



A G M MEETING MINUTES - 10th MAY 2023

In attendance : Caron Ogden, Emma Draycott, Anita King, Darcey Arrowsmith, Beth Thurairajah, Tracey Pallet, Annis Pears, Carole Payne, Beth Richardson, Donna Edwards, Katie Phillips, Chloe Phillips, Andrea Phillips, Isla Gilby, Abi England, Emily Harrison, Cara Stuckey, Jess Rainbow, Lucy Marsden & Holly Hemsley

Apologies received : Charlotte Pinkham, Hannah Coltman, Charlotte Neville, Meg Smith, Kelly Bennett, Anna Poulsen, Imogen Banton, Polly Coward, Madi Seller, Annie Pelchat, Evie Smith, Chloe Ley, Lucy Ibbetson, Leah Webster, Beth Swain, Derry O'Neill, Ellie Kyriacou, Thea Weaver, Karen Malkin, Anna Clayden, Millie Davies & Beth Willars.

Caron welcomed all to this year's HLNC AGM and confirmed we had the required number of people based on senior club members to continue with meeting – thanks to all. !!!!

1.	<p>SIGN OFF LAST YEAR'S AGM MINUTES – 11th May 2022</p> <p>Proposed : Emma Seconded : Jess</p>
2.	<p>ANNUAL REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS</p>
2.1	<p>• Chair - Caron Ogden - HLNC 2022/23 Season Report - Senior Chair</p> <p>Firstly, welcome and thank you for coming to the AGM. Over the next couple of hours you will hear from all the club captains & committee members reflecting on the year just completed.</p> <p>As we began our 2 year period as Chairs, Katie, Chloe and I agreed to have a combined Club Vision to ensure the aims of the overall club were aligned during our tenure.</p> <p>Our main club aims were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further improvement of member experience & engagement across both sport and social, promote and nurture club volunteer involvement • Financial stability and organization maturity, continued investment in coaching and facilities • Increase promotion of Junior section and greater participation in fundraising / social activities • Continue to improve the relationship with the Rugby Club and other Leicester Road sport groups <p>We have made good progress in some areas, but have faced challenges in others.</p> <p>We have been able to continue investing in our coaches & facilities, with newly qualified coaches last year, ongoing maintenance of the courts and gradual reduction in quantity but increase in quality of training & match equipment. The club finances are stable & on track to fund the full court resurface when needed. The hugely successful summer camp expanded our Junior offering and we have been able to bring some new interest in the club through the recent taster sessions.</p> <p>We continue to maintain our relationship with the Rugby Club, and may need to lean on this if we want to go ahead with our facility development ideas (more details later)</p> <p>Despite welcoming several new club members, we dropped from 6 to 5 senior squads this season and had a record number of super-sub members. We have struggled with engagement from some club members and fixtures times have become more difficult to organize. We have a plan to try to address these challenges which we will share details of later in AOB.</p> <p>As I said last year, and at presentation night, the club only runs because of the time &</p>

commitment from the club committee members & other volunteers who do loads behind the scenes to keep HLNC running and enable us all to play netball – thank you team!

This is my last Chair report as I am stepping down from the role today. The past 2 years have been enjoyable & challenging. Our wonderful committee members have experienced *Caron* in work mode – they can decide whether that was good or bad. I know whoever takes over this role will bring the club further forward, and they will have my full support to do so. Thank you

2.2 • Junior Chair - Chloe & Katie Phillips

We'll try and keep our report short as we don't want to bore you all and there's some more junior reports later on!

Our second season as Junior Chair has been another interesting one! Once again, we decided not to join the Junior League because of the location being in Warwick, and instead opting for matches against Nuneaton clubs, Synergy, Ambleside & Griff. As much as we would've loved to give our girls the opportunity to play more competitive Netball with much more structure, the Coaches & our committee agreed that it just wasn't going to work.

This season, we decided to nominate 3 'winners' after each match as we felt it important to recognise certain individuals for their hard work or personal success. As usual, there was a player chosen by the opposition, but we also had 'players player' votes and a 'Coaches player' after each match. Unfortunately, whilst we remembered to do this after the matches, we did quite often forget to take any pictures! Sorry! It was great to see a variety of players getting recognised across the season, and not just the same players each week.

We implemented a Commitment Policy for our team members and training only players this season due to lower commitment last season and our growing waiting list. We feel this has made a positive difference, with the average attendance of each team player being 83%, although some have considerably higher which is great!

Halfway through the season, we were able to welcome some new members to the Club which was great. Our waiting list is still growing, we currently have over 30 waiting to join! It can be a bit of a headache for us but it's so good that so many girls want to join Hinckley Ladies. Hopefully next season we'll be able to welcome majority of these girls to our sessions, and we'll keep working hard to find a way to welcome more new members to start playing Netball- as always, suggestions and ideas are most welcome!

It's also been great to see so many juniors at social and fundraising events, and we were so pleased with the turnout at Carol's Tournament back in March. It gives us such a boost to see so many getting involved outside their normal training sessions or matches.

Another highlight was the club's first ever Summer Camp, which took place last August. The week was full of laughs and apart from a couple of rain showers and some minor injuries it ran very smoothly... but we did have a close call when the gazebo blew towards the clubhouse after a gust of wind, and we had to chase it down. Luckily the car park was quiet and none of the girls had arrived so that was a relief! Over £500 was raised for the club from this week alone.

Whilst we're on the topic of summer camps, we're hoping to run one again this summer and we have already persuaded Sophie to help out again, there was no way we were taking no for an answer!

Once again, we'd like to say lots of big thank you's to everyone who helps us and the junior section of the club. Thank you to Holly & Donna, our fellow Coaches, who are often asked for their opinion when we both disagree.... You have both been a great help and the junior section simply wouldn't be the same without you both!

Thank you's also to CP, Anita, Meg, Andrea, Lucy, Emma, Caron and to everyone else on the

	<p>committee for all your help, whether that be sorting umpires, updating the website, or simply giving us advice and answering our many questions.</p> <p>Finally, thank you to the parents for supporting the girls and putting up with so many messages and updates, and to the players for attending each week, hopefully we'll see you next season, either at juniors or seniors! Who knows, we may even see some of you on the Committee?!</p>
2.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vice Chair – Emma Draycott <p>Vice Chair is a lovely role to have on the committee. I am basically, in the words of any true netball player, 'there if you need!'</p> <p>Caron is very patient with me and has now worked out that if she sends me an email, she needs to send me a message to say she's sent me an email and sometimes I need a reminder on top of that too.</p> <p>We have been working on ideas for seating/storage for the club, which I think Caron is going to talk about later.</p> <p>I have enjoyed this role again this year and am happy to continue but also happy to step aside if anyone else wants to try this supportive role.</p>
2.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretary (Administration / Membership) – Anita King / Zoe Stokes <p>Secretary – Administration</p> <p>We continue to receive new enquiries for seniors throughout the year . We had some interest in Back to Netball but had decided to run 'Taster Sessions' following poor numbers on BTN last year and have been pleased to welcome many new members to these sessions. We hope that these new ladies will continue to play during the summer 'pay and play' and some may also trial with us for next season.</p> <p>As a committee we continue to hold quarterly meetings, to discuss items to ensure the continued running of the club - these are minuted with actions for relevant members to deal with and are filed for reference and action.</p> <p>I would like to thank all the committee members for their time and efforts keeping the club going, when everyone's time is so precious, you all do an amazing job. Extra thanks to Zoe for keeping on top of the registrations at the beginning of the season and checking on the emails when I'm away. Finally a special extra thanks to Caron for her calm and super organised manner and for being our Chair for the past 2 years, you've been awesome.</p> <p>Registrations secretary – Zoe has confirmed she is happy to continue in the role for next season.</p>
2.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treasurer – Andrea Phillips - May 23 <p>At the last meeting in March I reported we had a total of £47,438 in our accounts (Current account £18,993 and Savings account £28,445) - Appendix A to include all figures.</p> <p>Latest balances in accounts at 20.04.23 to keep in line with the annual accounts summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Our current account has £17,077 ➤ Our Savings account has £32,003 ➤ Giving a total in the account of £49,080 <p>As of the 1st May we have received 92% of senior subs and 96% of junior subs, which is far better than this time last year thanks to Caron and Chloe for chasing this so often.</p>

We have transferred the agreed annual £3,500 into the savings account from the 22/23 season and the next transfer will be done in June 23 to co-inside with the start of the 23/24 accounts.

