SOUTHERN BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (SBA)

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

Date	Monday, 18th May 2026
Time	7:00 PM
Location	Sandringham Basketball Stadium

Attendees: Phil McFarlane (Chair), Gerrik Gratz, Michelle Scalzi, Paul Jasniach, Craig Weir (CEO), Caroline Tuohey, Marty Pask, Lisa Curtis, Jason Shugg.

Apologies: Nil.

The meeting commenced at 7:00 PM.

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1. WELCOME – PRESIDENT / CHAIR (Phil McFarlane)

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 board reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting, noting some minor corrections that needed to be made.

Motion: To accept the minutes of the previous meeting with the discussed amendments.

- **Moved:** Marty Pask
- **Seconded:** Jason Shugg
- **Decision:** The motion was carried.

1.3. Action Register

The Chair led a review of the action register from the previous meeting.

Item	Action	Owner	Update & Status
1	Develop formal process for recognising contributions.	Caroline Tuohey	C. Tuohey to make contact with Scott to progress current nomination. **Ongoing.**
2	SBA strategy and vision (2025-27) progress review.	Gerrik Gratz	G. Gratz advised the board will conduct a "health check" review following the Coaching Director's presentation. This will be an agenda item for the June meeting. **Ongoing.**
3	Investigate subsidising players in state teams.	Craig Weir	C. Weir confirmed this was completed with excellent feedback from participants. **Closed.**
4	Investigate 'Whirlybird' covers for courts.	Craig Weir	This item is to be paused pending the outcomes of the broader facility and operations report. **Closed.**

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2. DECISIONS (OFFLINE)

- Nil

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3. DECISIONS

- As per the Operations Report.

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5. OPERATIONS (Craig Weir)

5.1. CEO Update

The CEO provided a verbal update on key operational areas:

- **Team Performance:**

- NBL1: The women's team is in 1st place; the men's team is in 11th.
- Big V Youth League: The women's team is in 1st place; the men's team is in 8th.

- **Canteen:**
  - Long-serving Canteen Manager, Louise, has resigned after 13 years of service. The board acknowledged her significant contribution.
  - Recruitment is underway for a new Director of Canteen Operations, with 35 applications received via Seek. The role will also be promoted internally to the SBA community.
- **Canteen BBQ Initiative:**
  - SBA has secured permits to operate a fundraising BBQ on Friday nights and Saturdays.
  - The board is seeking quotes for the installation of permanent BBQ facilities, a pergola, and fixed seating near the new entrance, with a view to approaching the council for funding support. The initiative is modelled on the successful "Bunnings BBQ" format.
- **Facility & Capital Works:**
  - The replacements of the rings on courts 5-8 is complete and has received overwhelmingly positive feedback.
  - A quote to install roof insulation on courts 1-4 was received for $550,000 + GST. Given the high cost and lack of guaranteed temperature reduction, this will not be pursued at this time.
  - Repairs to skirting boards and flooring are scheduled for the school holidays to avoid clashes with scheduled tournaments.
- **Council Facility Strategy:**
  - The CEO reported on a meeting with the council regarding the long-term future of the Sandringham stadium complex. The facility is considered "end-of-life," with a major redevelopment planned.
  - The council will make a final decision in July/August 2026.

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6. FINANCE & AUDIT (Paul Jasniach)

6.1. Finance Report – Month End Position

P. Jasniach presented the financial report.

- **Year-to-Date Performance:** The association is tracking slightly below budget, with revenue down $39k and profit down $57k. This is primarily due to lower-than-budgeted performance in canteen, ticket sales, and memberships.
- **Cash Position:** The closing cash balance is $1.97 million, which includes $1 million held in a term deposit.

6.2. Update of FY27 Budget

P. Jasniach provided an overview of the draft FY27 budget.

- The budget projects a full-year cash profit of $93,000.
- A modest Capital Expenditure (CapEx) of $40,000 is allocated for the canteen BBQ project. All other major CapEx is on hold pending key decisions in regards to the councils 2026 -2030 Recreation strategy which has significant implications for the Tulip st facilities.
- The projected closing cash balance for FY27 is ~$2.0 million.

The board discussed the budget and accepted the report.

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7. OTHER BUSINESS

- **Board Resignation:** Michelle Scalzi formally advised the board that she will not be seeking re-election at the October AGM due to increasing work commitments. The Chair and the board thanked Michelle for her dedicated 3.5 years of service and valuable contribution.
- **Player & Parent Behaviour Working Group:**
  - Lisa Curtis provided an update on the initiative to address poor sideline behaviour.
  - An analysis of 36 non-tribunal incidents reported this season revealed that the majority involved players in older age groups (U18s and Seniors), not parents in junior age groups as is commonly perceived.

- The board concluded that the official data does not reflect the reality of the issue, as many referees do not formally report lower-level abuse, viewing it as "part of the job."

MEETING CLOSE

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9:00 PM.

Next Meeting:

15th June 2026