

**CUMBERLAND NETBALL CLUB  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
MINUTES**

**7pm Monday 15th June 2009  
La Caponata, 3-7 Delancey Street, Camden**

**Apologies from committee members: Natalie Cowie, Jane Whitefield, Ellen Mindel**

**1. Chairman's Welcome**

Welcome to the AGM. 2008/09 was another busy and eventful year for the Club.

Looking back over the year, we have achieved a great deal, both on and off the court. We were awarded Silver CAPS accreditation, our A team were promoted to the South East Regional League, we hosted our very first Black Tie Ball and Cumberland was voted Club of the Year by Middlesex County Netball League.

**2008/09 HIGHLIGHTS**

Phenomenal results on court:

A team – **Champions** of Poly League 1<sup>st</sup> Division, **Champions** of SE Regional league 2<sup>nd</sup> Division (and promoted to 1<sup>st</sup> Division), Challenge Cup Finalists (Plate), Middlesex County Tournament **Champions**

B team – **Runners Up** in NLNL Premier Division, 5<sup>th</sup> Middlesex Premier Division, **Semi-Finalists** in Challenge Cup Shield (with a narrow defeat by Poly on Saturday)

C team – 6<sup>th</sup> in NLNL Premier Division and **3<sup>rd</sup>** in Middlesex 1<sup>st</sup> Division

D team – 7<sup>th</sup> in 1<sup>st</sup> Division NLNL and 4<sup>th</sup> in Middlesex 2<sup>nd</sup> Division

E team – 5<sup>th</sup> in NLNL 4<sup>th</sup> Division and 7<sup>th</sup> in Acton League 1<sup>st</sup> Division

F team – 5<sup>th</sup> in Acton League 2<sup>nd</sup> Division

Youths – 8<sup>th</sup> in NLNL 2<sup>nd</sup> Division

Our website received 5,484 hits over the last year (up 1,240 from previous year)

We raised a lot of money for charity, through the Black Tie ball & other initiatives.

This is an exciting time for Cumberland Netball Club. We aim to attract top players to compete successfully in the new leagues, we are committed to develop the next generation of netballers and build CNC into one of the best clubs around.

**MILESTONES**

We are very proud of our achievements in a short space of time. It provides a solid foundation from which we aim to further build the club. Highlights include: MCNA Club of the Year, 2008

CAPS Accredited (Silver Award), 2008

Challenge Cup: Winners 2008, 2 teams in Semi-Finals 2009, 2009 Finalists (As)

Qualified B Award umpires in Kim North, Yvonne Beadle and Rose McCarter  
An Access Sport Partner Club



CAPS Accredited (Bronze Award) 2007  
Web & Club Identity 2007  
Runner Up, LAP Club of the Year, 2006  
Member benefits: British Military Fitness, Running Bare, Milners

### **LOOKING FORWARD**

During 2010 we will celebrate our Club's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. What started with 10 players back in 2000 has grown into a thriving Club with more than 150 members!

### **AND FINALLY...**

All members have benefitted throughout the year from the support we receive from our magnificent committee for which we remain very grateful. A big thank you to all who contributed to the success of the club and a special mention should go to the Committee and our volunteers. As you know, the club is run by players for players and is completely voluntary. The committee is dedicated to the club – they certainly put the philanthropy back into 'giving', in both time and expertise. The committee has been outstanding in once again volunteering their time and expertise to build the club into what it is today. I would like to thank each and every one of them for their hard work. There are a few committee positions open this year and we would like to encourage you to please volunteer to help keep Cumberland great.

### **A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO...**

**George** for all her tireless work as club secretary and keeping us all informed of goings on at the Club and beyond. Thank you to **Yvonne** for her enormous contribution on and off court as county representative and coaching secretary, to **Kim** and **Rose** for driving the umpiring development from within, you're a great asset to the club. A special mention to our development secretaries **Kirsty** and **Andy**, a top effort in securing Silver Caps for the club, a big thank you. Thank you to **Jill** (and her spreadsheet) for registration, affiliation and membership, **Julia** for keeping our finances in check, **Sam** and **Rose** for the great socials, **Carla** for organising rallies, **Natalie** for PR, **Kim** in dealing with 100s of enquiries, **Elaine & Emma** organising umpires, **Lois** for looking after our kit and **Rachel** for looking after the juniors and their welfare. The subcommittee who organised a splendid ball includes **Karen, Georgina, Emma, Rose, Kirsty, Sam, Kim, Andy and Lois**. A big thank you to all our coaches for volunteering their time and sanity. **Tony, Kim, Yvonne, Leanne, George, Rachel, Carla** and **Jane**, you've done a fantastic job! And finally, a big thank you to **Paul** Champion who has built our website and maintained it behind the scenes for the past 3 years.

