach and Ellie to stay as either Coach or Player/Coach for the U18's group, therefore the Clubs position is looking positive for next season.

As we don't have a Head Coach, I will just give a review of the Bees and U12's.

Babs and I took over the Bees and U12's when Beth relocated in Oct, and we have enjoyed every minute of it they have been a pleasure to coach. The numbers were a bit low at that point, so we organised a 'Bring a friend to netball'

Sessions, this was very successful and gained quite a few new members from that evening.

Sadly, we didn't get enough interest to enter a Bees team in the junior league, but we did put in an U12's team, they had mixed results but gained valuable experience in playing in competition, they finished they league in 5th place. Well done girls.

We also entered a U12's team in our Annual tournament in April, the competition was very tough with teams coming from all over the Southwest, the girls have fun and hopefully enjoyed the day. We entered a U11's team into the Bees competition in May, they had a fun day, played 6 matches, and finished 8th in a group of 10, this was their very first competition and some of the games were very tough so overall I think they did very well.

As you are aware I am leaving the club after 40 years, Babs and I started the club back in the 80's in a small hall and with just one group of u12's, so we have come a long way in that time but now is the right time for me to resign, I now have new challenges ahead of me, getting my golf handicap down, improving my Pickleball rating and most of all to spend more time in France.

I wish the new committee all the very best for next season and hopefully many more seasons to come. I hope the coaches will take up the offer of help from the County Coaches which would only help to keep the level of coaching at a high which will encourage new players to the club.

I would like to thank the Salisbury Netball League as they presented me with the Claudette Ollivierre trophy for 'Services to Netball' at the Presentation Evening, which was a very pleasant surprise, we volunteers do not do what we do for praise but it's lovely to have been recognised after 40 Years.

That just leaves to do a few thank you's firstly to Babs for all the time, support, and enthusiasm she has given to Blue Jays over the 40 years we have worked together, secondly to the coaches and committee who are all volunteers, we give concessions to all our volunteers but this does not account for the amount of time and hard work they all give to the club, Blue Jays could not function without them. Lastly to all the parents that have helped with our tournaments this year, these are only fund raising events so very important to get it right, we always have very positive feedback afterwards which shows we do a very good job each year.

Hopefully I haven't forgotten anyone, thank to everyone present and in the past that has made Blue Jays a very successful club.

Thanks Val

Presentation Evening Results and Trophy Award Winners

Fun Versatility Tournament

Bees – Amelia Holmes

U12 – Gaia

U14 – Bronte

U17 – Annabelle

Coaches Player 22-23

Bee – Amelia Dawe

U12 – Harriet Middleton

U14 – Emily Staples

U17 – Grace Harrison

Session player of the Week

Bees – Poppy Tribbeck

U12 – Lily Macwan

Most Improved

U14 – Kelly

U17 – Tilly Webber

Junior League Coaches Player

U12 – Harriet Middleton

U14 Yellow – Samar

U14 Blue – Isla

Junior League Opponents Player

U12 – Jenneil

U14 Yellow – Lucy

U14 Blue – Maddie

Salisbury Winter League Players Player

Youth Team – Millie Cowey

Trainee umpires helping at the Junior League

Voucher for Grace, Isla & Jane

Salisbury District Netball League

Winter league Division Two – Winners Blue Jays

Winter League Players Player – Libby Barret

Summer League Players Player – Tilly Webber & Libby Barret

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Secretary's Report - Andy Thorndike

- The start of the season was much smoother this year as the club was more organised, and the use of Google Forms made collecting player information and keeping track of payments much easier. More Google Forms will be introduced going forward to replace the existing membership forms on the website, as these are more efficient and GDPR compliant.
- There is still an issue with some members not replying to emails, sometimes because messages have disappeared into junk/spam folders. Chasing up individuals consumes additional time, so I ask again that players/parents check their spam/junk folders periodically, and save the bjncsecretary@outlook.com email into their contacts.
- Heja continued to work well for communication with league teams. Going forward, I would like to hand over administration of Heja to the relevant team coach, as has been done recently with the youth team - thanks Ellie!
- The junior tournaments were a big success, providing lots of game time for our players and raising money for the club. I received positive messages from clubs who attended the events.
- Looking ahead to September, most players have responded and are wishing to continue training with us. Once numbers are finalised, I will look to invite players from waiting lists where space allows. We will need more Bee players, as numbers are currently low.
- Finally, thanks to all the committee members, coaches and other volunteers for giving up their time to run and support the club.

Treasurer's Report 11th July 2023

The bank balance as of 30th June 2023 is £7195.85

Invoices not received yet are the Summer League Match fees and Five Rivers May Invoice.

To 30th June we made a loss of £147.60 but add Five Rivers May invoice of £581.76 which I have just received and the summer League invoice of £60 I believe to come, will bring the loss to £789.36

We did support coaching and safeguarding courses this year which came to £1329.85, which would not normally be that high.

The cost of Five Rivers courts is going up next season by £1 per court from £32.32 to £33.32

We continue to subsidise kit, match & umpiring fees and give concessions to all our volunteers which I hope we can carry on doing next season.

The Sum-up and card payment online still seems to be working well and make payments more convenient for members.

The umpiring fees for the Salisbury league went up this season from £10 to £15 per match, I have not heard if the league entry fee or match fees are going up but that would probably depend on Sarum Academy and if they increase their fees.

