




GBBA GLOUCESTERSHIRE BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

 **GlosBasketballAssociation**

MINUTES OF MEETING 16th June 2022.

CHAIR – Dave Whitting

MEMBERS PRESENT: IG, JA, DW, CC & AS

PRESENT: LEADONITES & OLD SPOTS

ITEM	SUBJECT	ACTION
1.1	APOLOGIES Isobel Greaves Stroud Sharks Malvern Mavericks	Invoice teams that failed to attend/ send representative
1.2	TEAMS PRESENT Worcester Bears Cheltenham Hawks Gloucester Knights Worcester Warriors Cheltenham Eagles Cheltenham Falcons University of Gloucester Raiders Worcester Cyclones	
2	MINUTES PREVIOUS AGM MEETING Chair gave all members present opportunity to question/ challenge minutes of previous meeting. No challenges noted - minutes of previous approved	
3	PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS CC presented summary of accounts CC noted to members that most financial activity is centred around the running of the league CC highlighted that development pot has recouped less money than in previous years due to a change in how registrations are declared/ allocated by Basketball England CC Presented two funding bids that had been submitted to Basketball England for consideration: £720 for referee development (noting that in 21-22 season, £213 had been spent on assessing new referees) £725 for finals day Yet to hear of the outcome from funding bids 19/20 - £500 is to be used to fund development in the name of Joe Grainger to sponsor a young Gloucestershire Basketball Athlete. £400 deficit was noted by CC. Explained as running costs pertaining to Finals Day. Further detail of this was discussed by IG in the Finals Day Round UP	



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4	<p style="text-align: center;">FINALS DAY ROUND UP</p> <p>IG completed a round up of the finals day matches and activities. Full details can be found on GBBA website Kings vs GBBA All stars match was won by Gloucester Kings</p> <p>JL Plate won by Stroud Sharks – first trophy that has been won by the team.</p> <p>DD Cup won by Knights who completed the league and cup double which is the first time that it has happened in the history of GBBA.</p> <p>IG gave an executive review of the league secretary report which is published on the website.</p> <p>Noted that rules and regulations of the league will be reviewed and there will be some changes that will be published in due course</p> <p>Chair requested feedback from all teams/ representatives present regarding the finals day:</p> <p>AS questioned if exhibition match should be later in the day as there were some players who would also be playing later in the day thus may not want to take up the opportunity or, will not play to full potential as would like to conserve energy for the match where they will be representing their team. This feedback was seconded by present members</p> <p>IG noted feedback but challenged as, in previous years, some players have chosen to step down from the match when in some circumstances results have not gone their way on the day which leave the game short of players; but, a change can be made should members wish to request this change for the finals day in 2023</p> <p>All present confirmed that they preferred format of day for 21/22 season (Game, Game, Game) rather than games taking place side by side.</p> <p>IG pointed out that a large amount of money was spent on match officials to preserve the magic of the day.</p> <p>Chair pointed out that engraving of trophies was charged for this year where previously this was an FOC item thus highlighting the affect of inflation on the GBBA and why more money was being spent.</p> <p>Representative for Hawks suggested a coaching clinic could be put on for children to encourage more families to attend as this would occupy children.</p>	



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	<p>Suggestion noted alongside the fact that this would likely be chargeable. IG also noted that extra volunteers would be required in order to ensure that ideas like this could be executed as current Committee resource is stretched.</p>	
5	<p>RE-ELECTION/ ELECTION OF OFFICERS</p> <p>DW offered the position of registrar which was not taken up by present members</p>	
6	<p>LEAGUE FORMATT 2022/ 2023</p> <p>IG introduced Leadonites. Leadonites gave a quick introduction to the club dynamics and why they would like to join a league.</p> <p>At AGM, current interests/ position of teams entering league:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">EaglesFalcons (unsure)HawksOld Spots (Hopeful)Mavericks (Unsure as current secretary (Will) is stepping aside)SharksRaidersWarriorsBearsCyclonesLeadonitesGloucester Kings <p>Best case 12 teams, worst case 10</p> <p>Cyclones suggested that the GBL reverts back to a previous all teams play each other once before Christmas this helps squad rotation and, sometimes helps reduce the amount of home games some teams play</p> <p>Bears opposed idea as they already have a good squad rotation so would prefer the league to remain as it was 21/22</p> <p>Discussion around how some teams have not had many training slots in second half of the season due to the way in which fixtures fell.</p> <p>IG noted that because of the number of teams in the league it can be difficult to ensure that some teams have all teams play each other once</p> <p>AS challenged if teams are happy to not have a home court and always play away.</p> <p>Leadonites questioned who picks up the tab for a home team if an 'away team' doesn't have a home court and constantly plays away.</p>	



