

**NESTA Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 29th May 2024
Woodside Sports Complex**



Chairperson: Christina Farr
Note taker: Rowan Craik

Attendees:

Allan Lilly
Christina Farr
Iain Craik
June Johnstone
Karen Blanc
Kenneth Black
Leon Chan
Owen Black
Rowan Craik
Sarah Mason
Scott Griffiths

Apologies:

Alistair Gossip
Craig McCoy
Kirsty Wheeler
Matthew Sharkey
Mike Wallace
Monica Wallace
Paul Black
Robin Williamson

Proposed Agenda:

Confirmation of Previous Minutes of AGM

Treasurer's Report

President's Report

Election of Office Bearers

- President (currently Matthew Sharkey)
- Treasurer (currently Christina Farr)
- Secretary (currently David Vale)
- Referee Co-ordinator (currently Matthew Sharkey)
- Club Representatives
- ATR Representative
- Ordinary Committee Members (currently Paul Black & Rowan Craik)
- Non constituted executive positions (do not require to be filled and can be allocated at any time):
 - Development Officer (currently Sam Robertson)
 - Coaching Co-ordinator
 - Communications Officer

A.O.B. which may include:

- World Cup
- STS Tournaments
- Winter Training
- Scottish Touch Academy/Youth Development
- Social Touch
- Coaching courses
- Refereeing courses
- STA Memberships
- ATR representation
- STA policy on Transgender, Non-Binary and Gender Diverse Participation
- AOB

Treasurer's Report

The evening was started with Christina distributing minutes from the last meeting which had been September 2019 which were accepted by the attendees.

Christina then ran through the income and expenditure since the last meeting. There was a decrease in the bank balance of £2971.10 (since Sep 2019).

There were historic costs for entries to the Nationals and a contribution to the Scotland team entry in 2021 but the majority of the costs were to Aberdeen Sports Village for Indoor Winter training.

Although NESTA have paid out large sums for winter training (the contributions by attendees only partly covered costs) it was felt that this was a suitable use of NESTA funds to encourage touch in the North East and the success of the good attendance of Juniors and their selection into the Scotland squads.

Pizza break!

President's Report

In Matthew Sharkey's absence this was read out by Christina.

Sharkey commented on the success of Duthie Park Social Touch and thanked those responsible for calling it on/off and also for organising teams for tournaments.

The Winter training (Jan 19 – Mar 20 and 2023 and 2024) has been a success particularly for the number of juniors attending who have been selected for Scotland. Leagues were cancelled in 2020 and 2021 due to Covid.

Corporate Games were run in 2019 then not again until 2022. This was a smaller event but has grown in 2023 and 2024.

Congratulations to the Juniors on Scotland selection.

Election of Office Bearers

- President - Matthew Sharkey stepped down. Leon Chan and Robin Williamson had both put their names forward for election. **Leon Chan was voted by the attendees as the new President. Robin Williamson to assist as Vice President.**
- Treasurer - **Christina Farr** happy to continue (nominated by Karen and Leon)
- Secretary - David Vale stepped down. **Rowan Craik** voted by Iain as new Secretary.
- Referee Co-ordinator - Matthew Sharkey to continue
- Club Representatives
 - **Scott Griffiths for Guerillas**
 - **Ken Black for Leopards**
 - **Craig McCoy for Hoodlums**

It was noted that other teams could have representation not just clubs.

- ATR Representative – not an official post. Allan Lilly to continue to run leagues but in an observing capacity.
- Ordinary Committee Members - Paul Black & Rowan Craik to step down.
- Non constituted executive positions (do not require to be filled and can be allocated at any time):
 - Development Officer - Sam Robertson stepped down. **Robin Williamson** was voted in.
 - Coaching Co-ordinator – None found at meeting
 - Communications Officer - None found at meeting

A.O.B. which may include:

- World Cup
Good representation but more in the senior categories rather than any open categories
- STS Tournaments
No longer STS but 2 combined teams going to Stirling and potentially 1 to Glasgow
- Winter Training
Successful so plan to continue. Look to book now for starting in November with 1.5hr sessions.
- Scottish Touch Academy/Youth Development
Winter training was positive especially with Juniors being included in games.
Karen Blanc is looking to start touch through school. Probably P4/5 or P5/6 (Rowan to look out any materials from when we did Active Schools coaching plus Karen to speak to Robin regarding coaching he has done)
- Social Touch
- Coaching courses
Iain and Monica are more than happy to run coaching courses (but not to be coaching co-ordinators) – to be looked at after the World Cup.
- Refereeing courses
Sarah happy to coach referees, run courses or even just refreshers.
- STA Memberships
ATR money now goes directly to STA not NESTA.
Rowan to contact STA to ascertain whether players need to pay £6 each to play in the leagues as well as the £15 that Allan gets to go to STA.
Does the monies paid by Allan include insurance?
Is there money come back to the regions?
- ATR representation
- STA policy on Transgender, Non-Binary and Gender Diverse Participation
Attendees had the opportunity to review printed copies of the policy but are able to feedback to STA as the policy is still under review.

AOB

Fundraising events were discussed as there is no income currently to NESTA. It was felt that it was not possible to hold events on the scale of a ball any more but something on a smaller scale could be looked at but after the World Cup.