

**SOUTHERN BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
MEETING OF THE BOARD**

MINUTES

Monday 18th March 2024 – 7:00 PM – 9:00pm

Sandringham Basketball Association

Attendance: Phil McFarlane (President), Gerrik Gratz (Vice President), Alberto Bertacci (Treasurer), Michelle Scalzi, Dean Cartwright, Craig Weir (CEO – non-voting member), Pauline Pawsey (minutes)

Apologies: Jason Shugg, Anne-Maree Nunan (Secretary), Caroline Tuohey

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.

VBL1 Assistant Coach to be voted on.

1.2. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Minutes of the previous Board meeting held on 12th February 2024 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:** Michelle Scalzi **CARRIED**

1.3. Action Register

Action register was reviewed and updated with progress.

2. Decisions Offline

2.1. Appointment of 2 Additional Coaches to VJBL. Unanimous board approval 14/02/24 subject to WWCC, stat dec and compulsory training for all coaches.

3. Decisions

3.1 VYC Men staff for 2024 (Head Coach – Andy Lim, Asst Coach – Josh Cheney, TM – Matt Tuohey). The board discussed and approved the appointment of coaches. CEO reported that Simon is also regularly attending training and the performance of the coaches is being monitored to ensure a positive experience and constructive feedback given to players.

3.2 The Board unanimously agreed to appoint Caroline Tuohey as a Casual Vacancy to the board in accordance with section 23.5 of the Constitution.

4. Child Safety & Member Protection

Tribunal results (active cases) available [here](#).

5. Operations - CEO Report

Revamped Child Safety Document has been circulated. Thanks to Michelle & Craig for updating and providing more information.

Courts 1-4 are too hot during summer months and games have been cancelled. More cooling quotes are being sought and all options being considered with the goal to have a system installed prior to next summer. It was suggested looking at asset finance to spread cash-flow however there are restrictions in the Constitution in relation to taking on financial liabilities. Flooring repairs (due to water damage) or replacement for Courts 1-4 is also still being looked at and in Council has been provided with reports and quotes.

Courts 5-8 issues are being addressed by Council (37 items have been identified and Council is working through these. 10 have been completed to date):

- Poor lighting in the back carpark has been raised as have the car park lights in general.
- Toilets are blocked which could be as a result of the new build, reports aren't yet back from council.
- Cables holding the backboards seem to be a bit loose which may be due to them "settling" after installation. A maintenance review needs to be conducted to address if they need to be tightened and the nets fixed.
- Badminton: 12 courts were used. Kids are buying from the canteen so that needs to be staffed, courts set up and taken down – considering hiring a casual to support this.
- Volleyball: no bookings as yet, but Mentone Grammar has expressed interest.
- Pickleball: there will be an online booking system. Rackets and balls will be available to purchase. They will take a step back if Basketball requires more court time and space.

School Holiday Program; There will be 2 more girls days. Will look at putting someone on to manage the program. Was advertised today on socials.

U14.1 boys have now qualified for VC – all Sabres junior 1s teams have now qualified for VC.

6. Finance & Audit

Registrations for junior and senior competitions came in March instead of February - need a map of timelines and correlate the figures. Budget timings to be assessed e.g. NBL1, VJBL1 budgeted amounts, revenue, expenses etc.

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

7. Strategy

7.1. 50 year Anniversary Celebration Update

- 14th of April is the date of the Family Day. Save the date is being sent out and activities being finalised.

- Celebration night at SBA still to be determined by the organising committee - 31/8 or 21/9, which is the actual date the Association started. However, there are clashes with preliminary final and school holidays, so may be problematic with attendance.
- Committee is next meeting 19th March to finalise dates, arrange catering, etc.
- Domestic clubs have been asked to provide the start date of their club and other relevant historical information.
- Branding and logo will start to be circulated soon.
- Committee also looking at night with NBL1 to be arranged in June/July.

8. Other Business

Some parents have asked the Board for suggestions/ideas on how Sabres families could engage with the Board if they had feedback or wanted to raise questions and concerns. Sessions could be held with those families to provide education, information on the strategic plan, the pathway to becoming a Board Member, etc. There could be email engagements and a physical suggestion box. A one page list could be provided and discussed, advising the key items being focussed on for the next 3 years.

Next Meeting: 15th April 2024, 7pm.

Meeting Closed: 8.17pm

End.