



MINUTES OF MEETING 27<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

CHAIR – Issy Greaves

MEMBERS PRESENT: IG, IsG, JA, DW, CC & AS

ITEM	SUBJECT	ACTION
1	<b>APOLOGIES</b>  N/A all members present	
2	<b>MINUTES PREVIOUS MEETING</b>  Minutes of previous meeting approved.	
3	<b>MATTERS ARISING</b>  See item 5 – Arrangements for finals day 2022	
4	<b>END OF SEASON REPORTS</b>  <u>LEAGUE</u>  League Secretary had previously sent through a league report to committee prior to meeting which was noted by those present: “Well as another exciting league season concludes, with Gloucester Knights winning the league with a 17-1 record but Worcester bears ran them close with a 15-3 record. There are still three games scheduled to be played. There were three league games forfeited.  The cup is now in the semi final stages. There were two cup games forfeited. I make it that we have so far made £1,196.42 for the charity.  As far as disciplinary action taken UOG Raiders Forfeited two games and were find £100 plus refs expenses for one game YMCA Falcons Forfeited one game and were fined £50 Worcester Cyclones player Houghton went over the points total for Technicals and was suspended for one game and fined £25.”  IsG challenged the reasons for the 3 forfeited matches. DW commented that this number was significantly lower than in previous years but, it was still unacceptable.  AS gave an instance whereby a Knights match had been forfeited by an opposition and it was felt by committee members that some teams may avoid travelling a long distance for a local league fixture if they did not have their strongest members available for the matches. It was agreed that this is not in the spirit of sportsmanship or, local league matches. Two options to improve this stat were put forward but had not yet been decided & would be put forward to the AGM: Option 1: Increase the fine for forfeited matches Option 2: publicise the reason for forfeited matches  It was noted that Cyclones facility became unexpectedly unavailable so there were a number of re-arranged league matches on their behalf.	

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A discussion was held around COVID and the implications that it had caused at the beginning of the season. However, it was noted that this would unlikely be an issue in the upcoming season due to the latest change in the Government guidelines.

Committee praised the lower amount of Technical Fouls awarded this year and noted that it was good to hear that referees were being respected more than in previous years.

#### FINANCE

Treasurer had previously sent through a report to committee prior to meeting which was noted by those present:

"In summary, our financial position is this:

<b>Balance in the GBBA bank account at 26 April</b>		<b>6052.83</b>
Earmarked to be contributed to the Joe Grainger Fund	500.00	
Charity Cup income to date	1172.42	
Paul Christensen Development Fund	35.79	
Good Conduct Deposits	587.50	
<b>Total amount with a fixed use, unavailable for general expenditure</b>		<b>2295.71</b>
<b>Available for general spending</b>		<b>3757.12</b>

A further £40 of donations from charity games is on its way to us, bringing the charity income, to date, to £1212.42.

We expect to be spending a large sum on staging the Finals Day. However, we have already paid a £350 towards the production of cups and medals, we have had £100 donated towards a new All Star Trophy and we will be receiving a further £125 donation towards the cost of the medals.

In past seasons, the GBBA has automatically received 40% of the fees paid to Basketball England by the players, coaches and officials registering with BE from our area. Now, we do not receive any funds from BE as a matter of course: the region of which we are part is able to bid for funds up to 40% of the total fees paid by BE members in the **region**, and basketball areas such as ours can make applications for funds as part of that process.

We have applied for funding for two projects: a Referee Development project and a Finals Day project. The Referee Development project application is for £727: it is firstly designed to subsidise the training, and to pay for the assessment, of three new Level 2 referees; and secondly to fund the two Referee Development Workshops we intend to run, as usual, in the autumn and winter of next season. The Finals Day project is for £725 and is designed to part-fund our Finals Day, by covering the cost of court hire, court and table officials, and poster and programme printing.

I have attached the application forms we submitted for the two projects, and a spreadsheet that gives a breakdown of the Referee Development project costs."

#### REGISTRATIONS

Registrar had previously sent through a summary of registrations to committee prior to meeting which was noted by those present:

"Please find attached the registrations report for the current season.

With last season being washed out due to COVID, and this season being the first for a while that registrars have been able to access registration details, it's difficult to compare the numbers with previous seasons.

