MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

SOUTHERN BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (SBA)

Date:	Monday, 13th April 2026
Time:	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Location:	Sandringham Basketball Stadium

Present:
Paul Jasniach (Chair), Phil McFarlane (President), Gerrik Gratz (Vice President), Jason Shugg (Secretary), Michelle Scalzi, Craig Weir (CEO)

Apologies:
Caroline Tuohey, Rachel Dolan, Marty Pask, Lisa Curtis

The meeting commenced at 7:02 PM.

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1. Welcome – President / Chair

The President welcomed all members to the meeting.

1.1. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

The Chair called for any declarations of conflict of interest. None were declared.

1.2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. A number of amendments were proposed to enhance confidentiality and accuracy, including:

- Updating the language used to describe sensitive member protection matters to remove specific names and details.
- Correcting the wording regarding NBL1 player movements to reflect opportunities in the US basketball system, rather than confirmed scholarships.
- Correcting a minor date error in the finance section.

It was agreed that the proposed amendments would be made.

Action: The Secretary to amend the minutes as discussed and recirculate via email for final approval.

1.3. Action Register
The Action Register from the previous meeting was reviewed.

- **Past Player Contributions:** C. Tuohey has volunteered to lead this initiative. Action remains open and will be carried forward.
- **Strategy Progress Review (Heatmap):** It was agreed to defer this item to the June 2026 meeting to allow for input from the incoming CEO.
- **Referee Safety/Security:** This action is addressed under Item 7.1 of the current agenda.

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2. Decisions (offline)

No decisions were made offline since the last meeting.

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3. Decisions

No formal decisions were required outside of the items listed on the agenda.

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4. Operations

4.1. CEO Update (CW)
The CEO provided a comprehensive update on operations:

- **Domestic Competition:** The competition is running smoothly and is considered to be under control. It was noted that some domestic clubs are currently at full capacity.
- **Presidents Meeting:** A bi-annual meeting with domestic club Presidents is scheduled for the following evening. Key agenda items include the Board succession plan, an update on the council's car park study, and the club engagement model.
- **Council Engagement:** The CEO reported that there has been no response from Bayside Council regarding the planned car park and stadium lease study.
- **Venue Utilisation:** An issue was raised regarding a domestic club (Black Rock) seeking additional training court space. An alternative at Cheltenham Primary School was offered but declined due to location.

4.2. OH&S Report
No significant OH&S issues were reported.

4.3. Child Safety & Member Protection

- **Incidents and Issues:** The CEO noted several new incidents requiring attention, including an on-court altercation at an U20s game involving players and parents, and a separate complaint regarding alleged discriminatory language. These matters are being managed through the appropriate channels. The Board discussed the concerning trend of poor spectator and parent behaviour.
- **Safeguarding You Platform:** The implementation of the Safeguarding You platform is progressing. It was noted that club attendance at the recent information session was higher than previous sessions, with seven clubs represented.

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5. Finance & Audit

5.1. Finance Report Month End Position (PJ)
The Treasurer presented the month-end financial report.

- The Association is currently tracking ahead of budget year-to-date. This positive variance is primarily due to the timing of domestic competition fee revenue, which was received earlier than budgeted.
- It was noted that May and June are traditionally loss-making months, and the final year-end result is expected to align more closely with the budgeted position.
- The cash at bank position is strong at approximately $2.0 million.

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6. Strategy Progress & Policy Review

6.1. Strategy progress and status update (GG)
As noted in the Action Register review, the formal strategy progress update (heatmap) will be deferred to the June 2026 meeting. No policies were tabled for review at this meeting.

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7. Referee Protection

7.1. Recommendation of trial for ref protection (CW)

The CEO led a discussion on the ongoing challenges with behaviour towards referees and officials. The Board considered several potential initiatives to improve the environment and provide better protection, including:

- A trial of dedicated Venue Managers or parent-led 'Umpire Escorts'.
- Implementing stricter penalties through the tribunal process, including automatic bans pending a hearing.
- Engaging a professional security presence for peak times.
- Increasing communication with clubs to reinforce their responsibility in managing the behaviour of their members.

The Board agreed on the need for action and will further evaluate the options for a formal trial.

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8. Other Business

- **Board Succession:** A discussion was held around Board succession planning. An update will be provided to domestic club presidents at the next Presidents meeting. Paul Jasniach also declared that as he transitions into the President role in the future, this is taken in a personal capacity. His role with PwC does not establish any relationship between the SBA and PwC.
- **Club Financial Health:** The Board discussed the potential to collaborate with clubs on a significant, co-funded project that would benefit the entire SBA community, such as capital improvements.

Meeting Closed: 8:25 PM

Next Meeting: Monday, 11th May 2026 at 7:00 PM.