



Minutes of the County Management Board Meeting held on Tuesday 24th February 2026 by Zoom at 7.30 pm

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1	Welcome & Introductions	CSz welcomed all members to the meeting.	
2	Present:	Charlie Sizer (CSz), Dawn Heron (DHe), Sarah Hollidge (SH), Debbie Hopkinson (DHo), Julie Law (JL), Tracey Mellor (TM), Rachel Mycock (RM), Rebecca Randell (RR), Caroline Richards (CR), Carol Spencer (CS), Mary Yardley (MY), Claire Bowen (CB) joined the meeting at 8.10 pm.	
	Apologies:	Jane Hadfield (JH), Donna Beckett (DB), Pauline Brasher (PB),	
3	Matters arising from previous minutes	a. 3) Vacant Roles Update – CSz/DHe Chair – G&F Group have confirmed R&R's in order to advertise through Social Media and website. CSz to check Chair R&R's as not at last G&F meeting. Once confirmed it can be advertised. Competition TSG Lead – G&F Group have confirmed R&R's so DHe to forward to RR for upload onto website and advertise through socials. No further information received from Coaching Role. CSz chased but will follow up again. Sample School's R&R from Notts received through CB. This will be taken to next G&F meeting in March to complete an R&R for a School's rep. b. 3) Here to Help Form – DH/RR Discussions were held at the meeting. RR updated the PDF form on the website and further work is to be carried out to collect information on-line easier. DHo to provide new link to a current applicant which is pending. c. 4b) NFN County Showcase Moved to NDO Updates at item 5a below d. 8a) DN Awards & Presentation Event 2025-26 Moved to Updates from Chair area below 4a) ii	CSz DHe/RR G&F grp DHo
4	Updates from Chair	a. East Midlands Chair Meeting Rowena Hackwood, EMRNC Chair, shared with other Chairs conversation around movement of players from outside county links for Pathways. NFN want to arrange a closed competition for U12 & U13 at Club level to improve players. They want to run the league and promote linking to clubs who are the larger clubs that have youngsters up to Adult teams. No further information presently. i. England Netball Centenary Awards & Events Centenary ICT – Opening to Clubs and all clubs have been notified by EN – Closing date 17th March. RR to push Derbyshire clubs through socials for clubs to complete if	



		interested in any of the 3 age groups. First Come, First Served. Further information for EN 100-year Anniversary formerly the One Awards is to be provided soon. The nomination process and categories to be more inclusive and celebrating everyone. England Netball Award Categories to be provided shortly ii. EMRNC Awards Festival (formerly One Awards) Liz Broomhead provided plans for the East Midlands Awards – inspired by Derbyshire’s awards festival last season. A follow-up meeting on Monday 2nd March at Loughborough for 3 representatives from each county to attend to put plans in place for the East Midlands Awards. Discussions to take place at this meeting – • Changes to the process for the awards. • Big East Midlands Picnic • Bring your own food, chairs etc. and mingle with others from the Region. • Past, present & future to be recognized and inspire the younger generation. • Counties to use for their own Awards whilst sharing with others • Possible dates 27th/28th June or 4th/5th July – Venue to be confirmed. Loughborough, Soar Valley, Repton. • Meeting to be held on 3rd March for representatives from the East Midlands and the 5 Counties in the Region to start planning the event. MY to attend with 2 other reps. Discussions were held around whether Derbyshire Netball need to still hold their own event and a decision was to wait until after 3rd March meeting but realise the timelines are very short to organize. b. DN Youth Board Update Youth Board want to be involved in the festival this year and volunteer at next Youth tournaments held by Derbyshire. Chloe to become Chair of the Youth Board and look at new members and promote on Social Media. Check & challenge any newcomers will also be completed.	RR CSz/MY
5	NDO Updates	a. NFN County Showcase – Saturday 11th April 2026 CB shared the information – see Appendix A CB to assist on the days – meet and greet showcase and be courtside. TM to approach High Peak Walking Netball for players who may be interested in taking part. To join the ladies that are interested from Derby Arena group.	TM



