

SOUTHERN BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
MEETING OF THE BOARD

MINUTES

Monday 16th October 2023 – 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, Jason Shugg, Craig Weir (CEO – non-voting member), Pauline Pawsey (minutes)

Apologies: Dean Cartwright

Guests: Nil

Chairperson – Phil McFarlane (President)

Meeting Opened – 7.03pm

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 11th September 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: Gerrik Gratz **CARRIED**

1.3. **Action Register**

Action register was reviewed and updated with progress.

2. **Decisions Offline**

2.1. Endorsement of David Barlow for Life Membership (21/9/2023) – unanimous board support

2.2. Approval of 2024 First team, VYC and NBL1 coaching appointments (6/10/2023). The Board endorsed the appointed coaches on the basis that all coaches have completed the required checks and coaching qualifications.

3. **Decisions**

3.1. Nil

4. Child Safety & Member Protection

Tribunal results available [here](#).

Tribunal hearing booked at BV for racial vilification

Basketball Victoria continue to investigate an incident involving a Sabres U18's player who reported he was racially vilified – the hearing has been booked.

Photography & Media policy has been updated to reflect that filming of games at Tulip st stadium and that social media questions will only be answered on Sabres matters; Domestic Clubs are to handle their own social media and questions regarding domestic games.

Operations

5.1 CEO Report

Sabres VJBL teams (U12-U18) will increase from 41 to 47 teams for the 2024 season:

BOYS: U12 -7, U14 - 7, U16 – 5, U18 - 5

GIRLS: U12 - 7, U14 - 7, U16 – 5, U18 – 4

Length of rep training sessions is being reviewed and will slightly change to accommodate additional teams.

Council will hopefully provide an update this week in relation to the floors and the fans. Floors would have to be done over the Christmas break which would be planned for. There is no funding from Council for the exhaust fans and we would have to pay for them outright which has not been budgeted. A quote for air-conditioning can be arranged but running costs could be immense. Delay could be with council permits for the fan installation. Risk could be that the fans don't create a big drop in temperature. Insulation could be a good option to add another layer to assist with the heat. Building needs to be checked for fire safety and retardant may have to be added.

Portable Seating for court 1 was discussed for NBL1 games on court 1 as attendance has increased notably. It is planned that they can be stored at court 1 and the back wall of court 4 when not in use. Quotes are being sought. Wheel away stands are also being considered – a new stand will take away the need for a curtain, which NBL1 is pushing for. This option is to also be explored and quoted before a decision is made. The other seating will need to be removed and the floors fixed. Will not affect the playing surfaces. It could mean floors need to be remarked etc hence estimates to be sought and reviewed.

A domestic uniform return bin is now in the foyer. This provides easy ability for people to return old apparel that is no longer required and they can be distributed back to the clubs.

6 Finance & Audit

The SBA has a positive cash balance as at end September – invoices have been issued and there is still cash outstanding.

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

Budget – the proposed FY24 budget was discussed and reviewed. Considerations included growth in domestic team registrations, wages for additional staff to support new courts, payment of additional rent to council and timing, additional NBL1 costs for player recruitment.

Action: Budget to be updated and sent to Board for approval (CEO / Treasurer).

7 Strategy

7.1. Risk Management proposal:

Conscious Governance has been engaged to undertake a governance and risk management review. All Board members will be required to complete an online survey – link will be sent within the week. Aim is to complete review this year and results finalised for discussion at last board meeting of the calendar year).

A dropbox folder is to be set up to share relevant policies and documents for review (**Action:** Anne-Maree).

8 Other Business

Committee is looking at potentially 3 events to celebrate the Anniversary of the Association. There is an action to produce a budget. The next meeting has been scheduled for 17th October. Marketing campaign to be activated. 21st September is the actual anniversary date but it could interfere with football finals and school holidays.

Suggestions have been:

1. Formal Cocktail Party using the big screen to view old SBA footage
2. Family day for the Domestic Clubs
3. NBL1 night.

Providing a history of SBA was discussed and how it could be showed in the stadium, e.g. a timeline along the wall of existing / new courts, on the big screen or on the glass of the stand at the side of court 1.

9 **Next Meeting:** Monday 13th November 2023.

Meeting Closed – 8.42pm

End.