Ticket sales for the presentation night came to just over £1,000

Our P&P sessions over the summer were quite quiet so this had a knock on effect on receipts of £279, hopefully this years may be better attended.

Our first HLNC summer camp took place in August and this was a very successful event with over £500 being raised, which the club and Katie and Chloe should be very proud of and hopefully this years will be as good if not better.

Bank Mandate still to be complete and will set this up based on the new chair etc.

Now to the thank you's....

- Thanks to all the committee for keeping me aware of the organised events and what I can expect to see arrive in the accounts, this very much helps when a lot of the time there is no reference just a name!!!
- Thank you to Katie & Chloe for chasing any outstanding junior subs and updating me on new team members and leavers in the junior section.
- Thank you to CP for the weekly umpire updates and ensuring I pay the right people the right amount in a timely manner.
- And last but not least thank you to Caron who has been a very supportive and knowledgeable chair and who has put up with my questions and queries with plenty of patience.

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• **Fixtures & Umpires Secretary – Carole Payne**

Another season over and as usual I'd like to start my report by thanking my fellow committee members for their continued hard work behind the scenes keeping our club ticking. Also thanking our fabulous umpires who do a great job and at times going above and beyond to get to our matches. Hitting a pothole and taking out two tyres being a very expensive afternoon for one. Good job Kaz was on hand to stand in and a note for my book for Leanne to avoid Offchurch and Copsewood next season.

For the rest of my report, I would for once like to write a lovely positive piece writing that it has been an easy season for me, with no problems organising game times, no bad weather causing postponements and that we used our own umpires for all of our games but I'd be lying if I did. I can't even copy and paste my last year's report to make it easier but that wouldn't be a true reflection either.

When the new rule to have game times set 12 days before the fixture date was introduced, I thought it was going to be a breeze. That players would know their availability to make the captains job easier and that I wouldn't be sat at 9pm on Tuesday nights waiting for times from our away opponents or waiting on our captains to confirm if they have 7 players for a particular time. But that **hasn't** been the case. I have found it more confusing, often having to double check my umpires are all confirmed to make sure that I hadn't overlooked any games. That might just be my age.

The D and E teams having 3 extra games was another added problem, especially trying to fit them in with all the postponed games due to all the 10.30am games succumbing to the frosty mornings. Another note in my book. Only one 10.30am game per Saturday. Thank you, Anita and Anna for your help with those extra games in arranging, couldn't have done it without you.

We used more external umpires this season than any other & I've always passed on the club's appreciation to them for their help. Thanking our umpires after every game should be a given.

I'd like to thank all the captains, for helping me again this season, for being patient and understanding when I may not have got the times requested & my apologies for the many rants

	<p>that I subjected you to, especially when we were waiting for Stockton to give us their times. Unfortunately, Division 1 will have 2 Stockton teams in it next season. I'm not looking forward to that!</p> <p>Congratulations to Darcey on passing your IA award and then going on to pass the theory part of your C award and I'm sure you would have passed your practical if you hadn't played Ice Football and injured your shoulder. Finally, I'd like to thank Lynda for all of her help over the years as she will be leaving Hinckley Ladies. Congratulations on qualifying to be an assessor and all the best for your progression to gain your B award. We will be sorry to lose you.</p> <p>Well, I think that's about all from me for another year, see you all over the summer.</p>
2.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAPS Officer – Anna Clayden <p>Apologies sent advising no report and nothing done in this role due to personal commitments.</p>
2.8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safeguarding Officer – Anita King & Donna Edwards <p>All junior sessions were attended by Anita or Donna so should any junior wish to discuss any safeguarding matters we were there. The post will continue as a 'dual role' and we support the Junior Chair and team as needed.</p> <p>A reminder that England Netball's website contains information and support concerning Safeguarding for juniors and vulnerable adults as well as advice for parents which can be accessed by all should any player or parent have any concerns.</p> <p>During committee meetings Safeguarding is included on the agenda and if there are any concerns these are discussed, 1 issue was raised at the beginning of the season which was dealt with. We have a register confirming club members who have full DBS checks.</p> <p>We discussed welfare with a number of children throughout the season at training sessions.</p> <p>Concerns raised: No 'safeguarding concerns' have been reported during the 22/23 season to England Netball.</p>
2.9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tournaments/Events Secretary – D'Arcey Arrowsmith & Holly Hemsley <p>We're going to keep this report short and sweet.</p> <p>Apart from the D's, we managed to arrange 1 or 2 friendlies for each senior team on the run up towards the first match of the season – apologies again to the B's who turned up to their match against Rugby on 8th September and were this year's team to be cursed with a no show. Unfortunately, the players from Rugby were involved in a small car accident enroute to the match which gave them a flat tyre and meant that they were unable to attend – one of the few reasons we accept for people missing netball.</p> <p>Sunday 9th October we hosted a watch party at the Rugby Club for members to come along and watch the final match in the England vs Uganda series. It was a cozy event with a good, mixed turnout from seniors and juniors.</p> <p>Moving on to our club Christmas Party. We hosted it at a new venue this year, it was held at Green Towers in Hinckley and they allowed us to cater it ourselves, so we bought and prepared a finger buffet for everyone as well as planning some party games and a quiz. It was a great evening with a good turnout from both juniors and seniors. We were very impressed with the venue and are hoping to book some more events there next season.</p> <p>Skipping forward to the end of March, we organised Carol's Tournament on one of our last training sessions of the season. The turnout for this was excellent and it was a great evening</p>

with everyone getting together and playing netball in Carol's memory.

We organised our spectacular presentation evening at The Green Rooms on Friday 28th April. It was a fun night enjoyed by all, celebrating this season's award winners with awesome trophies, great food, and excellent company.

And now we're all here at this season's AGM, but our role doesn't stop tonight...

We've got Beth Richard's tournament on Saturday 20th – a mixed tournament that we host every year in memory of Beth Richards, a past member who sadly took her own life at a young age. This tournament is organised in her memory to bring everyone together to play the sport that she loved. We've had 6 teams entered so far this year, but if you missed the deadline for team entries and are interested in playing, please let us know and we will try and squeeze you in with a team who has already entered – we're always on the hunt for umpires to volunteer, so if that sounds like something you'd be interested in then let us know that too. As it is a mixed tournament, and the men can get quite rowdy, there is an age restriction of 18+.

We also have a club social in the calendar for Sunday 11th June, we are looking to host a superleague final and 3rd/4th playoff watch party at the rugby club. Details will be released soon about this.

And finally, we have this season's tour! We're off to Butlins in Skeg Vegas this season, on the last weekend in June. We've got our tour hoodies on order, our ___ shirts ready for ___ shirt night, lots of netball planned and we're hoping to bring back some silverware this year!

