

SOUTHERN BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
MEETING OF THE BOARD

MINUTES

Monday 15th April 2024 – 7:00 PM – 9:00pm

Sandringham Basketball Association

Attendance: Phil McFarlane (President), Gerrik Gratz (Vice President), Anne-Maree Nunan (Secretary), Alberto Bertacci (Treasurer), Michelle Scalzi, Dean Cartwright, Jason Shugg, Caroline Tuohey (non-voting member), Craig Weir (CEO – non-voting member), Pauline Pawsey (minutes)

Apologies: Nil

Guests: Nil

Chairperson – Phil McFarlane (President)

Meeting Opened – 7.00pm

1. Welcome – Chairperson set the context for the meeting and outlined the agenda.

We welcome Caroline Toohey to the Board for her first meeting.

1.1. Declarations of Conflict of Interest – based on agenda. No conflicts of interest declared.

1.2. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Minutes of the previous Board meeting held on 18th March 2024 have been circulated.

Motion: That the minutes of that meeting be accepted as a true record of the business at that meeting.

Moved: Michelle Scalzi **Seconded:** Gerrik Gratz **CARRIED**

1.3. Action Register

Action register was reviewed and updated with progress.

2. Decisions Offline

2.1 The board approved the appointment of the Assistant Coach for U14.5 girls on 20/3/2024.

3. Decisions

3.1. Nil

4. Child Safety & Member Protection

4.1 Tribunal results available [here](#). No incidents needed to be discussed this month.

5. Operations - CEO Report:

A new court scrubber is needed, and the Board discussed the option to lease or buy. All agreed to Lease the new scrubber.

The internet connection on new courts is still not working for Glory League. Council has it as one of the 37 items that are outstanding. That list is ranked and assigned to either Council or Association.

Action: CEO will present next meeting where the list stands.

Client feedback on new courts is varied but predominantly positive. 90% plus have said they are great except for the toilets. Acoustics are much better but there has been issues with the nets breaking and rings need tightening to maintain tension.

There has been an increase in neutral VJBL games scheduled and played at SBA.

A question was raised regarding whether people are entering the new courts and not paying. ¾ of spectators pay with cash/card as opposed to using the membership card option. It's cheaper to purchase the membership card and is promoted each season.

Senior boys – Melbourne United players went through to playoffs, hence we had a few key players not training or playing and they are starting to come together. Confident that they will improve with other players contracted to play the second half of the season and the playoffs. Women are also looking to play to a high position. 600 attended the first game, and people are travelling to the away games.

School Holiday Camps – Feedback that the program may be too repetitive if kids are coming on multiple days. Attendance numbers are at over 700 kids. The Directors of Coaching have taken over the program. Consideration also being given for who is responsible for the Sabres Cubs program. A Ready, Set, Go program may also run through the week and as a school term program.

Action: CEO to provide a view of the numbers from the last 2 years at next meeting. DoCs to attend next Board meeting.

Ticketing system is going well with 63 Season memberships in the first 2 days. Members get a scarf and other items. Kids get in free if wearing SBA domestic apparel.

6. Finance & Audit

Delay in invoicing the domestic clubs. Consider altering the invoicing period to April to allow for the teams being finalised.

The board discussed having a P&L for each department to track costs against income. Different departments to be mapped out to include canteen, uniforms, men's, women's, youth, etc. Further consideration will be given.

Noting: The board noted the financial position as per advice from the Treasurer.

7. Strategy

7.1 50 year Anniversary

The family day went very well and the contributing domestic clubs did a great job. There was approx. 500 people in attendance and Kelly Sports was great with the younger kids.

Committee meeting again next week to progress NBL1 night on 13th July and Night at the SBA on 31st August. Emma Jarman has been asked to set up a communications plan to present at the meeting.

An historical timeline will be established on the wall in the new courts. Clubs and life members are contributing to the key dates and information.

7.2 Sabres Board Forum/Parent Feedback

Detailed feedback in writing was received by a Sabres parent. Phil followed up with a conversation and the Board discussed this feedback. Given the amount of feedback across various topics the Board will further consider the feedback and relevant items will also be discussed at the upcoming strategy session.

The possibility of holding open forums (either in person or online) for feedback and questions was discussed and will also need to be socialised with Club Presidents for input.

7.3 Strategy Management Session

Strategy review session to be held on Sunday 21 April. Outcome is to produce an updated 'strategic plan on a page' with same strategic pillars, and update measures and targets as appropriate.

Board to review the Quarterly Strategy Check In, Our Strategic Plan 2022-2024, and recent parent feedback in preparation for session. Once drafted the strategy will be socialised with the Clubs and Life Members for feedback and launched when finalised.

8. Other Business

Nil

Next Meeting: Monday 13th May, 2024 @ 7pm.

Meeting Closed – 8.49pm

End.