

SOUTHERN BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
MEETING OF THE BOARD

MINUTES

MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2020 – 7:00 PM – 9:00pm

Via Zoom (Video Conferencing)

Attendance: Phil McFarlane (President), Anne-Maree Nunan (Secretary), Gerrik Gratz (Vice President), Jason Shugg, Scott Harvey, Kath Fordham-King, Natalie Hughes (non-voting member), Craig Weir (CEO – non-voting member)

Apologies: Dean Cartwright (Treasurer)

Guests: Nil

Chairperson – Phil McFarlane (President)

Meeting Opened – 7.00pm

1. Welcome – Chairperson set the context for the meeting and outlined the agenda.

1.1. Declarations of Conflict of Interest – based on agenda

No conflicts were declared.

1.2. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Minutes of the previous Board meeting held on 18th August 2020 have been circulated.

Motion: That the minutes of that meeting be accepted as a true record of the business at that meeting.

Moved: Scott Harvey

Seconded: Kath Fordham-King

CARRIED

1.3. Action Register

Action register was reviewed and updated with progress. Risk register to be included in agenda for next month for discussion (populating the template).

2. Decisions Offline

2.1. Nil

3. Decisions

3.1. CEO presented current selection criteria for Junior Sabres Coaches. Currently the policy states that parent coaches are not allowed to coach a 1's team, meaning potentially very experienced Parent Coaches are excluded from coaching. It was proposed that an exception be made to the current selection process if requested by the SBA Head Coaches and approved by the CEO and Board.

Decision: Board Members unanimously agreed to allow exemptions for parent coaches of Representative 1's teams on an exception basis.

4. Child Safety & Member Protection

4.1. Nil

5. Operations

5.1. CEO Report

Sabres for Life program has been launched to recognise players who have played at least 7 seasons with Sabres and complete their top age U18 season with Sabres. A hoodie will be presented to qualifying players and a photo wall will be installed at Court 1.

A long sleeve Sabres warm up top will be provided to all junior Sabres players to commemorate 2020. These are currently being finalised with the supplier.

Sabres Snapshot newsletter will be distributed this week.

Operations team are working through an evaluation and review of Suppliers for uniforms, Sabres merchandise and ability to leverage an online shop platform.

While there is still uncertainty around return to sport, the Operations team are exploring alternative options such as a condensed December / January competition where games are played twice a week.

An SBA Business Directory is currently being designed to enable Members and provide opportunity to advertise via the SBA website. It is expected it will be ready to be rolled out in the next month. Target initially is 500 businesses.

Action: Jason and Natalie to assist Craig with reviewing communications and materials for launch.

Jacqui O'Neill has been appointed by Basketball Victoria as the U16 Girls State Coach. The Board congratulates Jacqui on this appointment.

Some feedback has been received from Beaumaris Sharks and Sandy Saints regarding the introduction of compulsory Level 0 coaching accreditation for domestic coaches. Craig is investigating the associated costs with BV. The results of the Junior Domestic Survey showed 60% of respondents agreed that domestic coaches should have a minimum qualification as determined by Basketball Victoria.

5.2 Court Funding

The Bayside Council have an ordinary meeting on Tuesday 15th September and the additional Tulip Street courts is on the Council agenda (10.6 Outcome of Tulip Street Basketball Centre Funding Application). The agenda report, released on Thursday 10th September, recommends that the decision around the funding gap of \$2.48m be delayed until after the Council elections and considered as part of an overall review of Council's capital works priorities during preparation of Council's 2021/22 budget.

To lobby against this recommendation and ask Council to approve the required funding at tomorrow night's meeting, it was requested that Member Club Presidents, some Life Members, staff, parents and players

submit written statements to ask for Council's support. 22 letters have been submitted formally to Council to be considered in relation to the Agenda item.

6. Finance & Audit

Another \$10,000 grant has been received from the Victorian State government.

CEO reported minimal change from last month in terms of financials. Treasurer will provide financial reports next week. Treasurer is in consultation with Auditor regarding finalising year end accounts (31 August).

7. Strategy Progress Review

7.1. Constitution, EGM and AGM Planning

A meeting with Life Members was held on Tuesday 1st September to socialise and discuss changes to the Constitution. The Constitution with proposed changes has now been drafted and will be sent out to Presidents and Life Members for review and feedback later this week.

An Extraordinary General Meeting is planned to be held on Wednesday 28th October to pass the Constitution so that the new Constitution comes into effect for the Annual General Meeting, planned to be held at the end of November.

7.2. Life Membership Criteria Policy

A draft policy has been created to supplement the SBA's constitutional process of electing Life Members to ensure a clear and transparent process for nominating, approving and cancelling life membership.

Actions: Review draft policy and provide feedback to Anne-Maree by Friday 25th September - All

8. Other Business

Nil

9. Next Meeting: Monday 19th October, 2020

Meeting Closed – 8.55pm

End.