Thanks again to everyone who has supported the events this year, it has been a fabulous year for both Holly and I. If you ever have any questions or suggestions on how we can improve the events experience please feel free to chat to one of us.

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• **Facilities, Kit and Equipment Manager – Caron Ogden/Meg Smith**

The major maintenance job completed this season was getting the floodlights serviced and the lamps changed, the first time this has been done since they were installed nearly 10 years ago. We also had the courts washed and moss treatment applied. Club funds have been boosted by the ongoing hire of a court on Monday nights realizing rental income of £840. This extra income has been very welcome, particularly as our rent is inflation linked.

We purchased new match balls & crazy catch nets, replenished the kit bags and have added 'court short' sanitary items to both kit bags and the shed for anyone who needs them to use. Unfortunately, my beloved ball pump was lost along with some balls and my car when a toe-rag nicked it a couple of weeks ago.

Thank you to Meg for organising the kit orders this year. On her behalf I'd also like to thank Lucy for showing Meg the ropes & being on hand to answer questions along the way. Senior kit was ordered in September, Junior kit in October and then a follow up order in January with only a couple of orders received. Prices went up this year and so the website was updated to reflect the new price list. Sadly Meg isn't going to be playing with us next season due to other commitments, although she has said she would be happy to help out with kit orders in the future if we need.

To complement our existing kit, I've found some 'Burgundy Bandit' bobble hats which are perfect for our club colours. Anyone who's seen photos from the Wolf Run will have seen Lucy & Holly modelling the hats. We are hoping to be able to offer these for sale to the club next season – once I've managed to negotiate a suitable price with the supplier.

Emma and I have been investigating possible options to further develop our facilities and address your most frequent facilities ask - covered seating & shelter from the rain. We will share a couple of options with you & get your feedback later in AOB.

	<p>I've said this for two seasons in a row now, but maintenance priority for next season has to be getting the benches sanded & treated!</p>
2.11	<p>• Communications & Media secretary – Lucy Marsden & Chloe Holman</p> <p>It has been a pleasure looking after HLNCs communications and media this year. We've consistently posted our 'Scores on the Doors' and POMs along with pictures. Thanks to everyone who sent across pics and videos when Chloe or I couldn't attend their games. It was very appreciated as unfortunately due to timings/locations and alternative commitments, like having a baby, it has been hard to attend all games.</p> <p>Our weekly challenges weren't as successful as last year and we've taken on some feedback and plan to reduce the number of challenges next year.</p> <p>We've kept our great relationship with the Hinckley Times this year, with them holding a space for us on match weeks to ensure complete coverage. All our match reports are posted to the website each week along with our scores and POM.</p> <p>As well as communicating times and locations for all training and match fixtures on Facebook. The Hinckley Ladies Netball Website & Calendar are usually up to date with all events, training and matches throughout the season.</p>
2.12	<p>• Fundraising Officer – Jess Rainbow</p> <p>So this has been my first year as the fundraising officer</p> <p>I started the season by giving out some posters highlighting save the dates for events throughout the year with the hope that people would more likely attend with more notice, we did have a few issues with these dates throughout the year but overall, I think the idea worked well.</p> <p>Again, we hosted the start of the season quiz this year which had an amazing turnout out, which raised us £265. I had hoped to organise something for galantines day which was put on the poster but was unable to go ahead with this this year.</p> <p>A few weeks back we had 7 of the seniors volunteer at the wolf run, this is a great way of raising money for the club as we get paid per person. This year we raised £315 from this.</p> <p>We still have a few things that are ongoing, the sweet jar and pirate map I hope to announce winners at Beth Richard's tournament in a couple of weeks. As well as hosting our bake off competition – which we are still looking for more people to donate cakes for, so let me know!</p> <p>In terms of sponsorship grants, I did apply for a commonwealth equipment one but was unsuccessful. And then have been looking into sponsorship from Tesco which is taking a bit longer than I had anticipated but am still working on. I get lots of emails through with grants that are available, and I have spent a bit of time this year going through them to see if there is anything we can apply for.</p> <p>And that's it from me this year, thank you to everyone that has contributed towards fundraising, the money we raise from your contributions and volunteering go a long way in helping to maintain the club.</p>
2.13	<p>• Juniors Representatives – Holly Hemsley/Donna Edwards</p> <p>Just a quick(er) report from me (Holly) and about this role. The junior's section of the club is a vital part of what makes us the club we are today. Bringing in new members through the junior section is a joy to see and giving these youngsters the opportunity to play club netball outside of school is fantastic.</p>

	<p>A huge thanks to Chloe and Katie who have delivered another thoroughly enjoyable season for all junior members and managed to continually improve the efficiency of registrations, organising matches, communication between clubs etc. They've even been conversing with some local clubs about setting up a mini league next season; with a bit more structure than the friendly matches we've played this season, and better communication from other clubs, it sounds like a great idea and I'm excited to see how this progresses!</p> <p>The junior rep role itself is what you make of it, what you put in is what you'll get out. There are varying levels of time needed to take on this role depending on how involved you want to be – it could be taken on as more of an admin role; attending training, logging attendance, and forwarding communication on the amazing Heja app. Or you can get really stuck in; attending matches and assisting the team captain with player rotations, attending training sessions and suggesting ideas for these sessions based on prior games/training etc. Even if you don't officially want the title of a junior rep, you are more than welcome to pop down to junior training on a Wednesday (conveniently before senior training) and lend a hand with umpiring or getting equipment out. The club funds the DBS checks and once completed you're good to go! Any volunteers and help is always much appreciated - it is one of the most rewarding roles you can have on the committee.</p> <p>And that's me done, thank you for another great season!</p>
2.14	<p>Sign off annual reports Proposed: Darcey Second: Lucy</p>
3.	<p>CAPTAIN'S REPORTS</p>
3.1	<p>U16 Team Juniors – Holly</p> <p>I have, once again, really enjoyed helping out in the junior section this season and repping the lovely U16 team.</p> <p>Each and every one of them have been a complete delight to coach, they're always eager to learn and keen to try out different positions – which we love to see! They've not had the most successful season match-wise, however the team have definitely improved and gelled over the season, which was evident when comparing the score from their first match against Ambleside where they lost 46-8 to when they played them recently and only lost 26-14. Despite the losses, the team always turned up with smiles on their faces and actually looked like they were enjoying playing netball – the same can't be said for a couple of the opponents they faced...I'm super proud of them all for having such a great attitude to the game and each other, it has been a joy to rep them and I hope they continue their netball journey with Hinckley Ladies 😊</p>
3.2	<p>U14 team juniors – Burgundy - Donna</p> <p>The u14 teams have really gelled this season and grown in confidence and competence as the season developed. Many children had to play out of their trialled positions giving them the opportunity to develop their skill set as a squad. Camaraderie also developed as children got to know each other on and off the court leading to new friendships and a real sense of a team by the end of the season.</p> <p>All children played a valid part in the successes this season many picking up awards during the presentation evening. Alongside this all players in team burgundy received votes and nominations throughout the season for players player, opposition player and coaches player showing the range of skill we have across the team.</p> <p>I hope these girls will continue to enjoy their netball and trial again next season.</p>