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	<p>IG stated that in a majority of cases home teams have their playing day the same day as their training day thus it has always been considered that there isn't always extra costs. IG also iterated that costs for referees are split 50/50 between teams.</p> <p>DW stated that splitting any other costs should be negotiated between teams ahead of fixtures. Due to lack of facilities within the Gloucestershire area on rare occasions there are some teams who do not have a 'home' facility but, a role/ responsibility of the GBBA is to support the growth of teams which is the justification for team who play in the charity cup, for example, to not have a requirement to provide a 'home' court facility.</p> <p>Long discussion around the cost and how a majority of teams are also juggling the rising cost of travelling to venues. But, how having a large amount of home games in the later half of the season has mitigated the effect of this – especially those teams who travel from outside of Gloucester.</p> <p>DW questioned if members present were happy for Leadonites to join. No objections from all present</p> <p>DW questioned if there were any comments from teams surrounding the running of the JL plate & DD cup. Teams all gave positive comments</p>	
8	<p>LEAGUE ENTRY FEES/ ARRANGEMENTS</p> <p>IG stated that league entry for 2022-2023 season would be £110. No objections noted:</p> <p>Initial entry - £50 Initial fixtures to be circulated 2nd week August 2022 for teams to request changes/ double check with facilities that court will be available Fixtures to be finalised end of August 2022</p>	
9	<p>CONSTITUTION/ RULE CHANGES</p> <p>DW presented the idea that a sub-committee should be developed to focus on GBL</p> <p>A majority of the GBBA's time is currently being spent on GBL and this is restricting the GBBA's role in developing Basketball opportunities from youth through to officials which is the primary aim of the GBBA</p> <p>DW gave a forewarning that a GBBA are looking to form a GBL committee who would support and oversee the running of the league which will allow committee members to focus on other opportunities for basketball development.</p>	



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	<p>Scoresheets will go to DW in the first instance so that registrar could ensure that those players on the scoresheet are licenced to play and, to ensure diligence when looking to claim money back via registrations.</p> <p>DW highlighted that some rule changes will be incoming. Those changes will be communicated nearer to the time.</p>	
10	<p>ENTRY REQUIREMENTS: COURTS, TABLE OFFICIALS & REFEREES</p> <p>IG highlighted that due to COVID the requirement for teams to supply a nominated referee was removed for 2021-2022. However, this requirement will be re-instated: Teams are to nominate 1 referee for 2022-2023 season and 2 referees 2023-2024.</p> <p>It was highlighted to teams that a league cannot run without officials which was the justification for the requirement.</p> <p>For the benefit of Leadonites & Old Spots, IG made the teams aware in the first year of entry into the league there is no requirement to supply a nominated referee</p> <p>IG stated that all referees are required to be qualified to a minimum of Level 1.</p> <p>A nominated referee not showing up for a match is fined for the club £120 for teams to not supply a nominated referee</p> <p>AS suggested creation of a graphic of how easy it is to qualify</p> <p>DW informed that mileage allowance for referees will rise to 35p from the previous of 30p. Maximum cost of officials will also increase to £70 as currently set at £60 (combination of both).</p>	
11	<p>GBBA & GLOS LEAGUE, WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA STRATEGY</p> <p>JA asked those present how they would like to find out more about the GBBA and the Basketball opportunities within Gloucestershire.</p> <p>Teams praised the website and how regularly it is updated as a result it is a good point of contact for information.</p> <p>One member presented stated that they would like to see better information around opportunities to join teams as their experience appeared long winded.</p>	



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	<p>AS elaborated on the idea of social media bigger presence and how this could help enhance the profile of basketball in Gloucestershire.</p> <p>Teams communicate via group messengers</p> <p>Website – referees, table officials, players looking for teams</p>	
12	<p>CVL</p> <p>IG gave an overview of what a central venue league is</p> <p>AS presented that the GBL keeps the spirit/ magic playing a traditional league. But, the GBL's requirements (officials & home court facility) can make it appear as restrictive for new teams. However, a CVL can help encourage new teams to join as those restrictions are removed.</p> <p>Bears highlighted that a CVL is not a cost effective way for their team to participate</p> <p>Representative from Hawks suggested that the CVL should replace the old open run opportunity. AS highlighted that the old open run ran at a deficit and because of the previous links between Gloucester Saxons and Gloucestershire College it was okay but, as this is no longer in place there are rising costs to this.</p>	
13	<p>AOB</p> <p>Gloucester Kings development which will be played at UoG</p> <p>Meeting closed at 21:57</p>	
14	<p>Dates for future meetings: 7th July – Pre-season Meeting</p> <p>Dates for future events: TBC</p>	