

MEMBER UPDATE FOLLOWING BOARD MEETING – SEPTEMBER 2024

The World Netball Board chaired by Dame Liz Nicholl DBE met online on 13th and 15th September 2024.

The September 2024 Board Meeting focused on the following:

GOVERNING

1. Board discussed World Netball's current financial position and considered budget proposals for the remainder of 2024 and 2025.
2. KPIs for the secretariat were noted and priorities for 2025-27 were shared and feedback requested from the Board.
3. The board structure was discussed including proposals to ensure continued development.
4. Board noted the challenges and progress made in respect of the establishment of the Athlete Advisory Commission.
5. The process for approval of the FAST5 rules was agreed.
6. The Board noted the risk register and in particular the red and rising risks.
7. Board was asked to identify a Board Equality Champion from within their number and a role description was shared.

PLAYING

8. Progress reports from the NWYC2025 local organising committee and technical delegate were shared and it was noted that broadly good progress was being made.
9. A progress report from WN Head of Events in relation to FAST5 was shared: It was noted that participating teams had been announced and that work is ongoing to ensure a successful event.
10. Progress report on the NWC2027 was shared: The Board was delighted to learn the regular meetings to discuss strategy and operations are taking place between the host and WN.

GROWING

11. Board noted that an update is awaited on the location of the Commonwealth Games 2026 (since announced as Glasgow, Scotland).

INSPIRING

12. A paper was shared showing the partnerships which have been created by the World Netball Foundation. Board noted that a modest level of funding has been donated to Maitrayana, a charitable organisation in India, focussing on young women and girls and that the Foundation is now looking at way to raise funds for other projects.

REGIONAL REPORTS

13. Board discussed the regional reports received from each regional director and in particular noted:

- a. Africa
 - i. Uganda elections due to take place in November;
 - ii. Namibia will host the Africa Cup in December;
 - iii. Teams from Africa have played in tournaments in Singapore and Hong Kong with others announced to play in England during 2025;
 - iv. Elections have taken place in Botswana, Malawi and Lesotho with new executive members in place.

- b. Americas
 - i. NWYC25 Qualifiers took place in July;
 - ii. Men's Championships taking place in St Kitts & Nevis in September;
 - iii. ECCB being held in St Lucia in September;
 - iv. CSC games have accepted men's netball for future games.

- c. Asia
 - i. Nations Cup has taken place in Singapore;
 - ii. Netball had featured in the recent Sri Lankan Sports Fiesta as one of the 7 sports;
 - iii. The Asian Championships are being held in India in October;
 - iv. The regional AGM will take place during the Asian Championships.

- d. Europe
 - i. Europe Netball is developing its legal and governance structure and will incorporate as a legal entity under UK company law;
 - ii. Feedback received on use and effectiveness of net-effect grant, noting the impact across a range of members and emerging members.

Next Board Meeting: 6th & 8th December via Zoom

Vicky Lowe, Interim CEO

Attachment: Appendix 1 Board decisions in 2024 YTD

Date	Format	Decision
13 th September 2024	Board Meeting	Approved Minutes of the June Board Meeting
13 th September 2024	Board Meeting	Agreed to the process for the approval of the FAST5 rule review changes
13 th September 2024	Board Meeting	Agreed that being a part of the Commonwealth Games 2026 would be advantageous for netball. Noted that an announcement is awaited from the Commonwealth Games Federation (since announced for Glasgow, Scotland)
13 th September 2024	Board Meeting	Approved Sport related Concussion Guidelines
23 rd June 2024	Board Meeting	Approved Minutes of April Board Meeting
23 rd June 2024	Board Meeting	Agreed to share Regional Reports with other regions
22 nd June 2024	Board Meeting	Agreed to contact the 3 professional player associations inviting them to be a part of the structure for WN's athlete voice
22 nd June 2024	Board Meeting	Agreed to put on hold pending overarching strategy work the established Men & Boys Working Group
7 th April 2024	Board Meeting	Approved the recommended teams for FAST5 NWS 2024
7 th April 2024	Board Meeting	Agreed wording of role description for WN representation on event boards
7 th April 2024	Board Meeting	Agreed to recommend a WN Board Director representative on the NWYC2025 and NWC2027 LOCs
7 th April 2024	Board Meeting	Approved Terms of Reference for the Athlete Commission
7 th April 2024	Board Meeting	Approved minutes of December board meeting and notes of February board update
5 th April 2024	Board Meeting	Approved the contents of the financial statements 12 months to 31 st December 2023
5 th April 2024	Board Meeting	Approved the letter of representation to be sent to the auditors
5 th April 2024	Board Meeting	Approved the appointment of Beever & Struthers as auditors for 2024