<p>3.3</p>	<p>U14 Team Juniors – Navy – Chloe</p> <p>It has been a competitive season, playing Ambleside who were as slick and well-drilled as always, Griff who are always up for the challenge and the most competitive game of all, the U14 Hinckley derby. This season was hugely successful for the Navy team, managing to come away with wins and a draw against Griff and the burgundy team.</p> <p>The team as a whole has been a great representation of the family spirit of our club. The girls have all gelled with each other and have formed great friendships off the court as well as on it. This has massively been down to our fabulous captain Rosie. She leads by example on and off court, and is a great positive role model for all players. Poppy has been a great vice captain this season, again, she is positive to everybody, and always provides the team with great laughs off court. Dara has been another major part in the team, her sense of humour is second to none, and so is her energy within games. She never gives herself a break, and is always seen running crazy around the court trying her best for the team. Ella has been ‘Miss Consistent’ in the shooting circle, she arrives at every game ready to go, and provides a great target for the feeders in the circle. Kate is one our loudest members, on and off court. She is always positive and helpful, and provides the rest of the team with great advice, whether she is on court or watching from the sidelines. Serena is one of our quietest players, however you will definitely notice her on court, jumping for intercepts and snatching in rebounds. Ellie joined our team slightly later than others, but has definitely made an impact. Her calmness in mid court has been a vital part of the teams play, and she is extremely humble, even when she pulls out vital intercepts during the game. Grace has been a great shooter this season, she always finds herself space in the circle and has improved her decision making massively from previous seasons. She has also taken her turn to play out of position, and proved she can use her great teamwork to play in various areas of the court. Meg has shown great maturity this season, most of the time she has been playing in one of her least favourite positions WD, but still gives her all and does a great job for the team. Finally we come to Eva, the baby of the team. Her neverending energy on court has been noticed by everyone, and her ability to pull out numerous intercepts has been a huge asset to the team. I would like to thank all the girls for a great season being their representative, and all the parents for being taxi’s every Wednesday and Sunday.</p> <p>Finally, I would like to thank the rest of the junior team for great training sessions, and the umpires who have travelled to various places so our games could go ahead.</p>
<p>3.4</p>	<p>E team report - Anita</p> <p>I have thoroughly enjoyed playing with this bunch of ladies, it has been such a pleasure.</p> <p>We started with Jo and I as joint captain initially at the helm, and with Kelly as our vice we were looking forward to our season with several new players to get to know and play with.</p> <p>We started with a couple of friendly matches that went well so we could find out who played better where and found ourselves a few different combo options which certainly helped as we had a squad of 10 initially. Once the season started we had an additional 4 players to use when the club announced the ‘super sub’ options and agreed to allow the D team’s super subs to be registered to our team – a good move as being the lower team meant that we had no one to draw up from when players were unavailable (how shocking !!) or injured for Saturday matches. We never got to use Annie as she had been ‘used’ by the D’s but we did get to utilize Immy, Maddi, and Polly so thank you ladies.</p> <p>Despite not winning as many matches as we would have liked to, it certainly wasn’t through lack of commitment or trying. We seemed to face the tiresome feisty Ernesford too many times during the season which deflated us somewhat, especially after 3 in a row (due to re-arranged ‘frosty’ ones)!!</p> <p>We won 5 of our matches, scored 535 goals, had 881 scored against us and finished 7th in the</p>

table with 35 points. The first half of the season seemed to be tough for us with us all getting to know each other and settle into positions. We met some very strong opposition along the way and some of them, we felt were unnecessarily physical especially for the level of netball this division plays and the 'spirit' in which netball is played, typically for some of our younger players. Nevertheless, with support from each other we 'toughened up' our players and carried on regardless. Wins in our last couple of matches lifted our spirits and we also finished runners up at the end of season tournament which was a bonus for us all.

As a team in general, we all seemed to bond really quickly, a fabulous team night out bowling followed by a meal in November was a great success and getting to know each other was invaluable for the friendships that have since developed.

The team –

Hannah playing her first season at senior level has been simply amazing, officially supposed to be a super sub, her commitment to training has been brilliant and she played as many matches that didn't clash with her work as she could – she remains steady in the circle, intercepting many balls and has been an essential part of our defence.

Beth playing her first season with HLNC has been an asset in defence working alongside Hannah and Meg in the circle. She has endless energy and even played C on a number of occasions which also worked really well.

Meg, one of our super subs hasn't been able to play as many matches as hoped or trained due to work commitments and unfortunate several illnesses but when she was on court she was a very tight GK and also gave plenty of support from the sidelines when available.

Charlotte P a steady defender provided the team with stability in centre court & was our reliable WD, she also had to step up to WA when we lacked in strength in attack which also worked well.

Summer also playing her first season at senior level took a while to find her position, initially playing a few attacking positions but with the stronger opposition this didn't seem to suit her game style and after playing WD against Ernesford E in December and winning pom this seemed to be a better position for her.

Charlotte N – another first season at senior level has come on extremely well, playing a number of centre court positions and excelling in all. It was after one game when we asked her to play C and she came off court not having broken a sweat that she shared with us that she is a regular runner !! We did see a funny side to her too when irritated by her opponent she pushed her back and received a caution from the umpire!

Tracey – Always at training, always gives 100% and with the long 'Tracey' feeds into the circle she is an asset to any team. She is a super flexible player, even playing at GK against her wishes, she try's her best, even though she has been carrying an injury. I am gutted that she is 'out' for probably most of next season until her op so wish her the very best for a speedy recovery.

Cara – Our lovely super enthusiastic Cara – I think I said it all at presentation night, always smiling, fully supportive to team mates, has even played when she wasn't well and has shown true commitment to the team as well as being an excellent player. I have loved playing in the shooting circle with her, her drives onto the ball from the super passes in from Tracey have been amazing and I am pretty sure she will be progressing to higher teams within HLNC in years to come. And it was her first year back with the senior teams at Hinckley.

Jo was struggling with her persistent shoulder injury and other personal issues had to step away from netball at Christmas which was a real shame as we had worked out an understanding on court so she was sadly missed from the team.

Kelly our side line vice captain also sadly did not get to play due to her ongoing injury although she was able to shout at us at a few games and give us some guidance.

The team benefitted from those that have attended training regularly and who have been able to work on set plays - this is certainly something that is noted during match play on the team combinations and communication between players. Overall they have been a fabulous bunch of ladies and I hope that I get to play with some of them again next season!

Thank you's go to CP for organising our matches for us which have been tricky this year, the

supporters that have come along to the odd game to give us the boost that we need, the committee for keeping the club going, Caron for supporting the team when we needed extra help and advice and Lucy M for getting our reports published – just wish we had had more wins to shout about!!

3.6 D team Report – Anna Poulsen

I came back to netball this season after a few years away due to covid and my rugby commitments. I came back with the intention to get back into the sport I love and have some fun, not take on the very stressful role of captain, which may I add I will not be doing again or at least not on my own like I have done for most of this season.

This was a season to remember, one where the D team curse lived on. Following trials, several new players to the senior section were selected for the D team, as well as some familiar faces, none of which had previously played together. This meant new combinations needed to be tested and partnerships formed across the full court which understandable took some time. This season saw a number of challenges with an unfortunate lack of commitment from the team in regard to training and matches as well as a few illnesses and injuries further on into the season making it hard to implement set plays and strategies into matches due to playing combinations changing most weeks and people often playing out of position.

