

SOUTHERN BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION  
MEETING OF THE BOARD

MINUTES

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – 7:00 PM – 9:00pm

Sandringham Basketball Association

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

**Apologies:** Nil

**Guests:** Alberto Bertacchi

**Chairperson** – Phil McFarlane (President)

**Meeting Opened** – 7.00pm

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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 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023 have been circulated.

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

**Moved:** Natalie Hughes

**Seconded:** Michelle Scalzi

**CARRIED**

1.3. **Action Register**

Action register was reviewed and updated with progress.

2. **Decisions Offline**

2.1 Appointment of Additional Coaches to VJBL, VYL and NBL1. Unanimous board approval 14/11/23 subject to WWCC, stat dec and compulsory training for all coaches.

2.2 Appointment of James McQuellin for Assistant Director of Coaching – Women / Girls. Unanimous board approval 27/11/23.

2.3 Nike Uniform design – option 2 approved by board on 8/12/23.

3. **Decisions**

3.1 Appointment of Alberto Bertacchi to casual vacancy on board (in accordance with section 23.5 of the Constitution). The board unanimously approved the appointment of Alberto to replace the current

Treasurer, Natalie Hughes, who has resigned from her position effective 12 February 2024. Natalie will handover to Alberto over the next month.

#### 4. Child Safety & Member Protection

Tribunal results available [here](#).

An U16 boys rep player was injured (broken arm) while playing at Waverley stadium. The appropriateness of playing rep basketball on the old court at Waverley has been questioned but BV are insistent that the court is appropriate and not unsafe.

#### 5. Operations

##### 5.1 CEO Report

There was a very positive turnout for the opening of the new courts with many life members, club presidents, Bayside Councillors and all board members in attendance. There are still a number of items outstanding to be completed in the building which are being worked through. A number of the systems e.g. fire alarm system, louvre system, fob system for doors, still needs to be handed over by council with instructions. Equipment for the new canteen is still to come and menu to be finalised.

Building has started on joining the old and new courts and is expected to take 3-4 months. Current plan is this will then become the main entrance to both the old and new courts.

Mentone Grammar have already booked basketball and badminton courts 3 times per week (during the day) and St Leonards have also inquired about court hire.

Labour Day tournament will be played between Casey, Knox, Waverley and SBA. Registrations have been exceeded from last year. More games are to be scheduled at SBA given additional court availability.

The assessment on options to cool courts 1-4 continues. A quote for evaporative cooling of \$381k has been received (includes new electrical switchboard). Next step – CEO to approach council regarding funding options for cooling and continue to explore other options.

Discussions with Council continue regarding the repair of the floors on Courts 1-4, however this is on hold as focus on completing works on new courts and cooling takes priority.

Emma Jarman has taken on sponsorship responsibilities in her role and will explore sponsorship opportunities, particularly for new courts. A new sponsor – Brighton Mitsubishi – has been signed.

Council has installed CCTV at front of building and inside will be installed in next few months.

Game day cameras are installed on the new courts although wifi is still being sorted which was not part of the build.

January school holiday camps – registration numbers were down on last year possibly due to a number of other camps offered at the same time.

**Decision:** Cushion seating for new courts 5-8 – quote received of \$38k + GST. Money in budget was put aside and available to cover the cost. Board unanimously approved the quote.

## 6 Finance & Audit

The SBA has a positive cash balance as at end January. Rent payment for new courts will be accrued until official handover. NBL1 – payments to occur in April, May, June and July, i.e. 75% paid this FY.

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

## 7 Strategy

### 7.1 Risk Management Review

SBA strategy update and risk management to be looked at together and strategy to capture agreed actions going forward. Measurable activities to be determined for the strategy 2025-27. **Action:** Gerrik Gratz to look into scheduling a strategy session.

### 7.2 50th Anniversary Celebration

The organising committee consists of three board members (Phil Macfarlane, Jason Shugg and Michelle Scalzi), two life members (Steve Lunardon and Scott Harvey), three domestic club presidents and Emma Jarman (SBA Operations).

A number of activities are being planned including a family day for domestic clubs in May, a night celebration on Court 1 around June/July and a NBL1 home game honouring past players and life members. A range of marketing and communications material is also being planned including a 'walk of history' wall and material displayed on the court 1 screen.

## 8 Other Business

None.

## 9 Next Meeting: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2024

**Meeting Closed** – 8.55pm

**End.**