Welcome everyone to our very first Virtual AGM and I am very pleased you are all able to join us tonight for what I believe is a celebration of New Cambell Netball Club 2019/20 season.

Unfortunately it was a very sad time when we lost our Vice President Rita Shea who was also E Met President. It all started way, way back in 1959 when Rita invited my Mum Alice Hallmark to join her not only at Cambell All Girls Sch to coach the netball but along with Nell Bristow & Eileen Doyle but to start working on producing a Netball team for the youth centre as well. Hence Cambell Netball Club was named and formed. This friendship continued for over 37 years. Rita was a hockey player and did not know anything about netball we had to teach her. We also lost our President Margaret Curtis (Meve) who was always at Redbridge supporting our Cambell teams and giving player’s advice which I know was much appreciated. Meve actually represented England in the very 1st World Tournament held at Chelsea PE College Eastbourne England in 1969. Alice & Meve played netball together representing England & County and then Erkenwald before both moving over to represent Cambell in their later years.

We are very fortunate to be able to invite Brenda Goodwin and Maureen Beagley to take up the above positions. Brenda was one of the original Cambell players back in 1959 and Maureen joined us also just a few years later. Both are seen more at Regional and Prem matches and Maureen is always up for a tour with the latest to the Worlds last year 2019. We are very pleased they both accepted this honour *and privilege of continuing to support and represent NCNC as one of the most successful netball cl*ubs in the Country.

**Met League** started so well with great players and some great teams to represent us this season. At the half way mark we had I believe Greens/ Whites/ Reds/ Purples all either leading or just below in 2nd position. We finally had two champion teams with the Greens and the Purples. Blues 6th: Whites 3rd: Red 5th: Silvers 7th oranges 3rd & Yellows 5th well done to every single team. There were some excellent tight matches and I am very pleased that we have started to support each other by staying and cheering the teams on. It does make a vast difference if they have support on the side line when the games are tough and tight.

I just want to thank All our Captains for continuing support and passing on messages and motivating your teams on court. Along with Phee who took over the Umpiring Secretary this season and we all had umpires some new ones and some still learning but they were there so you could play your match. (Barring 1 but not Phee’s fault)

All our **junior** teams this year joined E Met junior league accompanied by their very experience Coaches led by Mary Ann.

Our U12’s came 2nd coached by Liz: U13’s Coached by Ellie 4th: U14’s Green Coached by Mary 5th : U14 Blues coached by Sue 9th and our U16’s had several coaches Tracey, Dave & Aimee during the year came 2nd. With Tamara assisting in coaching and administrating and umpiring along with Aaliyah from the Orange team. Congratulations to all of you and your teams and to those senior players that made ‘fleeting’ visits at Tuesday training nights!!! This is always appreciated and I would love to see more of you!!!

**LSER REGIONAL** What can I say other than everyone wants to join in the fun and laughter of this very talented squad of players. They eventually finished in 2nd position to Academy who had to bring ‘***their big guns’*** out to beat them. Too many players to name today who represented us in this league but congratulations to Tracey Coach and Char Captain & Tamara Scorer for all their hard work along with keeping me informed of scores and court team when I wasn’t there. Just one thing – ‘***there are many roundabouts and please don’t travel on the A406’***

**NATIONAL PREM LEAGUE:** As usual this team is made up with our Viper Super League representatives that happened to be spread out through 4 different teams this season, Wasps, Seven Stars, Mavericks & Pulse along with our E Met players who represent NC in this league.

It’s a tough league not only is there a fair amount of traveling and overnight stays but we never knew who was going to be available until the very last minute literally. So I really do appreciate all those players that turned out and represented us in this league and some literally within just 24hrs. Unfortunately it is a very tough, fast, physical league that takes time to adjust to but we get there in the end and there were some brilliant results especially our match v Oldham who we beat 45-43 only team they lost to, and our Academy match (***Big guns out again***) we drew and finished a very creditable 3rd best team in the whole of England. Can’t be bad can it?

**SQUAD**: Roch: Paige: Kirsty: Lynsey: Ellie: Eleanor: Georgia: Beth: Victoria: Taylor: Michelle: Stephanie: Jen: Phee: Lindsay; Caz; Funmi: Along with the hardworking group of Jillean, Tracey, Char, Nick and Lindsay K the management team.

Finally this club cannot be run without the commitment and dedication from our excellent senior & junior committee members and the volunteer force YOU. With Char & Phee joining our Committee this season in the roles of Fundraiser and Umpiring Secretary which has added to the diversity with new ideas. Char with the ‘Bonus Ball’ and the selling of NC Socks & the Suncorp Aussi Netball and Virtual Quiz’s and quiz masters, Eleanor & Frankie and our Virtual Fitness sessions run by Holly & Taylor. Thank you to all of you.

 This is why we call our club a ‘family’ we will all help out and volunteer when necessary. Thank you to all our Committee who support each other and guide our club to be one of the Best in the Country. But if you are interested in volunteering in any capacity we shall not turn you down.

Let’s hopefully look forward to a game of netball as we know it soon, but at the moment all I ask is that you and your family keep fit and healthy and stay safe.

I will keep you informed

Pat Watson

Chairman