The beginning of the season saw a few back-to-back losses as players were getting to grips with how each other played and how to communicate effectively. Our first win came on the 12th November against Stockton F, one in which was massively deserved and was won convincingly 51-29. This was just a glimpse of what was to come. We continued to improve as a team and individually which allowed us to go into the second half of the season with a few wins under our belt. We did suffer a few losses in the second half of the season to top of the table teams and also suffered a big loss in the final game of the season against our E team, a game I was sad to miss after breaking my arm that week as well as two key players not being available. This one was a tough loss to take but I am proud of the team for sticking with it for the whole game despite how the result was going and the E team thoroughly deserved that win! However, in this half of the season we won more games than we lost and for that I am extremely proud of the team for, especially with many of my players dropping like flies. I was blessed with a lovely, kind group of girls for this season, the first being Zoe...

Zoe is a great defensive player, with lovely long limbs and I have had the pleasure of watching her become the great player she is today from when she joined Hinckley Ladies around 5 years ago. She is great at tipping the ball and applying that pressure onto shooters, often forcing them to make errors and grabbing turnovers. She helped me a number of times throughout the season when she took on the roll as vice for a couple of months before unfortunately, she had to change to being super sub due to work commitments. All in all Zoe has been a great asset to have on the team, always kind and encouraging towards others.

Donna is another outstanding defensive player who often got player of the match before her season was cut short when she rolled her ankle in a game earlier this year. She fights 100% for every ball and is a versatile player who gave any position I had to throw at her a try. She is an interception queen and caused the opposition to force many errors from her sticking to the opposition attack like glue. She is a lovely positive person to have in the team and I am sad her season was cut short from her injury.

Chloe was a huge asset to the team, her commitment was the best of the team to both training and games and without her we would have been in huge trouble. She started the season having previously played WA, GA but because I had so many attacking players, I asked her to move to WD. She did this without hesitation and thrived here, I think she may have found her position. She started the season lacking in abit of self-confidence but after having a few chats with her during games reiterating how well she was doing and her importance in the team, her confidence began to grow as the season went on and this was obvious in her game. She also had stints at WA, GA and GD which she agreed to play willingly and played well. She has come

on massively throughout the season and is a player any team would be lucky to have. Thank you Chloe for being such a huge part of the D team this season and for putting 100% into all the positions you were asked to play, even if it wasn't your preferred place to play.

Madi was a super sub this season and played both WA and C. She, despite being a super sub had a reasonably good match and training attendance and again was another person who helped the team make it through the tough season. She was a key playmaker in the team, creating many attacking opportunities for the GA/GS and often intercepting balls down the court, fighting for everything she thought she could get her hands on. She also grew in confidence as the season went on, which was reflected in her game play and her few player of the match appearances.

Polly is a lovely person and was another committed part of the team, she started the season off as a super sub but changed to a full-time player to lessen the stress on myself when it became clear that players availability wasn't the best, I really appreciate her doing this. She is like a gazelle leaping through the air to catch passes or to intercept the opposition ball and often took them by surprise by coming from nowhere. She always played with a smile on her face and I loved partnershiping with her a few times as a GA/GS combo. Also another player who has grown a lot throughout the season as a player and in self-confidence and one I am proud to have captained and seen this growth in herself.

I would have to say that Annie was one of the most important players in our team, an excellent play maker down the court and one of the kindest most positive people in the team. Her commitment was also great and this helped me a lot throughout the season with her being such a big part of the team. She put 100% into every game, intercepting numerous balls down the court and feeding the most beautiful balls into shooting circle, timed to perfection, allowing for every opportunity we got with the ball to be utilised. Annie won player of the match for the majority which was massively deserved. A hugely important part of the team and one I am glad to have captained in my first season as a captain.

Last but definitely not least we have Imogen, she was not always available this season due to living away at university but when she was, you knew she was there. Previously she mostly played GA but played the majority of this season at GS to play to the strengths of the team and she took it on the chin and smashed it. Her shooting is next level, with her sinking shots from the edge of the circle time after time and was great at creating space for me to receive passes to, we worked really well together, and it was great to play with her this season. Without her we would have struggled in the attacking end a number of times this season and I hope to see her back next season.

Overall, despite the many struggles faced throughout the season, the D team finished a respectable 5th in the league, a position I am proud to have captained the team to and I am also proud to have watched each and every player, especially the younger ones, grow with confidence throughout the season and understand their importance in the team. Thank you to the D team for keeping me on my toes and for an, although challenging, great first season as a captain.

Other Thankyous:

I would just like to say a huge thankyou to CP for organising all of our extra fixtures, a job which proved difficult with many games from other teams being cancelled due to weather.

I would also like to send a huge thanks to E team players Cara, Tracey, Anita, Beth and Hannah all of which significantly contributed to the D team subbing on numerous occasions for us and without these people we would have struggled to field a team for most games, especially in the second half of the season. Your help has not gone unnoticed and you all played amazingly for us. Thank you again to Anita for constantly communicating with your team on my behalf and making sure I had enough players for each game, even when it was against your own team. You really are a star!

Another important thank you goes to Caron Ogden for pestering my team members who

	<p>weren't the best at responding re availability, to make sure they do so because my job was starting to become very difficult before she intervened as well as being there to listen to my many rants throughout the season. Your help has been really appreciated. The committee as a whole deserve a big thankyou as without all of you, Hinckley Ladies would not be able to run as the amazing, welcoming, friendly club it is :)</p>
<p>3.7</p>	<p>C Team Report - Lucy</p> <p>Firstly I'd like to apologise for my absence at today's meeting.</p> <p>This was my first year taking on the captain's role and I think it's safe to say, doing so while being a 'super sub' was tough!</p> <p>We started the season, first game, first quarter with an injury with unfortunately left the C team 1 player short for the rest of the whole season. Luckily and thankfully this player is back up and running and looking forward to trials.</p> <p>We also had a few new faces from juniors who joined the C's this year and have been so exciting to watch and see their progression throughout the season. Each of the girls have really put 100% into all our games even when they've been incredibly tough and hard to keep going.</p> <p>I personally feel that the C team, as a team has also progressed together and our partnerships were really starting to show.</p> <p>Unfortunately, I don't have time to thank and list everyone but I'd like to thank Leah for being my Vice and helping me out at every other game I was unable to attend and also to Sue and Nic for really stepping up to help me out also. Couldn't have done it without you all.</p> <p>Lastly, I won't be trialing for the 23/24 season but I'll be down supporting all the girls and I look forward to seeing how far they all go.</p> <p>Thank you</p>
<p>3.8</p>	<p>B Team Report - Karen</p> <p>Well, it was definitely a season of 2 halves for the B's!</p> <p>Coming up to Christmas we were unbeaten. The team to beat was C&NW and with a couple of the team out, we knew it was going to be a tight game. Unfortunately, it didn't go our way, but it was still a close game and the whole team, including last minute sub - Cara, fought for every ball and every goal.</p> <p>The weather turned and left us with a bigger break over Christmas than we'd have liked and along with all the extra food and drink over the festive period the first couple of games back were hard and we seemed to have lost our rhythm. We did find it again for some games and got the winning ways back, but other games were not meant to be and we finished 6th in the table</p> <p>It's been a pleasure to Captain the B's this season. Every player has given 110% for every game. This was a brand new B team, aside from a couple of old timers ☐, but the team spirit has been brilliant.</p> <p>I could go through each team member and say a few words, but they'd all be the same – Committed, positive, energetic, enthusiastic and, well, just bloody awesome!!</p> <p>I do have to give special praise to Chloe and Katie - After watching the C's play a friendly against Whitnash, I had a message from the twins to say they were apprehensive about playing up in a higher division. They really had nothing to worry about! Their stamina, commitment</p>

and ability has been outstanding, and I hope they can now see their potential and continue to rise and inspire within the club.

