



MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

Date: Monday 17th November 2025

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Sandringham Basketball Stadium

1. Attendees

Attendees: Phil McFarlane (President/Chair), Gerrik Gratz, Jason Shugg, Michelle Scalzi, Paul Jasniach, Rachel Dolan, Craig Weir (CEO)

Guest: Marty Pask

Apologies: Caroline Tuohey

2. Meeting Commencement

The meeting was declared open by the Chair, Phil McFarlane.

3. Welcome - President / Chair

Phil McFarlane opened the meeting and welcomed guest Marty Pask.

3.1. Declarations of Conflict of Interest:

- No conflicts of interest were declared.

3.2. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

- The minutes from the previous meeting in September were reviewed.
- **Motion:** To accept the minutes of the previous meeting as a true and accurate record.
 - **Moved:** Michelle Scalzi
 - **Seconded:** Rachel Dolan
 - **Carried.**

3.3. Action Register:

- One open action item was discussed: investigating external support to assist the senior coaching programs.
- Rachel Dolan reported she has reached out to several contacts in the AFL/AFLW space for recommendations.
- The Board discussed the need to clearly define the brief for any external consultant, focusing on improving communication, feedback mechanisms, and applying club values, rather than a complete cultural reset.
- It was agreed to continue exploring options and discuss potential candidates and costs offline before the next meeting

4. Decisions (Offline)

- The appointment of various VJBL coaches was ratified by the Board offline prior to the meeting.

5. Decisions (as per operations report)

- No specific decisions were tabled for this item.

6. Operations

Craig Weir presented the Operations Report:

- **Domestic & NBL1:** Budget Financials have been uploaded. NBL1 rosters are progressing well.
- **Youth League:** The program is underway with new players and a new coach for the women's team.
- **VJBL:** The program has expanded from 48 to 51 teams. It was noted that Keysborough Basketball Association has been shut down by Basketball Victoria, leading to some player movement to other associations.
- **Outreach:** Participation numbers in programs like Cubs are growing term-on-term, utilizing all four courts on Tuesday afternoons.

- **Locker Room & Merchandise:** A new range of supporter merchandise for NBL1 is being developed and will be available before the season starts.
- **Facilities:** The installation of the new rings has been delayed due to supply issues and is now expected to be completed by late January/early February.
- **Tribunal:** The tribunal has been busy, with notable suspensions that are displayed on the SBA website.

5. Finance & Audit (PJ)

Paul Jasniach presented the financial report:

- **Financial Position:** Year-to-date income is approximately \$200k above budget, driven by strong domestic, junior rep, and program revenue. Expenses are tracking to budget, resulting in a healthy position.
- **Cash Position:** The current cash balance is strong.
- **Consumer Affairs:** The annual return and financials have been lodged with Consumer Affairs Victoria as required.

6. Strategy Progress & Policy Review

6.2. Domestic Club / SBA Board Engagement Model:

- A new model was proposed to assign a Board member as a direct point of contact for each domestic club.
- The purpose is to provide a clear communication channel, build stronger relationships, and allow the Board to better monitor the "temperature" and needs of the clubs.
- There was a broad discussion on the execution of the model. It was agreed that the approach should be flexible, as some clubs will want more engagement than others. The intent is not to solve operational issues but to facilitate high-level communication and feedback.
- **Action:** Phil McFarlane to finalize and circulate the list of Board member allocations to clubs and draft a communication plan to launch the initiative.

- **6.1. Non-Voting Board Member Appointment:**

- Marty Pask introduced himself to the Board, outlining his extensive background in elite sport, including his time as an AFL player, his experience in international player management and commercial sponsorships, and his coaching experience at various levels.
- Marty expressed his enthusiasm for contributing his expertise in high performance, commercial rights, and athlete wellbeing to the SBA.
- The Board welcomed Marty and expressed confidence that his skills would be a valuable asset.
- **Motion:** To formally appoint Marty Pask as a Non-Voting Board member.
 - **Moved:** Phil McFarlane
 - **Seconded:** Gerrik Gratz
 - **Carried Unanimously.**

- **Future Board Vacancies:**

- The Board discussed the need to identify a future Treasurer to succeed Paul Jasniach.
- It was decided that the communication regarding the new club engagement model will also include a call for expressions of interest for a non-voting Board member with a finance/accounting background. This will help identify potential candidates for future Board roles.

7. Other Business

- **7.1. Circulation of Anonymous Content:**

- There is no update on this matter. It remains with the legal team, and all standing orders remain in place.

8. Close

There being no other business, the meeting was declared closed at 8.53pm.

Next Meeting: 16th February 2026.