My time as Chair for Cumberland Netball Club has been exciting, challenging and very rewarding. As I step down at the end of the AGM, I wish my successor all the best for the exciting year ahead. It's been a great privilege to be a small part of such an amazing club and group of volunteers. Long may the success we've achieved thus far (as players and a club) continue!

## **2. Minutes of the AGM held on 28th June 2008 and matters arising**

Minutes agreed. Proposed by JC and seconded by TK



### 3. Treasurer's Report

From last season we carried over more than expected, mainly because we did not pay the £3500 (approximate) court hire that is due for practice court hire from previous seasons. We made a profit this year but the old court hire of approximately £3500 is still to be paid. So if we took this into account we are left with a balance of £4899.60.

Of our net gain of £2852 this season, £1428 was due to fundraising (the ball and mixed rally).

Camden have recently told us that they are planning to increase the cost of court hire next season, from £12 an hour to £17 pounds an hour. This results in an extra cost to us of approximately £1000 next season. Therefore, even if we do manage to fundraise the same amount next year, we will incur a loss. There may also be increased expenses for indoor court hire for the Poly and Regional leagues.

Due to the need to retain a healthy balance (to continue to support the development of our members and face any unforeseen expenditure), along with the threat of increased costs next season, it is proposed that we increase subs by £10.

I am stepping down as Treasurer of the Club and would like to thank the entire committee for their help and support during my time as Treasurer.

- **Fees for 2009-10 season**

Unanimous vote that fees should be increased by £10 next season  
Therefore, £120 for seniors  
£75 for Youths, students and unemployed  
£65 for Juniors

### 4. Secretaries' Reports

#### ***Club Secretary – Georgina Partridge***

It has been a busy and hugely successful season for Cumberland. In particular the A team have had a clean sweep in Poly and Regional 2, importantly securing a promotion to Regional 1 next season. In addition, they have won the poly Tournament, Middlesex County Tournament and Bournemouth 7s regional (wine cup) competition. One of my personal highlights was Middlesex County Tournament where Cumberland A put in a fantastic team performance to beat rivals, and last year's winners, Academy. I am looking forward to finding out how they get on in the Finals of the UK Challenge Cup in Wolverhampton on the 28<sup>th</sup> June 2009. If anyone would like to support then let me know as we are looking at organizing minibus/coach for all the Cumberland Sausages.

Competition in the North London League was challenging this season, but we've had some excellent results from the other teams and looking forward to the B team taking the top spot next season and perhaps some promotions from squad 2 teams.



A big thank you to all of the committee, the coaches and assistants, umpires and captains for all of their hard work.

I would like to thank everyone personally here as all committee members do really work very hard behind the scenes to make Cumberland run smoothly. However, just a couple of names I would personally like to mention for this season:

- Lois. She does a lot of work behind the scenes and wanted to thank you for being super efficient and dealing with everything so well as I know that you have had some 'interesting' issues to deal with.
- Jill. Does an amazing job of keeping up to date with affiliations. It is a huge job and the work you do behind the scenes should be recognized.

Special thanks from the Club:

- Tony. Thank you for your commitment to the A team. Tony is stepping down as A Team coach due to family commitments. Hopefully, you have received the wine to show our appreciation.
- Claire Smith is stepping down from coaching next season, thank you for your commitment. Claire we bought you flowers but you weren't here!?
- Finally, Lindie - for all the work on the website, and commitment over the year being one of our original Cumberland members. Lindie is leaving us to go and work in Dubai but hopefully we will see you very soon.

#### ***Membership & Affiliation – Jill Cameron***

With all our successes year after year, Cumberland continues to build a strong reputation and attract more and more members. This year, our numbers grew by more than 15%, to 139 senior and youth members – and we still have an active junior section, with more than 40 11-14 year-olds.

We've handled all the related administration pretty well this season: membership forms and fees have come in from new members without the need for us to chase in too many cases, and (compared with previous years), England Netball's affiliations process has been relatively smooth.

On league registrations, we've also had a good season. Cumberland has teams playing in 11 different divisions of 5 different leagues, and it's a true team effort to make sure we stay on the right side of their different rules for registering players, for play-ups, promotions, etc. Our coaches and captains have worked hard with me to get this right: in the North London league (where we run 5 teams) we haven't had a single play-up-related penalty all season; and we've had only a couple of hiccups in the Middlesex league. Next season I hope we can have a clean sheet across the board.