It's great to win and gain promotion where possible but paying for the love of the sport and your teammates is far more important and the ladies in the B team have certainly done that

To finish I want to congratulate the A's on their promotion to Div 1.

I want to thank the fabulous subs that helped us out when needed, the umpires who kept us all in check, and lastly to thank the committee, because if it wasn't for their time and commitment, we wouldn't have this wonderful club to play for

Here's hoping 23/24 season is bigger and better but if it's not here's to just being part of this super netball family for another year ♥

3.9 A Team Report – Holly

I am going to keep this report shorter than last year, as I think I went a bit OTT and talked for far too long, so to summarise:

We had our first team social on 9th September, which feels like years ago now. It was a very sophisticated evening with some lovely curries, and a very welcomed complimentary pudding.

The following week we had our first training session, which Captain and Vice were absent for...we were sunning it up in Majorca, sorry! And the following week at training Captain was absent again, having picked up a stomach bug after getting back from Majorca – sorry again! Luckily I was feeling a lot better and so was able to attend the Quiz & Chips fundraiser on the Friday – it was a really fun evening and big up to Jess Rainbow for being a fab Quiz Master again! The following morning was our first game of the season, against Stockton, who we smashed 50-36...I wish the same could be said when we played them in round 2...but any who, I'm not going through a detailed account of how each game went over the season as we'll be here all night, so I've just done a couple of stats :

- Highest number of goals scored in a game = 61 (against Cov Sphinx A 1st round)
- Least number of goals conceded in a game = 21 (Godiva A 2nd round)
- Total goals scored = 889
- Total goals conceded = 658
- Average goals scored per quarter = 12.34
- Average goals conceded per quarter = 9.14
- Average goals scored per game = 49
- Average goals conceded per game = 37
- In 94% of our matches we scored over 40 goals, 11% of matches over 60 goals, and 39% over 50 goals
- On average we scored the most goals in the 3rd quarter of each game, then 4th, 1st, and in the 2nd quarter we scored the least on average
- On average we conceded the least goals in the 3rd quarter of each game, then 1st, 4th, and in the 2nd quarter we conceded the most on average

So basically the 2nd quarter was just not the one for us, and we absolutely smash the 3rd.

In November the squad welcomed another member; Arthur. Congratulations again to Chloe and Jed on their beautiful baby boy! He has been chief mascot in the second half of the season, cheering us all on from the sidelines.

Obviously we can't go through a whole season without mentioning the weather, so I'll quickly gloss over the facts: we had 3-games called off due to frost/snow, 2 of which were before Christmas – one of those I actually appreciated as I was written off from the dreaded C word,

AGAIN. However, with the help from CP and her fixtures wizardry, we got those games rearranged quickly and played with no other postponements.

Towards the end of the season we were battling with Stockton to claim that ever coveted top of the table spot. Even though we smashed them the first-time round, we knew that the second game was going to be a grudge match. And it was. One of the most physical games I've played in (the most physical being Copeswood, but they get a special mention later). And their umpire was excellent and really helped the team out by being an extra player on the court. That match ended with a tight finish and a draw, 40 all. We needed Highway to beat them to help us out with securing the top spot, however they lost both their games to Stockton which put us in a sticky situation for the last two games of the season. Henley was one of the teams we were due to play and in our first match we managed to scrape a win by 1-goal. Sadly, it wasn't meant to be the second time round, and they took the win with only 5-goals in it. This then meant that we were drawing points with Stockton at the top of the table, but they were slightly ahead with a higher goal difference - only 7-goals. It all came down to our last match and a final push needed to try and reclaim the top spot. Unbeknownst to us, it appeared that our opposition in our last game had been taking up wrestling lessons since we last played them. They were all very physical, and just generally horrible, one player told me to "get over myself" after I said "for god sake" following the millionth battering ram through my back. I am bewildered as to how none of us got injured in that game, but thankfully we're all made of tough stuff. The aim of the match was to have fun and enjoy it, but also to win and score as many goals as possible, and we really tried. The game ended in a win but by only 5-goals, which meant we were trailing behind Stockton on goal difference by 2.

Now this is when it got really saucy. Stockton still had their final match to play and it was against Cov Sphinx, a rogue team in our Division, in that whenever you play against them you don't know how the match is going to end. The match was held on the Wednesday night when we had Carol's Tournament, so thankfully I was able to peel myself away from refreshing the league table all night and was nicely distracted. However, following getting home from the tournament it was back to stalking each club's social media accounts and refreshing the league table for a clue as to how that final match ended.

At 22:05pm a message was sent to the HLNC Instagram page...it was Cov Sphinx...congratulating us on our promotion and for finishing TOP OF THE TABLE!! From the sounds of it they put up one hell of a fight against Stockton and managed to secure a draw in their last game with a score of 34 all, which meant we finished ahead of Stockton by 2-points! The scorecard was shared on their Instagram and the teams were drawing after the first and second quarter, Sphinx actually crept ahead by 2-goals by the end of the 3rd and then held on until the final whistle. Apparently they cheered for us at the end as well as they really did not want Stockton to finish top. So, a huge congrats again to us, we fought bloody hard for it, and I can't wait to be celebrating a great end to the season at the league presentation evening!

Now onto the part of the report which we all love. I have embodied Shakespeare and have written some little poems (let's see if you can tell when I started scraping the barrel for words that rhyme...). Starting down in our defensive end with Emma Draycott:

Emma,

I don't mean to sound like such a grump,
When I am shouting down the court for you to jump,
You always have a happy smile on your face,
And you play with great determination and grace,
Your lean and reach is astoundingly long,
It means that your head pokes out through the throng,
You are a key player on the team,
And deserve all the ice cream,
Playing netball is where you belong

Chloe,

What can I say about Mrs Holman,
Well, in every match she's played in we've won,

Gaining player of the match in her first game back,
She's always supporting on the counterattack,
Her clinical defending in the circle,
Makes our opposition rage and go purple,
Interceptions a plenty,
Probs way more than twenty,
And her favourite animal is a turtle.

Bethany

This girl has never heard of a skin,
She doesn't need to feel warm, just to win,
Flying intercepts made all over the court,
Leaves the opposition feeling sad and distraught,
Her pre-game nutrition is always a hashbrown,
I think for lateness this season she's stolen Emma's crown,
Her commitment has been great,
Swapping shifts to play late,
And taking the opposition down

Jess

Onto our speedy mid court player Jess,
Her tight marking leaves the opposition in distress,
The stomp of her feet makes them cave,
Jumping off court intercepts are her fave,
A penalty pass in the middle third,
No problem she'll take it undeterred,
An aspiring shooter,
She once owned a cool scooter,
Springy if asked to describe her in one word

Nic

She has not had much luck has our Nic,
Injuring her knee in a match all too quick,
Though half of the season she played,
Her movement would get her an A grade,
Her quick feeds and reliability were missed,
Spectating not playing sent her around the twist,
At forty two,
She's fitter than all you,
One of the nicest people to exist

Beth

Wait, did you just see her go past?
Not a chance, she was going so fast,
Teams underestimate her because of her size,
But they soon realise that was not wise,
Her feeds are always quick and strong,
She fools the opposition so they go wrong,
Our clubs little rocket,
What has she got in her pocket?
Who knows but she sings a good song

D'arcey

Now this is a name that I find difficult to rhyme, [so I won't]
When she's around its always a good time,
She leads an attacking masterclass when she plays,
Our Captain Hook, we could watch her for days,
Sadly, she was another player who took a tumble,

