# GLOUCESTERSHIRE BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

# MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019.

# WEDNESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2019 19:00

## THE CHURCHDOWN CLUB

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01 Meeting Isobel Greaves as Acting Chair opened the	
Opened meeting at 19:15. All attendees present	
introduced themselves for clarity. IsG thanked	
the committee for their time that they had	
volunteered to the league	
Apologies Apologies in advance from:	
Warriors Is	G to invoice non-
Stroud Sharks Basketball Club at	ttendance penalty
Geoff Steer	£25
Joe Granger	
Non- Cheltenham Spartans Basketball Team Attendees	
Attendees Representatives from the following teams:	
Gloucester Pumas, Cheltenham Eagles,	
Cheltenham Hawks, Warriors B, Charlton	
Kings, Worcester Cyclones, Malvern	
Basketball Club & Hartpury Basketball	
Additional Guests invited by chair:	
Worcester Bears	
IsG clarified that all documents had been sent	
to club secretaries in advance and were for	
viewing on the GBBBA website. All club	
secretaries confirmed they have read	
documents relating to the meeting in	
question. And, as such were happy proceed	
with the meeting.	
MINUTES PREVIOUS AGM MEETING	
02 Date change – 12 <sup>th</sup> June	
	G to edit date on
present 17	7/18 AGM meeting
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03 MATTERS ARISING AND ACTION MINUTES/ACTION PLAN	
	to edit the date on
	L8/19 AGM notes
are available for viewing on the GBBA	-, 10 110111 11000
website. The document in question relates to	
accountability of the committee members and	

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		how development of the GBBA has been	
		undertaken to ensure a better service for its	
		members.	
04		CHANGES TO THE GBBA CONSTITUTION	
		Item withdrawn	Action IG as Chair
		IsG highlighted a nomination that has been	
		declined due to fact the individual was not	
		associated with the GBBA through the	
		registration process. Equally there were	
		issues raised by Officers of the committee in	
		relation to future implications. It was	
		concluded this should be dealt with by a	
		review of the constitution and a fuller	
		consultation with teams and officials. Which	
		IG undertook to facilitate.	
05		PRESENTATION OF EXEXCUTIVE REPORTS	
	<u>GBBA</u>	IsG mentioned to present members that	
	Administrator	report was uploaded onto the website and IsG	
	report	had nothing else to add. Questions from the	
		floor welcome, no forthcoming questions.	
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	<u>League</u>	IG questioned members about how the league	
	secretary	has run and invited feedback.	
	report	Puma representative challenged that PUMAS	
		matches had, at times, been organised very	
		close together in a highly competitive league.	
		IG challenged that clubs should check and	
		challenge early where possible.	
		Fixtures to be distributed by beginning of	
		August 2019 to allow for 2 weeks consultation	
		period. Aim that a number of clubs can then	
		consult with their facility to reduce the	
		amount of rearranged games for 2019-2020	
		season.	
		Hawks representative praised the	
		organisation of the league and ability to	
		reschedule with a quick turnaround.	
		Kings praised the year for the league and the	
		organisation of the cup. New format of the	
		cup was well received by Kings.	
		Uncertainty was sensed regarding the use of	
		the handicap in the charity cup competition.	
		DW clarified that handicap for the plate was	
		based on league position.	
		Cyclones raised that a sense of occasion was	
		lost from the finals as it was condensed. IsG	
		clarified why the decision was made as it has	
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		hoon found in the next that attendence is law.	IC to incorporate inte
		been found in the past that attendance is low at presentations due to the length of the day. Suggested format for next season University Challenge and Plate at same time, cup finals run as a single event afterwards	IG to incorporate into finals day
	Treasury Account	CC updated the members on the annual accounts. This the first year that budgets have been set for the different aspects that the GBBA deal with as an organisation.  Noted that expenditure exceeded income for a second year by £200.  Item was raised that there was an outstanding payment due from Warriors amounting to £50. Members were made aware that until the outstanding balance was paid warriors players were not able to transfer team. IsG outlined further that if payment was not received by the payment deadline then it would be split amongst all players to facilitate the transferring of players if Warriors decided not to enter for the 2019/2020 season.  Members did not question account report of BE membership.  20/06/19 – Outstanding Warriors payment received thus restriction amongst warriors players transferring removed.	IsG to chase outstanding Warriors payment
06		RULE CHANGES	
		A number of teams accepted the proposed rule changes Challenges to the following rule changes:	
	Rule 2K	Cyclones challenged the need for the GBBA to have players' email addresses  IsG informed that league would like to get in touch with players in the league to communicate a number of updates  DW questioned how many players within the league are aware of the website  Kings challenged that if all information is on the website it is adding administrative pressure to the GBBA.  Number of people challenged the need to require details before being able to play within the league  Pumas proposed the potential to add a contact form onto the website so that players can opt in to communications from the GBBA	DW to add an opt in to communications form onto GBBA website  Amendment to 2K to reflect that there is an option to opt in to GBBA communications  Remove 2L rule relating to penalty for not

#### Rule 3X

Majority of teams agreed to the proposed change.

