



Marine Netball Club

Marine Netball Club have faced a very challenging 2019-2020 and 2020-2021. We were not able to hold an AGM last year due to being in the height of the Covid pandemic.

What I must start by saying is that we could not have got through these times without the enormous support of the coaches and the committee. These ladies dedicate their time to netball and the players and the club could not have functioned if we were not such a united group of people.

We remain at full capacity with 153 members as well as a staggering 15 teams competing in the 2021 winter Thurrock league, with a Year 4 team to be entered in the summer league. Training requires an enormous amount of organisation by our Head Coach Clare and our lead coach of the second session Hannah so it's a special thank you to them both.

Another special thank you is to all our Committee who have had to go above and beyond what is normally required in these last two years to navigate through the restrictions that Covid brought with it and to keep the girls in our club safe. I think they have done an amazing job.

An extra special thanks to Laura our club secretary and Denyse our safeguarding officer who do so much club work in their own time.

Despite the loss of 3 of our UKCC level 2 coaches in 2020 we were lucky enough to have Ella, Grace and Lydia, previous Marine NC junior players pass their UKCC level 1 coaching qualifications and Clare and Lauren pass their UKCC level 2 qualification. We also welcomed Hannah and Jenny to our coaching team. Our coaches have worked tirelessly to ensure our players have enjoyed training and been part of the Marine club success in the Winter league.

Since our last AGM we have had several more Jack Petchey award recipients, all such worthy winners, well done to those girls

We are lucky to have had many players of all age groups accepted into super league development squads, county and their development pathways and regional squads. This is testament to their commitment to netball and their parent's commitment to what is involved in the extra training and matches.

Our adult netball league team that has joined with Royals Netball Club (now Royals Marine) and they are having a successful season so far, they are currently top of their division in the Chelmsford League and are in the remaining rounds of the Chelmsford Cup.

If we look at the financial situation of our club it can be seen that we have maintained our bank balance despite a reduction in fees two years running and yet there are still outgoing costs to keep the club running. Allison our treasurer has provided her report for the AGM and we thank her for the enormous amount of time she gives in keeping the club financially sound and sorting out the enormous task of ordering and distributing Marine Kit, we couldn't function without her.

We were sadly not able to host our annual Harriet Nicol Charity rally in 2020 and 2021 but hopefully in September 2022 this will be one of the many events we are able to hold this year. Our plan is to hold an awards evening in 2022 and let the players celebrate their success.

We also are nearing the website being launched with the help of Max Kirrane a young local digital content creator.

I would like to thank (players and) parents for continuing to support their children in netball and the club. We really hope we can gain some more support from parents to help out at events and with fundraising to ensure the club continues in the same vain. If you want to help in the running of the club, please speak to any of the coaches.

Finally, it was such a successful season in the 2021 Thurrock league we hope to keep that success going in 2022.

Allison Hamer
Chairperson
Marine Netball Club