



## Board Basketball England

### Board Meeting Minutes

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**Date:** 23 July 2019      **Location:** Basketball England  
Etihad Campus  
Gate 13 Rowsley Street  
Manchester  
M11 3FF

**Present:**

Clare Wardle, Chair (CW)

Russell Bell (RB)

Nicky Shaw (NS)

Graham Biggs (GB)

Alan Richardson (AR)

Cedi Frederick (CF)

Stewart Kellett (SK)

Victoria Jones (VJ)

Shaun Gagie (SG)

The Sports Consultancy – dialled in for 1 hour

Jason Seiken (JS)- dialled in

Julie Page (JP)- present for 30 mins at end of meeting

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#### Item 1- Apologies for Absence

Benny Bonsu (BB)

## **Item 2- Minutes from Previous Meeting**

- Agreement that minutes should be a concise summary of all key points within the meeting including any engagement sessions. Session from previous meeting to be included in minutes.

## **Item 3- Declarations of Interest**

NS and CW declared an interest in the BBF

## **Item 4- Chair Update (CW, RB)**

RB gave an overview of recent BBL engagement and the importance of the sport having media representation covering a united sport.

CW suggested we utilise the talent pathway to link up clubs on BE performance pathway with BBL teams which portrays to message of unification across different organisations.

AR referred to an OAG discussion on 3 person- officiating (3PO) in the WBBL. The Board agreed it was necessary to work towards this but recognised there exists an issue in terms of resource.

**Action- AR, RB, NS to discuss with BBL about 3PO in WBBL (to liaise with SK and SU if necessary).**

RB highlighted the importance of including WBBL in discussions about engagement.

**Action- RB to encourage and include WBBL involvement in BBL engagement meetings via including the W&G campaign on the agenda meetings**

AR mentioned the importance of Basketball alumni and the hall of fame. The Board recognised this was an important piece of work but agreed that core BE staff could not pick up additional work at this moment in time.

GB highlighted the importance of Board papers being circulated 1 week in advance. The Board agreed.

## **Item 5- CEO Update (SK)**

SK emphasised the impact supporting the BBF was having on BE staff workloads. He explained that core BE project delivery had slipped through supporting GB and that reprioritisation was necessary at all times.

SK gave an overview of the regions meeting and the topics which were discussed, which includes succession planning, the role of regional chairs and area registrars. He explained a regional dashboard was in development which mirrors our strategic plan and allows the regions to have oversight over what we are working to achieve.

SK explained further thought was needed on the 40% area registrar kick back to ensure it is spent correctly within regions/ areas.

GB highlighted the need for a mechanism to ensure the money was spent on appropriate development.

CF emphasised the importance of building a strong regional relationship. The Board agreed.

**Action- DB to circulate regional meeting minutes**

The Board discussed the objectives of the Board Team Day scheduled for the end of October. They agreed to spend some time on strategy, Board evaluation and common goals to stimulate outcomes.

**Action- VJ to speak to SE about securing some funding for the Board team day.**

**LUNCH WITH BE STAFF**

The Board engaged with staff at the BE offices

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**Item 7- The Sports Consultancy- dial in**

The Sports Consultancy dialled into the Board meeting and gave an overview of recent work in which they had undertaken and the subsequent findings. The Board had a discussion around potential sponsors for the sport and queried next steps.

**Action- VJ to circulate presentation**

**Action- RB, CF, SK, JS to meet TSC to discuss next steps**

**Item 8- Delivery Update (DB)**

DB gave an overview of recent developments in the delivery team including, SlamJam, Junior NBA and 3x3. The Board discussed the need for projects to be effective and sustainable. The Board also discussed how regions can support delivery in their area.

The Board highlighted that access to venues for events might be an issue.

**Action- DB to consider event rotation**

**Item 9- Women and Girls Update (SK)**

The Board discussed the plan for upcoming launch and highlighted the importance of including referees and officials.

**Action- incorporate coaching and refereeing into player launch**

GB highlighted the importance of engaging female PE teachers.

GB highlighted a query to do with girls playing in boys' competitions and vice versa

**Action- paper on gender and sex requirements in the game for clarity at a later date**

SK presented the potential branding options for the campaign. The Board liked the combination branding option for the campaign.

**Action- SK to circulate project plan in advance of project launch at the end of September**

### **Item 10- Talent Update (SB)**

SB provided an update on current European games for age-group teams and the ETP.

GB highlighted some improvements which would benefit the Aspire programme.

There was a discussion around the financial and logistical arrangements of Aspire with attention paid to the acceptance of late entries into the programme. The Board agreed effort should be targeted at helping those with affordability issues and other reasons for late entry should be discouraged.

**Action- SB to discuss aspire selection process and exception rules with RTMs**

### **Item 11- GB Revenue requirements and approach to the BE membership - Discussion and Consultation (Board, verbal discussion)**

SK explained the BBF wanted to ask the membership of each Home Nation for a financial contribution to support the GB teams.

The Board discussed GB requirements for next season and the need for BE to open, honest and transparent about decisions and support. The Board discussed the implications of 'imposing' an additional fee on its members and it was agreed that member consultation would provide suitable insight into this issue.

JP queried the meeting minutes and stated some key decisions were already made at the last Board meeting.

**Action- SK/ CW to work with BBF and HCAs about fundraising campaign to generate income for 2019/20. BE to open consultation with members at AGM about a GB contribution next season**

### **Item 12- AOB**

**Action- VJ to speak to comms about recognising NS work on FIBA Women's Commission**

CW recognised NS's hard work and contribution to the sport over the past 6 years. CW and the Board highlighted their appreciation to NS.

GB highlighted the hard work of the BE staff, in particular CF's work with Aspire

**Action- VJ to circulate proposed dates for Board team day and future Board dates**

**END OF MEETING**

**Date of next meeting- tbc**