IG noted it has been added as a deterrent to encourage club secretaries to communicate with facilities and team members and ensure that during the grace period of fixture release communication occurs amongst those parties. This would reduce the amount of rearranged fixtures for 2019/2020.

Hartpury Basketball added the potential for games to be played at Hartpury University & College in the event of last minute cancellations. Teams should get in touch with Jenny Arroud in the first instance to discuss this potential.

#### Rule 6K & L

If a referee attended the pre season and January development meetings, they would receive the GBBA higher payment otherwise fees would be as per BE

Item discussed in forum with a notable challenge from the Kings Representative. Challenge derived due to the untenability of paying a referee a higher fee if they are not yet qualified to that effect.

IG noted that those who invest in their own knowledge as a referee and participate in the referee development forums are investing their time in becoming better and more competent; thus should be rewarded. A challenge was placed by an official which led to the change.

Eagles praised the use of the referees development package including forums and how it has positively affected their referee and the game.

IsG stated that the forums were open to coaches and the September one to players in the hope that all could learn from the sessions.

IsG mentioned that a standard invoice would be provided to referees for submission at games which would reflect the fee they could charge, this would be amended again in January 2020.

#### Rule 6Y

IsG highlighted that there has been an issue with referees deciding to be unavailable for matches when the match requires travel out

of county therefore this rule has been reinforced to challenge the issue.

#### Rule 11C

IsG highlighted that referees should look professional and wear attire appropriate to the rule and which complies with BE rules. If teams are asked to do this then it is not unreasonable to expect referees to do the same. Cost of BE referees top approx. £26.00-black trousers can be sourced reasonably

Hartpury Basketball challenged the use of officials within the rule changes as several table officials are likely to be volunteers and as such may not invest in that. Clarified refers to referees only at this time. Cost of Table official tops come in at around £7.

### **Rule 12**

IsG highlighted the issue regarding the GBBA receiving scoresheet notably late after matches. The late arrival of scoresheets does not allow for matches which have notable disciplinary issues to be dealt with in the timely matter as outlined within the BE rules & regulations.

IsG mentioned that it has been proposed that Table officials should be forwarding the scoresheet to the GBBA as they would there at the match. Club secretary may not be present. Item discussed in forum and decision has been left with teams to organise this issue amongst themselves

#### Rule 16

IG highlighted the high level of points that can be received in the u event of the rule needing to be applied. CC clarified that the change came into place for the 2018/2019 season following BE changes to disciplinary matters and the GBBA deciding not to remove a long standing rule of an automatic next game ban following an impending disciplinary. Edit to rule 12 removes the automatic game suspension unless total disciplinary points equates to over 10. Motive behind removal would allow a fairer and more fluid amount of matches for player-coaches. Rule is now in line with BE rules and regulations.

Cyclones challenged the rule change due to some matches not finishing until 22:00 hours. In forum style it was noted that the rule is a

	BE regulation that may not have considered	
	or, be appropriate for local league. Thus	
	agreed in principle that appeals relating to	
	late finishing matches could be filed the	
	morning after.	
	IsG highlighted that this is inline with BE rules	
	and regulations	
	DW highlighted that an email of intent to	
	appeal should be sent in the event of a late	
	finishing match. In any event once the officials	
	were advised of the wish to appeal teams	
	would be obliged to forward the report and	
	£25.00 administration fee	
	After discussion all rule changes as read by	IsG to now amend the
	secretaries before the AGM and those	rules as indicated and
	highlighted for discussion were agreed	publish
	unanimously with amendments as indicated	·
	re email submissions	
07	CHANGES TO REFEREES DEVELOPMENT	
	PACKAGE	
	IsG has removed the development of youth	
	referees relating to club initiatives from the	
	package as this had no impact or incentive for	
	teams during season 18/19. All else remains	
	the same. Web documents have been	
	updated.	
08	BE REGISTRATION CHANGES 2019/2020	
	CC updated members on the changes	
	proposed by BE which was recently held	
	locally at short notice and with minimal	
	communication to local organisations as a	
	result a number of the committee were	
	unable to attend.	
	Main updates are as follows:	
	Players are requested to register with BE	
	directly and will be given a license number	
	similar to a username. License number then	
	logs all details about the player and in essence	
	the player's journey within basketball.	
	33,000 members registered but, BE have	
	contactable details for only 8,000.	
	Highlighted that as of the start of 2020-2021	
	season all coaches will need to be qualified,	
	DBS checked and hold an up-to-date	
	safeguarding qualification.	
	All table officials and Umpires are required to	
	be DBS checked and have safeguarding	
	training as of 2020 - 2021.	