#### ***Enquiries – Kim North***

An exciting year as enquiries secretary with a porn SPAM attack on the existing cumberland yahoo account. Paul Champion kindly switched the cumberland mail to Red Cube resulting in a seamless business as usual. 326 enquiries before Christmas and 120 after. As expected peak periods of enquirers are start of season and trials.



The enquirers came predominantly from the high search optimisation (SEO) of the Cumberland website, England netball, referrals, gumtree and netballpost.com.

As I stand down to concentrate on other club matters I wish my successor Caroline well and pass on my learning that it's the speed of response (every few days) that matters not the eloquent pros that matter as prospective new players will tend to mail more than one club.

### ***Kit & Equipment – Lois Tucker***

It was a difficult year with regards to kit this year as we were let down twice by our kit suppliers.

But moving on, I have high hopes for next season as we have a new and reliable supplier with great prices on a range of kit. We have extended the Cumberland branded kit to match t-shirts and training clothing. A new kit catalogue will be available once confirmed.

Cumberland will have a kit and equipment store which will be located at the Camden Sports Pitch.

We now have the ability to order via the website which will make payment and tracking easier.

### ***Coaching – Yvonne Beadle***

This year has been a good year for coaching at Cumberland. We've had a large number of coaches (compared to previous seasons) who have provided good quality coaching to all our training squads and teams. We've also had a large number of coaches gain their coaching awards which has been funded by Skills Active, Middlesex County Netball and the Club. Thank you and well done to everyone involved in the coaching team.

Tony Keogh – Head Coach A team (Squad 1), UKCC Netball Level 2 Coach (awarded this season)

Kim North – Head Coach B & C teams (Squad 2), UKCC Netball Level 2 Coach (awarded this season)

Leanne Bland – Squad 2 Coach, UKCC Netball Level 2 Coach (awarded this season)

Gillian McCormick – Squad 2 Assistant Coach

Claire Smith – Head Coach Senior Development, UKCC Netball Level 2 Coach

Georgina Partridge – Head Coach U19s, UKCC Netball Level 2 Coach (awarded this season)

Krista Priscott – U19 Assistant Coach

Rachel Urquhart – Junior Head Coach, UKCC Netball Level 1 Coach (awarded this season)

Jane Spalding – Junior Coach, UKCC Netball Level 1 Coach (awarded this season)

Carla Tanis – Junior Coach, UKCC Netball Level 1 Coach



There will be a few minor changes to the coaching team next season. Tony is standing down as the A team coach to spend more time with his new family. Claire Smith is also standing down as senior development coach, after many years coaching with Cumberland. She will remain with the Club as a player but due to the travel now involved for her to get to the Club she's no longer able to commit to coaching. Carla Tanis is also standing down as one of the Junior Coaches, and again has been involved with us for many seasons. Unfortunately (for us) Carla is returning to Australia. And as you all know Gillian left earlier in the season, also to go to warmer climates. We wish you all the best in the future and thank you for all the commitment and time each of you has put into developing Cumberland teams and players.

We will also no longer be offering coaching to senior development players. Instead we will assess all new players and either place them into a training squad/team or refer them to a playing opportunity elsewhere, e.g. social netball leagues. We are also not going to be offering U19 netball and instead will be running an U16 squad. Players over the age of 16 will be selected into senior teams.

As a result the coaching set-up for next year will be as follows:

Krista Priscott – Player Coach A team  
Leanne Bland – Assistant Coach A team  
Kim North – Head Coach, B & C team  
Yvonne Beadle, Georgina Partridge and Leanne Bland – Squad 2 Coaches (D, E, F team)  
Rachel Urquhart - U16 Head Coach  
Jane Spalding – Junior Coach

We are looking for assistants to work with both Jane and Rachel with the junior and U16 sessions which run between 6-7:30pm and weekend matches at NLNL. If you would be interested in helping out please come and speak to me, Rachel or Jane.

We also offer training and support to all new and existing coaches (and also expenses payment if you're qualified). Next season there are plans for Rachel and Jane to take their UKCC Netball L2 Award and Kim North has already started her UKCC Netball L3 Award. Good luck to all of you.

Training times, venues and structure will otherwise remain the same for everyone. Due to feedback from Squad 2 the coaches will be incorporating more coached game play practice in sessions. We will also be introducing a Match Day Manager for those teams whose coaches are unable to watch them at weekend matches (usually due to their own playing commitments). The match day manager will liaise with the coach and captain over team selection, watch and coach the team at matches, be responsible for substitutions, feedback to the coach areas to work on in training etc. If you would be interested in being a Match Day Manager, again please let me know.

