

SOUTHERN BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
MEETING OF THE BOARD

MINUTES

MONDAY 17th July 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, Jason Shugg, Michelle Scalzi, Craig Weir (CEO – non-voting member), Pauline Pawsey (Minutes Secretary – non-voting member)

Apologies: Nil

Guests: Nil

Chairperson – Phil McFarlane (President)

Meeting Opened – 7.05pm

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 19th June 2023 have been circulated.

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

Moved: Dean Cartwright

Seconded: Jason Shugg **CARRIED**

1.3. **Action Register**

Action register was reviewed and updated with progress.

2. **Decisions Offline**

2.1. Nil

3. **Decisions**

3.1. Assistant Directors of Coaching appointments: The Board unanimously agreed that the positions for the Assistant DoC roles go ahead. These roles were initially approved and advertised in 2021 but subsequently put on hold due to the pandemic.

4. Child Safety & Member Protection

Tribunal results available [here](#). Incidents have declined since the increased focus on behaviour and awarding of technical fouls.

Basketball Victoria continue to investigate an incident involving a Sabres U18's player who reported he was racially vilified while playing a representative game at another stadium and the parents have been kept up to date.

Operations

5.1 CEO Report

Margaret Bell has resigned from the finance role with a new incumbent commencing on 31st July that involves a handover period. The Board thanks Margaret for her service and professionalism during her time with the SBA and wishes her all the best for the future.

Sabres NBL1 teams have been granted a license for the 2024 and 2025 seasons.

Expressions of interest for the VJBL Coaching and Assistant Coaching roles for the 2024 season have been released and tryout dates are currently being finalised.

Car Park works are taking place at Tulip street. The area out the back has been paved to allow for more parking.

Mould has been identified in the new build and Council is working through it. Looking at potentially a December finish for the new courts. Schedule is such that the Autumn 2024 season will use the new courts. Entrance and exit plans are to be finalised.

Rep Ready Program dates are being finalised (for non-rep players) with about 230 new players interested.

Assistant Director of Coaching roles (approved):

Action – Anne-Maree Nunan to review and update ADoC position descriptions and send to CEO.

Cameras/Streaming/Glory League – All registered players have been informed via email that the cameras are there and will be advised again. There have been a few technical issues with quality. Wiring in the new courts to be arranged to allow for the cameras. Camera on Court 4 is not able to be positioned correctly to get the right angles but it's being worked on.

5.2 OH&S

A player was elbowed in the head which resulted in a hospital visit. Incidents are to be raised if a player can't continue in a game. Referee to make a report.

Blood rule (players must leave the court) to be reinforced with referees to ensure the rule is adhered to.

Action - CEO

6 Finance & Audit

Noting: The board noted the financial position as per advice from the Treasurer.

Year-end financial reports are being finalised in preparation for the AGM. The Auditor has approved the timelines with stocktake and reports to be prepared by the 15th September. Annual report will be released on the 21st of September for the AGM on 2nd October.

It is expected that SBA will need at least 6 new referees and potentially someone on the new entrance. There is potential also for a new Referee Advisor to work 3-6pm Mon to Friday and Saturday mornings to be across all grades.

7 Strategy

Simon Giovannoni and Gerrik Gratz are currently meeting with Club Presidents that have teams in A Grade to discuss the S-League concept, gather initial feedback and have the Presidents take the concept to their committees for socialisation and feedback. The Board discussed the feedback themes, questions and concerns received to date. Finer details still to be bedded down in a proposal once feedback received. Board members will need to assist with fielding questions and feedback from Clubs and members to restrict the pressure on the Club Committees.

The Secretary discussed preparation for the AGM to be held on Monday 2nd October. Three board members are up for re-election. A formal notice will be issued at least 21 days prior to the meeting. Life memberships can be nominated for consideration with the application to be assessed as per the SBA Life Member Policy.

8 Other Business

SBA 50 Years celebration (2024) – Phil McFarlane and Jason Shugg to be involved in a committee to plan the anniversary celebrations. Expect meeting to occur every 2 months but will need to start soon.

9 Next Meeting: Monday 14th August 2023

Meeting Closed – 8.23pm

End.