

County Netball

Roles & Responsibilities

Chair

The Chair provides leadership for the committee, sets the agenda for meetings and manages meetings in line with the agenda.

The Chair should ensure that issues are properly debated and an agreement is reached. Some committee members will be better at expressing themselves than others; it is important that the chair welcomes contributions from all members of the committee so that everyone feels involved. New members of the committee may feel nervous at first. The Chair should welcome all new members, introduce them to the other members and encourage them to play an active part in the discussions.

Occasionally, disagreements arise. The Chair should remain impartial, call the meeting to order without upsetting the parties involved, and make sure that the committee's decisions are not hindered in any way.

The Chair needs to work closely with the Treasurer and Secretary to ensure that the association is run effectively. The Chair can be a signatory for the association's bank account, along with either the Treasurer or Secretary or other elected committee member.

Key responsibilities:

- Provide leadership; ensure the Committee fulfils its role in respect of governance of the association
- Sign the approved minutes of the last meeting
- Set the agenda for meetings, liaising with the Secretary
- Agree a date for the next meeting
- Ensure the agenda is followed and that all business is covered
- Close the meeting
- Call the meeting to order when it is time
- Write the annual report, liaising with the Secretary
- Welcome and involve new members
- Sign cheques with one other elected committee member
- Ask for apologies for absence
- Get to know committee members

Secretary

The Secretary is responsible for ensuring that there are effective communication links between committee members, affiliated members and the Region. The Secretary deals with all the correspondence that the association receives and helps the Chair ensure that committee meetings run smoothly. Building up a good relationship with the Leagues Secretaries will help ensure that correspondence are sent to members.

As well as dealing with correspondence, following a committee meeting, the Secretary will need to make bookings and other arrangements for forthcoming events. Confirm arrangements made by telephone in writing (by letter or e-mail). The Secretary will make arrangements for the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and help the Chair prepare the annual report and an EGM when required. The Secretary may also co-sign cheques on behalf of the association, along with the Treasurer, Chair or other elected committee member.

Key responsibilities:

- Deal with correspondence
- Write up the minutes of meetings
- Prepare agendas
- Call meetings - giving plenty of notice
- Distribute minutes to all the committee
- Make meeting & event arrangements
- Keep a record of attendance at meetings
- Take notes during meetings
- Ensure that enough committee members are present to make the meeting quorate (this number is defined in the constitution)
- Co-sign cheques as required
- Write the annual report with the Chair

Treasurer

A key responsibility for all committee members is to manage and control the funds the association raises. Although all the committee members have equal responsibility for the control and management of funds the Treasurer plays an important part in helping the committee carry out these duties properly.

The Treasurer should maintain a record of all Income and expenditure. This can be done in a simple accounts book or using a computer based package. The Treasurer is responsible for handling the money raised at events, making approved payments and making arrangements for counting of money at events.

The Treasurer should report on the current financial position at each committee meeting and this should be recorded in the minutes. The report should include an update on any income and expenditure since the last meeting and the current balance. If the Treasurer is unable to attend a committee meeting, a written report should be sent to the Chair in advance of the meeting. All financial decisions taken should be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

The Treasurer operates the bank account, reconciles the bank statements and liaises with the bank regarding changes to the bank mandate and list of authorised signatories. The Treasurer should retain the cheque book and arrange for all payments to be authorised by a second signatory ensuring regular payments. The person co-signing must see what is being paid for before signing and once processed the original invoices should be kept by the Treasurer.

At each event, two people, the Treasurer and another committee member should take charge of monies received and count the proceeds before they leave the event venue. Once both parties agree the total, it should be recorded and then banked or placed in a safe place overnight.

Before the AGM, the Accounts will have to be drawn up in collaboration with the Chair and either audited or independently examined as specified in your constitution.

Key responsibilities:

- Maintain accurate and detailed financial records
- Prepare and co-sign cheques as required
- Present a financial report at each meeting
- Provide and account for cash floats at events
- Liaise with the bank
- Make approved payments
- Pay agreed expenses
- Prepare annual accounts
- Count and bank monies
- Ensure the committee has agreed appropriate procedures for the handling of financial matters