As I mentioned earlier we will also be having three mid season assessment



days for new players that miss trials. This is to ensure that we place new players into appropriate training squads/teams and coaches have an opportunity to properly assess a new player.

The leagues all the teams will be playing in next season are listed below for information:

As: Poly 1 and Regional 1  
Bs: Mdx Prem and NLNL Prem  
Cs: Mdx 1 and NLNL Prem  
Ds: Mdx 2 and NLNL 2  
Es: NLNL 3 and Acton 2  
Fs: NLNL 4 and Acton 2  
U16s: NLJNL U16s  
U14s: NLJNL U14s

Finally, don't forget to register for the trials which will be taking place this year on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August for Squad 2 and Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August for Squad 1. Carla is co-ordinating the trials this year and has registration forms on her tonight if you want to hand in tonight. The trials will both be at Camden Sports Pitch. Pre-season training will begin on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August at Camden Sports Pitch.

#### ***Umpiring – Emma Wigley & Elaine Thompson***

A big thanks to all umpires that have helped Cumberland particularly Rose and Kim. We are now a big club so need more umpires as we've had to go outside to clubs like Hyde Park to get our games covered. With 9 qualified umpires we do not have enough. We have Kim, Rose and Rachel having passed A theory. Yvonne at B with Claire Smith, Kelly Hutton and Clare Graham passing their C awards this season to join Rosie Bayman, Gary Brown and Nia Prys Williams at C award. Kim became an umpire tester and is about to become a Middlesex umpire mentor.

We've managed to beg steal and borrow umpires for every game which resulted in a very successful season. Next season will see more development in the umpiring area with those interested encouraged to umpire at training where they will be supported and helped.

#### ***Sponsorship – Vacant***

#### ***Publicity Report – Natalie Cowie***

As a club we have maintained a strong relationship with Camden New Journal who has continued to cover our match reports and any additional news when supplied. From Aug-Dec 2008 we had a good trials piece followed by regular match coverage and monthly round-ups on the A team and where possible the B team successes. Early 2009 through a combination of my absence from games and lack of information from the A team matches we had a quiet period between Feb-April. However Camden have since run a season round-up for the A team and challenge cup semi final dates for the A and B team matches last weekend. A follow-up match report will be covered this week as well as a piece following the CC final on the 28<sup>th</sup> June.



Middlesex County Magazine requested an article for their newsletter on Cumberland's first season in the Regional League which was published last month and circulated to all Middlesex clubs. Trials coverage is being scheduled for July with a profile of Natalie E to encourage new trialists for the 2009-10 season. A season round-up will also be submitted to England Netball Magazine on the A teams success following the Challenge Cup final result. Next season I would like to receive weekly scores from each of the teams to add to the end of the A team match report.

***Development – Andrea Johnson & Kirsty Smith***

Successfully renewed Silver Caps.

Completed a 3 year action plan for Silver Caps.

Aim to achieve Gold in April 2010. We need a level 3 coach to achieve this which KN has commenced.

Implemented a training register this season with little success. We need it for Gold, so can people please make more of an effort to sign in next season.

We have applied for Middlesex Club of the Year, which we are waiting to hear back on. Hopefully we win for a second season running.

Lastly, thank you to those who helped us complete our Caps applications and nomination applications, we really appreciate the effort by all.

***Rallies Secretary – Carla Tanis***

No additional rallies were held next year. Will work in conjunction with Social Secretary for the start of next season.

***Social Secretary – Rose McCarter & Sam Cornick***

We have had great turn outs at this season's socials and lots of positive feedback too for all the different events.

We started small with the start of season social and by the Christmas party we had an amazing turnout with club members from every team attending the dinner and drinks

A trip to the O2 to see England v Jamaica again pulled in members from all teams. With a crowd of 7,500 it was great to have club representation at one of the UK's biggest netball events.

In May we took three teams to Bournemouth for the Bournemouth 7's. Three nights under canvass, Cumberland tour t-shirts, great netball and a few shandies - it proved to be one of the best tours yet both on court and off court. The A team won the Regional Competition and the B and C teams came 3rd and 10th respectively in the County Competition. With positive feedback from all members who attended - we'll definitely be going next year and this time we hoping to take four teams.

Our first Black Tie Ball last year at the end of the 2007/2008 season was an amazing night and helped raise much needed funds for the club. The next Black Tie Ball is on Saturday 5th of September. We are hoping to raise even more money for the club this year so we are encouraging everyone to publicise the event to partners and to friends. Tickets are on sale now.