6	TSG Reports	Reports sent prior to the meeting. a) PDP TSG Lead – DHo Ruth Sampson will be resigning from Performance at the end of the season. Presentation and thanks to follow. b) Competitions Lead – CR Regional qualification Tournament now moved from 19th April to 11th April. Waiting for venue. – watch this space!! c) Officiating Lead – JL Report received prior to the meeting. An application for funding of £200.00 requested to support the delivery of a 'Face-to-Face' Into Officiating Course to be held in the High Peak. CMB confirmed that Officiating TSG can agree £200 via the byelaws. Agreed. d) Youth Board – report received via CSz prior to the meeting. CSz made reference to the report and the girls are keen to be involved in the Youth Tournament and any events coming up.	DHo CR
7	Financial Review	Accounts received prior to the meeting. Nothing to report. Competitions will be starting March onwards so Grants will start to go out to clubs. Nothing to be concerned about currently.	
8	Any other business	a) Business Plan Working Group – SH Take to G & F next meeting as an agenda item and see where this sits. b) Google Workspace Trial CMB agreed not to go ahead at this moment as work is being carried out with EM and could be beneficial to the county. Prices for Office 365 more expensive. SH working through EN as a non-profit – much cheaper RR speaking to Kangaroo (Website designer) for prices. Discussions around Charity Status for Derbyshire Netball and find if it is worth doing. Could be beneficial for future. SH/DHo to brainstorm.	G&F grp SH RR
9	DONM	Wednesday 29th April 2026 at 7.00pm in person – Woodlands School to be booked. (CR to book) Tuesday 14th July – Face-to-face -	CR



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Appendix A

Nottingham Forest Netball -

Nottingham Forest Netball are excited to be progressing with their planning for the upcoming home NSL matches at Forest Netball. They want to continue to shine a spotlight on our counties during our home matches. Following on from meetings before Christmas and discussions with Claire Bowen.

The match assignment for Derbyshire Netball is as follows:

- **Saturday 11th April 2026** : Motorpoint Arena, Nottingham

What NFN are offering Derbyshire Netball;

1. **10 free tickets** for the area's netball association to invite volunteers who have contributed to the growth of netball in your region.
2. The opportunity to provide **12 ball girls** from your county area, along with **2 coaches** to accompany them. Coaches and 12 ball girls will **receive free tickets**.
3. A **concourse stand** to promote netball in your area.
4. The chance to **share local success stories** (e.g., schools or clubs qualifying for nationals). We will highlight these stories on match day and may offer complimentary tickets to the featured groups.
5. **Half-time play opportunities**: Derbyshire Netball will showcase Walking Netball during half-time between the NXT GEN game and the NSL game. This will rotate each season, ensuring variety and representation across all areas:

- **Derbyshire**: Walking Netball (16 players, 2 coaches, 2 umpires)

How can Derbyshire help:

We kindly ask for your support in encouraging clubs, schools, and other netball groups in your area to attend the matches. Please promote our tickets within your networks. The more tickets we can sell, the greater the impact on growing our sport.

The two fantastic Claire's (Sanders and Bowen) will be your points of contact for match day logistics and coordination. Although Sam Griffin and Corey will be working to support behind the scenes up until a match day, where we are both then involved in NXT GEN.

A team form will be sent to Derbyshire Netball to complete at least 7 days prior to the event to ensure that tickets are issued and co-ordinated.

Thank you from NFN for your continued support, and they look forward to collaborating with us.

- 10 free tickets for main game (association)
- Walking Netball – 16 players, 2 umpires and 2 coaches, (20)
- 12 Ball Girls plus 2 coaches from PDP (14)
- Concourse to promote Derbyshire Netball (not a massive loss if we don't do it)
- Clubs & Schoolgirls for Next Gen
- Activity in Outdoor area if required
- Claire Sanders will send application forms for information etc. as per last year. Details to share to shout about during the day in the Arena. E.g. Clubs at Regional, Schools at Nationals, Umpires, Coaches,
- Timings – Doors open at 3pm, Next Gen 4pm, WN approx. between 5.45 and 6.20pm and then main game at 7.00pm (free tickets)