



MIDDLESEX COUNTY NETBALL ASSOCIATION

Chairman's report for AGM 21/06/07

It was a relief to recruit new blood at the AGM last year and the value of a full Committee has been appreciated during the year.

Amber and Yvonne have worked hard bringing fresh views to the committee and together with the help of members of the Steering Group they have ensured that the proposed new County League became a reality. Thank you both and your Steering Group colleagues for all your effort.

The Tournament to help establish the League was a great success. Again much hard work by the County Committee provided an event enjoyed by 40 plus teams.

Amber, a B award umpire, has supported Kath Newman in planning Umpire activity for next season.

Imogen Williams, our full time County Support/Development Officer, has been another valuable addition to the team. All clubs in the County should by now be aware of her sunny enthusiasm for netball in Middlesex! She has worked tirelessly as a link between England Netball and local authorities and other sporting partners. Thank you, Imo, for easing the load on the volunteers.

Club teams have been making their mark nationally. Academy NC are arguably the best club in the country winning both Division 1 of the National Premier League and the Challenge Cup; providing talent for Superleague teams and several members of National Squads and International teams. Unquestionably the Club to emulate.

Poly too entered the Challenge Cup, reaching the final of the Challenge Shield where they narrowly lost to a Club from Leicestershire. Their horizons have been widened by this experience – it would be good to see more Middlesex Clubs taking the plunge!

Oakwood have managed to retain their place in the Premier League through the playoffs.

Minchenden and Palmers Green both played in the Regional League this season, retaining their places to be joined by Academy next season.

Well done to one and all.

Chris Baker, long serving Treasurer for Schools Committee, is retiring this year. The County appreciates her quiet efficiency and wishes her well.

My personal thanks to all the Committee members for their hard work and support throughout the year – a great deal has been achieved but there is still plenty to do!!

Finally, I was delving into the Regional Archives searching for information relating to Middlesex in order to try and fill the void created some years ago when our archival material was lost and I found a record which would indicate that Middlesex CNA was 70 years old in 2006! Maybe we could celebrate 71 but we must not miss 75!!!

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