Thank-you to everyone who have attended the events!

**Dates for next season:**

- **Black Tie Ball:** Saturday 5th of September 2009
- **World Netball Series, Manchester:** Friday 9th - Sunday 11th of October 2009
- **Christmas Party:** TBC
- **Bournemouth 7's:** Friday 28th - Monday 30th of May 2010

Any suggestions for other group events and outings gratefully received.

***Youth – Ellen Mindel***

None submitted. GP to confirm if Ellen is standing down for next season.

***Welfare & Juniors – Rachel Urquart***

Established a club and school link which funded CRB checks for 6 more club members. The committee decided that all match day coaches for next season should be a priority for these funded CRB checks. All coaches have CRB checks and several more committee members have CRB checks. Goal for next year is to establish a record of all CRB checked club members, the dates of the checks and form ref numbers.

**Child protection policy and duty of care**

Coaches and volunteers should have received a copy of the child protection policy and codes of conduct. In addition 3 club members attended a child protection training session. Goal for next year is ensure all new volunteers and coaches have attended a child protection course and receive these documents at the start of the season.

**Junior and Youth registration process**

The Junior registration process has been coordinated by the junior coaching team. The Youth registration process was integrated into the senior registration process as the youth girls played in the senior league. Next year the under 16 registration process for the new youth team will be overseen by Rachel Urquhart (Youth coach) and the junior registration process by Carla Tanis and Jane Spalding (Junior Coaches)

**First Aiders**

Captains have been asked to provide information about first aiders in their teams. Next season more club members will need to go on first aid training courses. If you are interested in receiving first aid training and being your teams first aider please contact Rachel; [rachurquhart@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rachurquhart@yahoo.co.uk).

**Demographic Info (for youth and senior)**

107 forms received

white British 65%

White other (NZ, Australian, Danish, South African, Pacific Island) 19%

Dual ethnicity 5.5%

Black African 4%

Black Caribbean 4%



Asian 1%  
Chinese or other 2%

85% are white British or white other. So 15% of the adult and youth club members are from ethnic minority groups.

## 5. Proposed Change to & Agreement of Constitution

No proposal were submitted

## 6. Election of Officers for 2009/10 Season

**Chair: Yvonne Beadle**, proposed by GP and seconded by LC

**Treasurer: Jo Studholme**, proposed by JH and seconded by RM

**Enquiries: Caroline Chilton**, proposed by KN and seconded by HG

**Sponsorship: Karen Carter**, proposed by RM and seconded by SC

**Umpiring: Kim North**, proposed by RM and seconded by ET

**Coaching: Kim North**, proposed by YB and seconded by RM

**Rallies: Chaz Blythe**, proposed by RM and seconded by KP

All other officers are remaining in their current role;

**Secretary: Georgina Partridge**, proposed by SC and seconded by TK

**Affiliations/membership: Jillian Cameron**, proposed by LF and seconded by TK

**Kit Secretary: Lois Tucker**, proposed by AJ and seconded by KS

**Marketing & Publicity: Natalie Cowie**, proposed by LT and seconded by YB

**Social Secretary: Rose McCarter & Sam Cornick**, proposed by KS and seconded by GP

**Welfare Officer: Rachel Urquhart**, proposed by CB and seconded by SC

**Webmaster (non-exec position): Chimene Painter**, proposed by LC and seconded by YB

## 7. Any Other Business

Sarah Hyde, who is an ex Cumberland player had her house burnt down and has lost all her belongings. A collection was done from members so that so we could go some way in replaying some of her things. It was suggested we would purchase a Cumberland Tracksuit and send this to her. JS to co-ordinate.

More Junior and Youth Coaches are needed to help with existing coaching team.

## 8. Presentation of Awards

### Coaches Awards (awarded by Yvonne Beadle – Coaching Secretary)

Upper Squad	Most Outstanding	Hannah Gale
	Most Valuable	Jane Whitefield
	Most Improved	Caroline Chilton
Lower Squad	Most Outstanding	Claire Graham
	Most Valuable	Rose McCarter
	Most Improved	Shaheen Lodhi



Youths                      Coaches Award                      Emma Lumley

**Players Player of the Year (awarded by Lindie Champion - Chair)**

A	Bridget MacKenzie
B	Hannah Goodey
C	Chi Chi Eseonu
D	Claire Graham
E	Yeahmah Horton-Johnson
F	Kirsty Cantrill
Youth	Ruth Pritchard

**Team of the Year (to be awarded by Lindie)**                      A Team