

# Minutes of the Gloucestershire Basketball Association Annual General Meeting, 2023

The meeting was held at Churchdown Social Club, Church Road, Churchdown GL3 2ER, on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023, starting at 7.30pm

## 1.1 Apologies

Jenny Arroud

## 1.2 Teams present

(all but Warriors)

## 2 Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting

The minutes were approved.

## 3 Presentation of Accounts

Cass Castello presented documents detailing the financial activity of the GBBA for the year (see attached), and spoke briefly to draw-out some points.

He explained that, whereas in seasons up until the 2019/2020 one the GBBA could keep a percentage of the registration fees collected in the area, for the development of basketball in the area, it now has to apply to Basketball England for grants to fund such development.

Phil Battrick proposed that the accounts be accepted, which they unanimously were.

## 4 Finals Day Round Up

Ian Greaves (I think) gave an account of the Finals Day, which was a success, with enjoyable games and much money raised for charity.

A team representative asked that we should not, in future, have a roller disco of the sort that took place on the court adjacent the one on which the finals were played.

## 5 Re-election/Election of Officers

**Chair:** Ian Greaves stood down as Chair, and proposed Isobel Greaves for the role; Phil Battrick seconded the nomination. Isobel was elected with no-one against her election.

**Secretary:** Dave Whiting agreed to continue as Secretary – no-one else volunteered for the role. However, Ian Greaves will continue to appoint referees to Gloucestershire League games.

**Treasurer:** Cass Castello agreed to continue as Treasurer – he was happy to do so and, again, no-one else volunteered. Ian Greaves proposed Cass, Dave Whiting seconded the nomination, and Cass was elected with no-one against his election.

A team representative suggested that the GBBA could advertise committee roles on social media.

Matt Chalkley suggested that the GBBA should start a U11 competition: he said that there was a need for more real competition for youth sides. Ian Greaves and Dave Whiting pointed out that the committee lacked the contacts in schools that would be necessary in order to know what was happening in that area.

## 6 League Format for the 2023/2024 Season

There was a very long discussion about whether there should be a single division in the Gloucestershire League in the 2023/2024 season, or two. The representatives from the Kings team felt that there was little point in a very strong team playing against the weakest teams in the league, so argued in favour of two divisions – but most team representatives were in favour of every team playing every other one. There was also the suggestion that the league could be a central venue one, but again that was not favoured by most representatives.

In the end, the decision was deferred. It was agreed that if 12 or fewer teams entered the league in the new season we would have one division, and if there were 14 we would need to have two divisions.

## 7 League Entry Fees/Arrangements

The committee suggested an entry fee of £120 for the 2023/2024 season, for cup and league combined, which was agreed.

## 8 Constitution/Rule Changes

Cass Castello explained that the League Rules were being worked on as part of a general review.

A team representative asked if the league could go cashless. The committee said that it would poll the referees and let everyone know.

## 9 Entry Requirements: Courts, Table Officials, and Referees

Dave Whiting said that he would get the league entry forms out to team secretaries for 16<sup>th</sup> July. He said that the WhatsApp groups (for team secretaries and for referees) had worked well.

League rule 6(f) states that a team should be charged £120 for each referee (each season) that it does not supply to the refereeing pool. The committee said that this rule would be suspended for the 2023/2024 season, since there had been no recent referee qualification courses in our area.

Leadonites said that they would be running a Level 1 referee qualification course, and would let Dave know the details so that he could circulate them.

## 10 AOB

Emma-Jane Gardner told the meeting that her club was going to run a 3X3 competition for 900 players ranging from U9/U11 to Maxi, by September 2023. There would be a maximum of 16 teams in each age group.