	<p>Breaking her arm, meant the team nearly crumble[d], But her ongoing support, From the edge of the court, Strived us to win and not stumble</p> <p>Lucy Versatile is a word I'd use to describe her, As well as determined, uplifting, and a fighter, She's played nearly every position on the court, Saying yes without a second thought, She's quick in defense, and sharp in attack, And doesn't take any of the oppositions flack, She is a netball wonder, Laughs off any blunder, And is always up for good craic</p> <p>In all seriousness though, I've really enjoyed my second season as Captain. The team has made it dead easy for me: with great communication throughout, willingness to play different positions, great turnouts at club events and fundraisers. It's been a pleasure again and I appreciate you all.</p> <p>Again, I've written too much for my report, so just a very quick load of thank you's:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you to all the subs who have played or been on the sideline for us this season: Anna, Annis, Caron, Chloe, CP, Emily, Katie, Lucy Ibbetson, Millie, Sue (sorry if I've forgotten anyone!) • Thank you to CP for doing a fabulous job sorting all of the fixtures again this season, and to all the umpires who have officiated • Thank you to everyone on our club committee for keeping the club going behind the scenes, without everyone who volunteers their own time to keep the club afloat we wouldn't have the great netball club that we have to this day • Thank you to our club coaches Beth and Kaz who take the time out of their day to plan our fabulous senior training sessions, and thank you to anyone who has provided feedback after these sessions whether it's good or bad – us coaches are keen to hear what people think so that we can adapt sessions and plan them better the next time, so please keep up the feedback! • Thank you to all the spectators who come and support our matches come rain or shine. Special mention the mums, especially Sam who has been very poorly this season but has come straight back to supporting everyone each Saturday pretty much as soon as she could get in the car to come along <p>Here's to the 2023/24 season!</p>
3.10	<p>Sign off Captains reports Proposed: Beth Second: Katie</p>
4.	<p>REVIEW OF HLNC CONSTITUTION</p>
4.1	<p>Caron advised that 2 changes are proposed to the HLNC Constitution :</p>
4.1.1	<p>Under <u>Section 4 – Membership</u> : 4.3.5 - remove the wording 'Saturday League' and retain as 'Super Sub member'. Proposed and agreed by Lucy and Jess.</p>
4.1.2	<p>Under <u>Section 5 - Membership Fees</u> – 5.2, 5.4 and 5.5 – amend as proposed below :</p>

5. Membership Fees

5.1 Membership fees for senior and junior players will be set annually and agreed by the Executive Committee.

These will be published before the start of each season.

5.2 **Subs** Membership fees will be collected by order of the committee. **Full membership fees apply for the winter season for the applicable membership category, irrespective of attendance.**

5.3 Membership fees include match & umpire fees for winter league fixtures together with general costs of running the club.

5.4 Membership fees will be paid **in full at the start of the season** by monthly standing order **or** as agreed by the Treasurer. Social members will **have the option to** pay by monthly standing order **or by weekly subscription**

5.5 All membership fees are subject to change at any point and will be reviewed by the Executive Committee before the start of every season.

KEY

Red = Delete

Yellow = Amend

Blue = Add



Following discussion, Proposed by Emma and Seconded by Lucy M.

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2022/23 SEASON

HLNC runs entirely thanks to its volunteers – including the committee members who work behind the scenes making sure HLNC is operating effectively for all club members

We are always keen to have new committee members to bring their enthusiasm & new ideas into the club.

Most activity is completed outside of committee meetings, however we do have 4 meetings per year of c2.5hrs duration.

Executive roles are required to attend all committee meetings. Non-executive roles are not required to attend all meetings but are welcome to do so, and are asked to attend when specific agenda items require their input. When not attending, information can be submitted into the meeting via the Secretary.

The roles were briefly discussed and the new Committee was voted in as follows :

Executive Committee Role	Name	Proposed & Seconded
• Senior Chair	Holly Hemsley & Lucy Marsden	Role for a 2 year period Anita & Emma
• Junior Chair	Katie & Chloe Phillips	Role for a 2 year period Cara & Donna
• Vice Chair	Emma Draycott	Role for a 2 year period CP & Darcey
• General Secretary	Anita King	Cara & Beth T
• Membership Secretary	Zoe Stokes	Emma & Beth Richardson
• Treasurer	Andrea Phillips	Jess & Holly
• Fixtures & Umpires Secretary	Carol Payne	Andrea & Katie
• Safeguarding Officer	Anita King/Cara Stuckey Donna as junior presence	Emily & Holly
Non Exec Committee Roles		
• Facilities, Kit & Equipment Officer	Caron Ogden	Darcey & Jess
• Tournaments & Events	D'arcey Arrowsmith & Beth Thurairajah	CP & Katie
• Fundraising officer (formerly Sponsorship & Grants) & co-ordination of fund raising events	Jess Rainbow	Emma & Andrea

• Communications & Media officers	Chloe Holman & Cara Stuckey	Tracey & Annis
• CAPs Officer	Beth Richardson	Cara & Beth T
• Junior Representatives	Isla & Abi	Chloe & Donna

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Membership fee structures

Discussed and proposed to simplify the membership fee structure to make the Treasurers job easier and clarify costs for all to play in the league as below :

Membership Category	Current Membership Fees	New Membership Fees
Full member (Over 18)	Full member (Over 18)	Full member (Senior)
Full member (Under 18)	Full member (Under 18)	
SuperSub	SuperSub (Over 18)	SuperSub (Senior)
	Super Sub (Under 18)	
Social/ Training	Training Only (Senior)	Training Only (Senior)
Junior	Squad Member (Junior)	Squad Member (Junior)
	Training Only (Junior)	Training Only (Junior)

Agreed new proposal

6.2 Senior Squad Trials & Selection Policy

6.2.1 Caron highlighted the problems that have been present for last years' squads following the trials squad selections and the implications :

- Poor attendance at training and lack of availability for league fixtures across several senior squads
- Increased proportion of super-sub members (33% 22/23 season) with some squads >50% super sub
- Matches played with only 6 players
- Lack of substitutes, resulting in members playing when injured or ill
- Fixture Secretary difficulty in arranging game times & umpires due to non-availability for all 3 league game times (10:30am, 12:45pm, 3pm)
- Team Captain difficulty in coordinating team & substitutes leading to reluctance to take on role
- Limited benefit from coached training & lack of skills progression
- Inconsistent on court combinations & players regularly out of position
- Long term illness, injury, pregnancy etc leaving gap in squad
- Low squad cohesion & morale
- Reduced engagement in club social activities & fundraising actions

6.2.2 New Policy
 Caron advised all that Hinckley Ladies Netball Club (HLNC) undertakes a squad selection process ahead of each new season and we propose to adopt a New Policy.
 The below outlines the senior trials process policy, anticipated outcomes and squad changes / re-trial expectations during the season

6.2.3 Trials Eligibility
 All players wishing to be considered for one of HLNC's senior league squads need to register to attend trials. Registration process and trials dates will be shared in advance via all HLNC's communication channels. Trials are open to existing, returning and new HLNC members. Senior squads are open to those aged 15 and over (or by invitation). By registering to attend,

