

SOUTHERN BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
MEETING OF THE BOARD

MINUTES

TUESDAY 14 MARCH 2023 – 7:00 PM – 9:00pm

Sandringham Basketball Association

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

Apologies: Nil

Guests: Michelle Scalzi

Chairperson – Phil McFarlane (President)

Meeting Opened – 7.06pm

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

1.1. **Declarations of Conflict of Interest** – based on agenda.

None declared.

1.2. **Minutes of Previous Meetings:**

Minutes of the previous Board meeting held on 12th February 2023 have been circulated.

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

Moved: Gerrik Gratz **Seconded:** Phil McFarlane **CARRIED**

1.3. **Action Register**

Action register was reviewed and updated with progress.

2. **Decisions Offline**

2.1. Nil

3. **Decisions**

3.1. Nil

4. **Child Safety & Member Protection**

Tribunal results available [here](#).

The behaviour of coaches, players and spectators has worsened since basketball has returned post Covid lockdowns. CEO is meeting with Referee Advisors to discuss behaviour and use of technical fouls to address.

MPIO has been engaged to conduct an investigation into reported harassment on social media between players involving racist slurs and threats. The incident has also been reported to Basketball Victoria. Players are to be suspended for the period of the investigation. The Board condemns all behaviour involving harassment and racial vilification.

Action: Risk register – look into reporting OH&S psychosocial hazards – Phil and Dean

5. Operations

5.1. CEO Report

The SBA website upgrade has been completed.

It was discussed and agreed to grant an exemption that Dean Cartwright be the Team Manager of the VYC Men's team. The Board assessed if any conflicts of interest and determined that there were none.

All 10 Sabres VJBL teams (U12-20) qualified for Victorian Championship – congratulations to all teams.

Line markings for badminton, volleyball and futsal – CEO confirmed there is demand in market for these sports amongst local schools and will mean increased court utilisation during weekdays. The Board has agreed in principle to pursue line markings. CEO will undertake a cost benefit analysis based on costs for line marking, fittings and equipment.

SEJBT Tournament over March Labour Day weekend was very successful with 308 teams in total. 40/44 Sabres representative teams were involved.

6. Finance & Audit

SBA is in a strong financial position - NBL1 expenses to commence in April. Profits will be reinvested into the new stadium and cash position closely monitored for 12 months after new courts open to ensure cash position remains strong.

Noting: Board noted the financial position per advice from Treasurer.

7. Strategy

7.1 Gender Diversity policy

The Board discussed the WNBL1 South competition in the context of a transgender player being considered to play in the women's competition. No decision has yet been made by Basketball Victoria. CEO to meet with team to gather individual feedback. Gender diversity training is proposed to be run before the next board meeting on 17th April – CEO to organise and confirm date.

8. Other Business

Nil

9. Next Meeting: Monday 17th April

Meeting Closed – 9.10pm

End.