The difference on the Team trip of £20.75 was because we were given two free tickets and it was decided to put the money into the funds.

As it seems we made a profit in the Junior Leagues for the last two years I think we should bring the cost down to £15 per player, as we don't pay for umpiring on a Sunday, I think that accounts for the difference.

As for the Winter and Summer league if you add the cost of the umpiring we just break even, I have done a break down for the new committee to consider when they are setting prices for next season.

Blue Jays Netball Club Accounts 22-23

Date		Payments	Expenditure	Bank
1.7.2022	Balance B/F Nat West			7343.65
	Bath Trip 2023	329.00		
	Kit	1036.50		
	SDNL Winter League	330.00		
	SDNL Summer League	280.00		
	Junior League	640.00		
	Training Fees / Five Rivers	6232.50		
	Tournaments April /May	4065.01		
	SDNL Xmas Tourn	17.00		
	Cash banked from Tuck shop	915.00		
		13845.01		21188.66
	Sarum Academy May Tourn 2022		734.50	
	Bath Trip 2023		308.25	
	Coaches' expenses		1344.85	
	Equipment		404.51	
	Insurance		119.98	
	Kit		1894.43	
	SDNL Winter League		281.00	
	SDNL Summer League		120.00	
	Junior League		560.00	
	Sum Up fees		40.75	
	PayPal Fees		206.10	
	Training Fees / Five Rivers		4525.00	
	Training Fees Refunded		154.00	
	Tournaments April /May		2534.67	
	Gifts/Prizes/Trophies Club events		427.36	
	Web Site & Adobe		337.41	
			13992.81	13992.81
	Balance as at 30 th June 2021			7195.85
	Loss for year to 30 th June 2023			(147.80)

Petty Cash 2022-23

Date		Payments	Expenditure	
1.7.2022	Balance brough forward	162.12		
	April Tournament – Tuck shop	554.90		
	May Tournament – Tuck Shop	222.55		
	Raffle April	130.00		
	Raffle May	77.50		
	Summer League	20.00		
	Training Fees	113.00		
	Umpiring Fees	30.00		
	SDNL Xmas Tournament	57.00		
	Tournament Entries Members	135.00		
		£1502.07		1502.07
	Gifts & Prizes		57.05	
	April Tournament – Tuck shop		17.80	
	May Tournament – Tuck Shop		78.64	
	Stationary		3.45	
	Travelling Expenses		10.00	
	Umpiring Fees		269.00	
	Team Bath - gift for Beth		16.00	
			1366.94	1366.94
				135.13

	Petty Cash	
	Balance at 30 th June 2023	135.13

	Stock in hand	616.00
	as at 30 th June 2023	

There are two outstanding invoices, one for SDNL Summer League match fees and the other for Five Rivers May courts fees.

Coaching Report

Ellie and Sarah report.

It has been a great end of the season where we finished with a fun tournament and award ceremony for the under 14's.

This coming season there will be an exciting start for the first few weeks where we have some coaching from Tracey and Iain from Wiltshire followed by some new coaches in the 7-8pm slot. These coaches will be Phoebe and Katie who are both working towards their Level 2 coaching. The first few weeks of the new season will be a new format where there will be a trial for the girls who will then be placed in different sessions depending on their ability and attitude. We are hoping that this will create an environment where each individual player can strive and excel.

Babs and Val attended the Wiltshire AGM where they were informed there is the possibility of a Satellite programme taking place in Salisbury. This is very exciting for the under 14's as this is the first stage development programme from England Netball where selected players will receive top quality level coaching and support.

Umpiring Mentor End of Season Report 2022/23

This was my second year as Umpiring Mentor. I started with 5 trainees and ended with 4. That was a successful drop off.

3 girls completed the online element of their Into Officiating course, and one has gone on to complete the practical assessment. I am very pleased that a Grace has now reached her Into Officiating Award.

As a club and in the interest of Netball in the future, we need to offer umpiring experience. With very limited court time that is a challenge. Four is a workable number in one season when starting at under 14's to see them achieve their "C" award before they are 18, and that's my goal.

Babs Yeates.

Election of Officers:

Position	New Officer	Nominated	Seconded

Chair	Sam Middleton	Viki	Andy
Vice Chair	Sarah Pennels	Sam	Babs
Secretary	Andy Thorndike remaining in post		
Treasurer	Kirsti McEwan	Val	Ellie
Safeguarding Officer	Emma Barnard	Andy	Val
Desk Registrar	Emma/Viki/Andy	Various	Various
Website	Viki Ford	Sam	Val
Volunteer Co- ordinator	Emma/Andy	Andy/Emma	Emma/Andy
Kit Officer	Sarah Pickup	Andy	Katie
Umpiring Mentor	Babs Yeates remaining in post		
Salisbury League Rep	Ellie Rackham	Agreed at SNDA AGM	

Viki offered to cover social media as well as website, but it was felt that Phoebe is happy to continue dealing with social media – TBC.

Thank you to all those who have taken on committee roles – your time and effort is greatly appreciated.

Thanks to Ellie who also took on the role of Vice Chair of SDNA, to enable Blue Jays teams to continue to play in the leagues.

AOB: None

Meeting concluded 20:50