	<p>all players are deemed to have accepted the trials process and the resultant decisions of the selectors.</p>
6.2.4	<p>Selector Appointment Selectors are arranged by the HLNC Senior Chair with always more than 1 selector appointed to provide appropriate balance. Where possible member preferences are taken into account when choosing who to appoint.</p>
6.2.5	<p>Trials Process Squad selection will take place over at least 2 trials sessions. Trials sessions take place under full England Netball rules with qualified umpires. During the trials period, players should expect to play in a number of different positions and combinations. Selectors take into consideration performance during the trials period, together with any other relevant information (eg prior match & training attendance) when making squad selections</p>
6.2.6	<p>Results Squads are announced at the end of the trials period and confirmed on the HLNC website. Each player attending trials will be provided with individual feedback to support future development</p>
6.2.7	<p>Squad Structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Players will be selected into squads not to a specific position ✓ All players are expected to rotate between at least two positions (e.g. GS and GA) ✓ Positions played in matches will depend on squad make up and will be the team captain's decision ✓ Minimum of 7 full members will be selected in each senior squad ✓ Super-sub members by exception with prior discussion & agreement of Senior Chair (see examples below)
6.2.8	<p>Examples of likely acceptable Super-Sub criteria: (Not exhaustive, Senior Chair to determine acceptability on a case-by-case basis)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Shift pattern requiring Saturday / Wednesday working – with reasonable advance notice of work requirement ➤ Family caring responsibility, with known availability restrictions ➤ Anticipated period of absence (eg working away, pregnancy, exam period) with known leave / expected return timing ➤ Higher level sporting commitment (eg regional / national representation)
6.2.9	<p>Member Attendance Expectation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Full members are expected to attend the majority of both Wednesday training sessions and Saturday matches (80% attendance). ✓ Super-sub members expected to attend half of both training & matches (50% attendance). ✓ All members are expected to be available for all three possible game times (10:30am, 12:45pm & 3pm) on league nominated fixture dates
6.2.10	<p>In Season Squad Changes / Re-trial</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Where attendance falls below 75% of membership type expectation (ie 60% for full time and 37.5% for super-sub) Team Captain / Vice Captain & Chair will discuss with member & agree recovery actions. If attendance does not improve within a reasonable time, the Team Captain / Vice Captain can request a re-trial for an additional squad member ➤ Where a member suffers a long-term injury, illness, becomes pregnant, or is no longer available due to other circumstances, the Team Captain / Vice Captain can request a re-trial for an additional squad member ➤ Re-trial requests will be reviewed by the Senior Chair and if a re-trial is deemed appropriate, notice will be given to the affected squad and wider club members. Re-trial will take place during a Senior training session with HLNC Senior Coach making the selection decision.

<p>6.2.11</p>	<p>➤ HLNC members may be asked to trial for or move into a higher squad if required and are expected to put the interest of the wider club first.</p> <p>Above items discussed and agreed that this would be put into a 'Policy' for adopting for the new season in the best interests of HLNC. Any retrialling for positions would firstly be offered to club and training members, not external members.</p>
<p>6.3</p>	<p>Facilities</p> <p>Following discussions at previous committee meetings, Caron advised all that we had been looking at the possibility of 'covered shelter' for the courts. We currently have no money to do this, these are some proposals/ ideas and inspiration for sharing with members :</p> <p>Facilities Development</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>• 'The Griff'</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Semi-permanent storage / amenity unit • No reduction in courtside run off • Potential to include covered seating • Requires large footprint beyond existing boundary • Cost c£(6)-(8)k including basic fit out (£(20)k+ specialist conversion) </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>• 'The Leam'</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent covered courtside seating • Limited footprint beyond existing boundary • c1m reduction in courtside run off • No increase in storage capacity • Cost c£(4)k per unit </div> </div> <p>We carried out a quick '<i>phone vote</i>' and the 'Leamington' is the preferred option for potential investment / to fund raise towards. To be discussed/researched for future meetings.</p>
<p>6.4</p>	<p>League presentation night</p> <p>This is being held at the Village Hotel, Tile Hill in Coventry on 24th June - £26.50/ticket – ticket orders to be made through the committee/comms.</p> <p>Special awards – we have been asked if we have any nominations for the variety of special awards. Events team will send message to all members for responses and submit to league.</p>
<p>6.5</p>	<p>League Council meeting and League AGM</p> <p>➤ League Council meeting – 7.00pm Monday 15th May - Caron to attend</p> <p>➤ League AGM – 7.00 (tbc) Monday 26th June – Anita to attend</p> <p>Any updates/to be shared at next committee meeting.</p>
<p>6.6</p>	<p>Opinion poll re HLNC carried out on Mentimeter – results shown in Appendix B</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>SET PROVISIONAL DATE FOR NEXT YEAR'S AGM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">15th May 2024</p>

APPENDIX A - CLUB ACCOUNTS

	Current Account £	Savings Account £
Balance at last AGM	17,910	28,348
Total Income	20,505	3,655
Total Expenditure	(21,338)	-
Closing Balance @ 20th April 2023	17,077	32,003
check	-	-
 Memo: Amounts Owed		
Income	1,123	
Expenditure	(2,579)	

Current Account	£	£
Balance at last AGM @ 06.05.22		17,910
Income		
Senior Membership Subs	7,509	
Junior Membership Subs	4,007	
Casual training / Pay & Play	385	
Fundraising	767	
Court hire	840	
Events (inc Tour & Camp)	4,746	
Other income (inc kit £2,017)	2,251	
Total Income		<u>20,505</u>
Expenditure		
<u>Facilities</u>		
Rugby club payments	(2,984)	
Court maintenance	(4,404)	
Equipment	(659)	
Total Facilities	<u>(8,047)</u>	
<u>Netball</u>		
League fees	(115)	
Coaching	(1,445)	
Umpires	(2,463)	
Courses		
Total Netball	<u>(4,023)</u>	
<u>Events</u>		
Venue hire & Expenses	(1,040)	
Camp	(1,170)	
Trophies	(617)	
Total Events	<u>(2,827)</u>	
<u>Misc / Other</u>		
Bank charges	(61)	
Website	(218)	
Other (inc Kit £2,337)	(2,662)	
Transfer to Savings	(3,500)	
Total Misc / Other	<u>(6,441)</u>	
Total Expenditure		<u>(21,338)</u>
Closing Balance @ 20.04.23		<u>17,077</u>

Savings Account	£	£
Balance at last AGM @ 06.05.22		28,348
Income		
Transfer from Current Account	3,500	
Other income	155	
Total Income		<u>3,655</u>
Expenditure		
<u>Facilities</u>		
Court maintenance		
Other		
Total Facilities		<u>-</u>
<u>Misc / Other</u>		
Other		
Total Misc / Other		<u>-</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>-</u>
Closing Balance @ 20.04.23		<u>32,003</u>

CLUB ACCOUNTS - AMOUNTS OUTSTANDING

Amounts outstanding @ 20.04.23		£	£
Income			
Senior Membership Subs		785	
Junior Membership Subs		260	
Casual training / Pay & Play			
Fundraising			
Court hire			
Events			
Other income (kit)		78	
Total Income		1,123	
Expenditure			
<u>Facilities</u>			
Rugby club payments			
Court maintenance			
Equipment			
Total Facilities		-	
Court maintenance			
Equipment			
Total Facilities		-	
<u>Netball</u>			
League fees / Tournament	(100)		(Copsewood)
Coaching			
Umpires			
Courses			
Total Netball	(100)		
<u>Events</u>			
Venue hire	(200)		(deposit & roomhire cost final bill yet to be received)
Trophies	(765)		
Total Events	(965)		
<u>Misc / Other</u>			
Bank charges	(10)		
Website	(16)		
Other	(1,488)		tour payment all collected from players (but included in current account and yet to be paid out)
Transfer to Savings			
Total Misc / Other	(1,514)		
Total Expenditure		(2,579)	

APPENDIX B - POLL RESULTS

What do you value most about HLNC & What would make HLNC even better ?

