

**SOUTHERN BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
MEETING OF THE BOARD**

MINUTES

Monday 11th November 2024 – 7:04 PM – 9:00pm

Sandringham Basketball Association

Attendance: Phil McFarlane (President, Interim Secretary), Gerrik Gratz (Vice President), (Treasurer), Jason Shugg, Caroline Tuohey, Craig Weir (CEO – non-voting member), Alberto Bertacchi, Dean Cartwright, Michelle Scalzi

Apologies: Nil

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 Nil

1.3. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Minutes of the previous Board meeting held on the 14th October have been circulated.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES: Caroline Tuohey **SECONDED:** Gerrik Gratz **CARRIED**

1.4. Action Register

Action register was reviewed and updated with progress.

2. Decisions Offline

2024/2025 VJBL Coaches and Assistant Coaches (for cultural fit) - Approved

Head Coach - VYC Men (for cultural fit) - Approved

3. Decisions

Approval of three new policies:-

1. Whistle blower Policy
2. Board and staff communications policy
3. Developing Board policies

4. Child Safety & Member Protection

4.1 Tribunal results available [here](#).

5. Operations - CEO Report:

Domestic Club President's meeting – New 'Sin Bin' - By-Laws amendments completed, finalizing comms for distribution, to include Senior programs as well for Autumn 2025 season. - Comms finalized 08/11/24

SBA Child Safety Office (CSO) role - Greg Cornell has taken on this additional role for the SBA.

Domestic Club Presidents end of year Christmas function at Tulip St – 6pm, Tuesday, 26th November.

New President appointed for Sandy Saints; Sarah Davoren
New President appointed for Parkdale Pacers; Damian Saffin

New Domestic Basketball club approved - Black Rock Football Club.

- Confirmed they will have 4 junior teams and 1 senior team joining the SBA commencing in Autumn 2025 season

NBL1 Women – Aim to have all contracted players signed by end of November. Lucy Cochrane signed.

NBL1 Men – Aim to have all contracted players signed by end of December.

Youth League - Men's Coach – Nathan Crosswell appointed. Tryouts now underway.

Men's Tryouts commenced 31st October

- U 20 boys 24 registered
- VY boys 16 registered

Women's Tryouts commenced 31st October

- U 20 girls 19 registered
- VY girls 16 registered

VJBL –

- Southern Peninsula tournament starts 8/11/24 - 45 teams playing.
- VJBL fixture has been published with games commencing Friday, 15/11/24.
- Barlow Sabres Academy introduced in Term 4 - 39 Sabres players.
- Smart Sabres Academy introduced in Term 4 - 16 Sabres players.
- Future Sabres program introduced in Term 4 - 44 domestic players.
- Sabres shooting school continued in Term 4 - 45 Sabres players.
- 47 coaching roles have been filled, 32 Assistant Coaches roles have been filled.

Outreach Program –

- Upcoming School camps - School camps promotions will commence in December on all social platforms.
- Sabre Cubs - Registrations for Term 4; Wednesdays – 60 to 65 (full), Tuesdays 29 to 44, Saturday session 1 - 24 to 50, session 2-29 no change
 - o Term 3 2024 - 180 in total
 - o Term 4 2024 - 178 in total
- Pickle Ball:-
 - o Wednesday 24 players
 - o Thursday 9 players
 - o Sundays 78 players

Canteen –

- Barista appointed start date is 15th November; trials will be for Friday nights and Saturdays at this stage

Commercial –

Sponsorship

- 2025 Sabres Sponsorship packages completed and distributed to all current sponsors in October.
- 24 Premium gym memberships secured from Goodlife for 2025 at a value of \$1,250.00 each; total \$30,000.00 to be allocated across NBL1 and VY players. Usage will be monitored monthly.

Marketing

- Sabres Snapshot to start in December for the 2025 season.
- Approach all current sponsors for opportunity to extend current package to include courts 5-8 media board installed in October - Completed
- Promoted 50th function extensively in October on all platforms.

CAPEX program –

Air conditioning (Court 1-4):-

- To date 4 rental companies have been contacted,
- Aircon Rentals - Weekly cost \$8K, install and dismantle \$12K and indoor temperature will drop by approximately 12-15 degrees inside. Council approval will be required as units would be positioned on Reserve Road side of the building with the air being pumped through the air grates. The current power supply is insufficient so a diesel generator will be required, requested a revised quote 7/11/24

Join-way between current and new courts:-

- Join-way complete but need to wait until Pedestrian controls gates are installed in the foyer of the new courts.
- Awaiting detailed plans from Council, CEO to manage with Council the SBA requirement of one entry /exit location for all courts. Update expected in November.

Policies –

3 new polices were presented (recommended by Conscious Governance) by the CEO for approval :-

1. Whistle blower Policy
2. Board and staff communications policy
3. Developing Board policies

Caroline Tuohey providing her legal view along with feedback from all Board members before Board approval was achieved.

Note: It was also agreed that either 3 'new' policies or 3 'existing' policies would be presented at each Board meeting going forward to ensure that SBA policies were regularly assessed, and/or new policies introduced given the continual changing nature of society.

6. Finance & Audit

Financials were sent to board and are as written.

Key highlights for the month:-

Monthly Revenue received = \$147k (Budget \$82k)

- Elevated level of revenue due to timing of once-off uniform revenue (new Nike deal) extra \$36k and timing of September school holiday camp revenue falling into October extra \$31k. Revenue numbers expected to smooth out in November and December.
- Monthly Expenses paid = \$234K (Budget \$322k). Variance mainly related to less than expected outgoings for Domestic competition due to timing. Re-alignment expected in November.

7. Strategy

7.1 Strategy Management Session

Gerrik provided an update on the release of the 2025-2027 Vision & Strategy.

Next steps are to distribute to the Domestic Club Presidents and walk them through it (briefly) at the Domestic clubs Christmas function on Tuesday 26th November. It will also be sent to the Life Members.

8. Other Business

Final 50th Year Celebration event organised by the Life Members to be held on the 16th November at the Brighton Beach Hotel. Over 100 confirmed attendees. Commemorates the exact day in 1974 when the Sandringham Basketball Club officially began.

Next Meeting:

Next Board meeting: Monday 10 February 2025

Meeting Closed – 8.45pm

End.