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	<p>I would say that the registrar reporting is poor.</p> <p>The number of referees quoted is missing some obvious names. I can see that they are registered as a referee, but don't show up on the list. I've email these people to ask if they can allocate their referee registration to the GBBA.</p> <p>There are some referees that don't appear to have completed their online profile to EB's liking. I've asked these to contact BE and get it sorted.</p> <p>There is no way of me checking the referees that are independent from out of the county.</p> <p>Likewise with the table officials, 3 of the 19 people only have a licence status of "Provisional"</p> <p>A total of 174 senior players were registered in the area, 41 junior players; 14 referees and 19 table officials were registered at the time the report was generated.</p> <p>A revisited discussion was had ben committee members as to how integral correct registration to Gloucestershire is for the GBBA due to the money that received by the GBBA to then be used to re-invest in Gloucestershire Basketball.</p> <p>Questions raised from discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Should players, referees &amp; Table officials have to show completed licence to committee. However, it was noted that Licenses are ratified by Basketball England and, there are reports that this has a history of taking a long time.</li><li>- Should Scoresheets go to the League Registrar so that players on the sheets can be matched up registered players. This was agreed by the committee. This would smoothen the communication of results as Registrar also updates the website</li></ul>	
5	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ARRANGEMENT FOR FINALS DAY 2022</b></p> <p>JA had sent through an overview of court outline, timings through to committee members prior to meeting. This was noted by members.</p> <p>Final requests to the facility (Hartpury University &amp; College) were noted by JA to take to the facility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Changing rooms x3 = 1 for officials, 1 for 'home' teams &amp; 1 for 'away' teams</li><li>Table required to display medals</li><li>Table required for raffle prizes</li><li>Table required for auction prizes</li></ul> <p>JA informed that much of the set-up would be completed by the Sports Facility team at Hartpury. Moreover, there were now 2x bleachers for supporters so much of the set-up that required much of the time from committee members previously was not required as this would seat circa 150 people</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Two options for the format of the day were discussed:</p> <p>Option A: Game, Medals, Game, Medals, Game, Medals, Auction/ raffle in clubhouse</p> <p>Option B: Game, Game, Game, Medals, Auction/ Raffle in Clubhouse</p>	

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	<p>Option A was the majority from the committee. It was noted by the committee that those who play at the beginning of the day were unlikely to stick around until later in the day which is why the decision had been made to present medals straight after the game.</p> <p>League Secretary noted that table officials and referees for all matches had been booked for the day. A statistician would also be at the event to give teams an even more professional feeling for the day</p>	
6	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ITEMS FOR AGM</b></p> <p>Chair confirmed that the following venue &amp; date was booked for the AGM 2022: 19:30 start on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June at Churchdown Club, Church Street, Churchdown, GL3 2EZ</p> <p>Following items put forward as agenda items for 2022 AGM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Fines</li><li>Disqualifications</li><li>League formats</li><li>League Entry forms season 22/23</li><li>Officials process season 22/23</li><li>Registration Process</li><li>BE rule changes</li><li>League Rules</li><li>GBBA Constitution</li><li>League Committee season 22/23</li><li>Guest speaker/s</li></ul> <p style="text-align: center;">Agreed by Committee members</p>	
8	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>AOB</b></p> <p>AS suggested that in opportunities for playing Basketball at time felt limited. There were quite a few restrictions that may put off new teams being developed in Gloucester such as the fact that they needed to have their own facility and gave his experience of finding a facility for Gloucester Knights quite tricky along with having to locate table officials and in previous years the requirement to have a referee. However, he enjoyed the league format as it was because of the traditional magic and sportsmanship that it brought to playing. Coaching a sport.</p> <p>AS suggested that GBBA could benefit from CVL style division to encourage more teams to join Basketball in Gloucestershire. It was stated by another committee member that some teams may not benefit from the CVL league because players would be travelling much more as a result.</p> <p>AS asked to discuss the lack of social media presence that the GBBA had. AS presented two options:</p> <p>Option1: Seek to recruit a student from a local education establishment who may require placement hours/ portfolio experience to take on the role</p> <p>Option 2: Seek support from Jay Marriott and his team to run the website and integrate the work that Gloucester Kings &amp; Gloucester Queens to raise the profile of Basketball and,</p>	<p>AS to put together a costing for a CVL league and present to committee at next meeting</p>



	<p>Basketball opportunities within the area especially as Gloucester Queens/ Kings were running quite a large junior pathway at St Peter's High School.</p> <p>The discussion was ended with the decision to invite Jay Marriott or, a representative from his team to present/ pitch an overview of what services the could offer and if it could be moulded to meet the requirements and requests of the GBBA.</p> <p>It was almost unanimous that all members of the GBBA committee would like to ensure that the brand of the GBBA remains prominent and not lost in the collateral of Gloucester Kings/ Queens</p> <p>Meeting closed 22:18</p>	
9	<p>Dates for future meetings: 19:30 on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June Pre-AGM meeting (Committee Members) 19:30 on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June AGM meeting as noted above</p>	