



**SOUTHERN BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (SBA)
MEETING OF THE BOARD - July 2025**

Date: Monday 14th July 2025

Time: 7.00PM – 9.00PM

Location: Sandringham Basketball Stadium

Attendees: P. McFarlane (Chair), G. Gratz , M. Scalzi, J. Shugg, P. Jasniach, C. Weir (CEO).

Apologies: R. Dolan, C. Tuohey

1. Welcome - President / Chair

The President, Phil McFarlane, opened the meeting at 7:00 PM, welcoming all attendees. No conflicts of interest were declared.

- **1.2. Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was moved by **Gerrik Gratz** and seconded by **Paul Jasniach**. The motion was carried.

- **1.3. Action Register:**

- **Policy Template Update:** This action item concerning the update of the policy template from Conscious Governance is carried over.
- **Past Player Recognition:** The development of a formal process to recognize past players and their contributions is on hold pending the formation of a committee.
- **Strategy Vision Progress Review:** This will be carried over to the next meeting.
- **Banking Signatories:** Paul Jasniach reported good progress. The re-verification of the account is underway with Westpac, and the item will be finalized soon.

- **Budget for Next Financial Year:** A draft of the budget will be shared with the board prior to the next meeting, where it will be presented for approval.

2. Decisions (Offline)

There were no offline decisions to report.

3. Decisions

Decisions were made as per the operations report.

4. Operations

Craig Weir provided the operations report:

- **CEO Update:**
 - **Domestic Grand Final Weekend;** The Grand Final weekend was a major success, with over 14,000 people attending on Saturday.
 - **NBL1 Teams:** The men's team is currently sitting in third place and is looking strong for a top-four finish. The women's team is in tenth place, and their finals chances depend on other results.
 - **Youth League:** Both the men's and women's youth teams have qualified for the finals.
 - **VJBL:** The Board discussed and acknowledged Madi Ryan's outstanding performance playing in the U19 Australia Team as a triple bottom-age player at the recent FIBA World Championships.
 - In VJBL, a significant 32 out of 47 teams are likely to make the finals.
 - **Outreach and School Holidays:** The number of participants in the school holiday programs was down. The issue of domestic teams using casual shooting times for training was raised and is being investigated.
 - **Canteen:** A new barista has been appointed and will start after the school holidays.

4.3. Child Safety & Member Protection

No significant updates were noted. The importance of the VJBL coaches' training course, which was well-attended, was highlighted.

5. Finance & Audit

Paul Jasniach presented the finance report:

- The Association recorded an annual profit again for 2024/25 subject to audit.
- The cash position is strong at \$1.7 million.
- A proposal to invest \$1 million in a cash reserve account to earn interest was discussed and approved.
- **SBA CAPEX Plan (Rings):** A key decision was made to approve the capital expenditure for new rings on the new courts (5-8). The Board discussed the problem with the initial installation and the significant feedback that has been received from members regarding this issue.

6. Strategy Progress & Policy Review

- **Strategy Update:** To be circulated by Gerrik Gratz before the next meeting.
- **Other:** A discussion was held regarding the sale of supporter Sabres apparel and merchandise to increase engagement. It was agreed to explore options for making merchandise more readily available for purchase at the stadium.

7. Other Business

- **Circulation of Anonymous Content:** An update was provided on the ongoing issue of anonymous content being circulated.
- **CEO KPI Review:** The CEO's scorecards and performance were discussed in a confidential session.

8. Close

The meeting was closed at 9:00 PM.

Next Meeting: 11th August 2025