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	IsG updated members that committee	DW to take forward
	members have questioned a number of the BE	clarification and setting
	changes and are awaiting a response from BE	out of actions required
	Kings challenged if the changes affect	by clubs
	basketball at a local league as often, a number	
	of changes come into effect that are only	Circulations will be
	impactful on national league level teams.	sent out once
	Lengthy discussion held about the difficulties	committee clear on
	and lack of clarity produced by Basketball	actions.
	England regarding DBS checks; in particular	
	who would manage and make decisions	Website will hold
	regarding the potential disclosures about a	documents and links to
	person's past.	BE for teams to take
		ownership
09	FORMAT OF SEASON 2019/2020	
	IG update that Hartpury have withdrawn from	
	the league but will remain in the charity cup	
	IG mentioned his intention to run the league	
	as it has run for 2018/2019 season due to the	
	positive comments that have come from	
	teams.	
	All Stars match was raised and discussed in	
	forum as it has been sensed that the All Stars	Secretaries to
	match has lost its sense of value being held	communicate with
	the same day as some competitive charity cup	teams to see the value
	finals. Members present raised that it could	of the All Stars match.
	be played on a different day.	or the 7th Stars matern
	Kings representative proposed that the All	
	Stars match could be played in the mid-	IG to consider
	season break as it is within the NBA.	placement of All Starts
	Hawks proposed raising the profile of the	game once secretaries'
		feedback
	nominees during the presentation of	reedback
	however, this would lead to the All Stars	
	match needing to be played later on in the	
	season or, at least after the charity cup finals.	
	mentioned how to raise the profile of the All	
	Stars players by promoting the players in the	
	presentations at the end of the charity finals	
	day.	
	CC questioned the members on how to	
	enhance the buzz. Representative for Kings	
	mentioned that the buzz on day was positive	
	and, that they felt there were many more	
	spectators on the day than there has been	
	before.	
	Hawks mentioned that this year has been a	
	competitive competition and is more at a	
	level playing field in comparison to previous	
	years.	
	Warriors are likely to enter a team for the	
	upcoming season.	
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		Charlton Kings will remain in the league	
		AS updated that Spartans have disbanded and	
		a new team will fill their place.	
		Meeting received a proposal from a	
		Worcester Bears representative who have	
		requested to participate within the GBBA	
		league. Worcester Bears currently play in	
		West Midlands League but need an outlet for	
		players with less court time in a competition	
		where they can compete.	
		Cyclones when asked indicated it may have an	
		impact on their team, however this should not	
		prevent Bears being accepted into the GBBA.	
		All members present at the meeting	
		concurred with and welcomes entry from	
		Worcester Bears.	
		IsG updated the members on the proposal of	
		a second-tier division however, when	
		explored initial feedback was that it was not	
		viable this year as some who had indicated	
		they would enter were not forthcoming. from	
		teams that have been invited it was not an	
		option.	
		IsG updated on the development of a youth	Youth Development
		branch within the GBBA that is being	work to continue in
		undertaken by Andy Steckbeck, Jo Grainger &	line with 5-year plan
		Adam Stacey	
10		ELECTION OF OFFICERS	IsG to seek to fill any
		All members returned to committee	vacancies after pre-
			season meeting
11		PROPOSALS/AOB	
			Non received
13	Meeting	Meeting closed at 21:30. IsG thanked all	
	closed	members present for their time and their	
		contribution to the GBBA for the year.	
		DW asked to raise a thanks to IsG for all	
		efforts put into the league and administration	
		whilst also highlighting the amount of unpaid	
		work that IsG undertakes to ensure the league	
		runs as fruitfully as possible.	
		IsG furthered their thanks to teams for their	
		outstanding help to the 4 year total of	
		£10,000 contribution to the 'Cots for Tots'	
		charity through the league and charity cup	
		finals	