



Board Basketball England

78th Annual General Meeting Minutes

Date: Saturday 28th September 2019

Location:

University of Essex

Present:

Chair- Clare Wardle
Vice Chair- Russell Bell
CEO- Stewart Kellett
Company Secretary- Victoria Jones

Board members present:

- Jason Seiken
- Cedi Frederick
- Nicky Shaw

Apologies:

Julie Page (JP)
Benny Bonsu (BB)
Graham Biggs (GB)
Alan Richardson (AR)

Welcome from the Chair

CW gave thanks to all those attending.

CW gave special thanks to NS for all the time and support she has dedicated to the role over the past 6-years. CW highlighted NS's achievements in supporting the women's game.

CW outlined the agenda and asked if there were any questions on the agenda to which the room responded no. CW explained a GB update would be provided at the end of the meeting.

CW introduced the GB women's head coach Chema Buceta (CB).

Welcome from Chema Buceta (CB)

CB gave an overview of the growth and development of the women's game in recent years. He spoke about the enthusiasm from the game which is fundamental in growing success. CB highlighted the importance of all bodies working together to form a collective goal and explained this was also necessary for success.

CB appealed to the BE members to positively influence the game and explained that GB success was dependent on trust and working together.

CW thanked CB and reiterated that working together was the key to success.

Resolutions

1. To approve the minutes from the 77th Annual General Meeting
Passed and approved

2. To approve the Annual Accounts - Year Ending 31 March 2019.
Passed and approved

3. To appoint Auditors for the financial year 2019/20
Sedulo Audit Limited appointed as auditors

4. Director Election Results
Tim Brown Elected as BE Board Director by the membership

CW welcomed Tim to the BE Board

Annual Report and Executive Update

SK gave an overview of recent developments within the game and highlighted the importance of a grassroots focus going forward.

SK updated the membership on the relationship with BE's main funders, Sport England and data surrounding active lives and how basketball can be used for social good.

SK discussed the need for a commercial sponsor across the sport and highlighted the importance of working together to achieve this.

SK mentioned the implementation of the new BE membership system and thanked members for their patience during this period of transition. He explained that this was the next step in improved communication with the membership and stated digital modernisation was a key initiative for Sport England.

Russell Levenston highlighted an annual calendar and early financial information would be helpful from a club's perspective for planning and budgeting requirements.

The membership and SK agreed.

SK gave an overview of the SlamJam participation project which was launched earlier in the year, in addition to satellite clubs and Junior NBA which was a success.

Brian Aldred (BA), BE Coaching Manager gave an overview of recent coaching developments and the Coaching Advisory Group.

BA also gave an overview of project swish, court regeneration work and ERASMUS bid funding which was secured to raise awareness of coaches and coaching practice.

Zach Meekins queried the membership makeup of the advisory groups. BA stated the members needed to be experts in their respective disciplines but also represent the membership.

Russell Levenston highlighted that clubs are looking to find solutions for infrastructure and facilities issues. 3PO was also raised as a concern. The board and the executive noted this.

Steve Bucknall (SB), Talent Manager gave an overview of the BE performance pathway and reinforced the points made by Chema.

Victoria Jones (VJ), Finance and Business Operations Manager gave an overview of finance and governance structures and reported a small surplus for the year. She explained the need to reinvest some BE reserves into supporting the age-groups teams and increasing female participation across the game.

CW thank you for support look forward to another year of moving forward- working together- basketball

GB support item- (RB)

CW introduced the item and explained RB had prepared a note to go to the membership about supporting the running of the GB teams. RB explained BE was consulting with this room before going out to the membership around supporting the GB teams. He explained a significant amount of time and effort had to put into supporting the teams and an effective way of resourcing the teams.

RB explained that the BBF had approached the Home Nations to ask for members contributions (£180k required from BE) for supporting the teams. BE agreed to consult with members and ask for views. RB stipulated that the contributions would be ring-fenced, open and transparent with supporting evidence of plans and programmes, with a supporting SLA in place to ensure no ad-hoc work.

Martin Ford and Russell Levenston expressed support for this but reiterated the need to be open and transparent.

Andy Harrison-Beaumont agreed that the money was needed but queried whether grassroots sports would be penalised for their financial sacrifice. CW agreed that we needed to give back to the game in order to support this and agreed to look into community work for players.

Russell Levenston queried whether GB camps could be moved away from Manchester. CW agreed to consider this.

Zach Meekings queried the importance of GB, given poor tv coverage. He agreed with the logic behind a 1-year levy but stipulated it would not be appropriate for this to continue for more than this time period. He also queried the contingency plan should the membership say no to this request. CW explained that the programme would be wafer thin without the funds.

Jo Pinchin queried whether costs could be cut anywhere.

CW thanked attendees for their thoughts and interaction and agreed to take the points on board.

Meeting closed 1:21