

**SOUTHERN BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
MEETING OF THE BOARD**

MINUTES

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

Sandringham Basketball Association

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

Apologies: Alberto Bertacci (Treasurer), Dean Cartwright

Guests: Nil

Chairperson – Phil McFarlane (President)

Meeting Opened – 7.04pm

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

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 the 15th April, 13th May and 17th June have been circulated. A few changes were made to the April and May minutes and are to be approved at this meeting.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE APRIL MINUTES: Jason Shugg **SECONDED:** Michelle Scalzi **CARRIED**

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MAY MINUTES: Gerrik Gratz **SECONDED:** Jason Shugg **CARRIED**

MOTION TO APPROVE THE JUNE MINUTES: Phil McFarlane **SECONDED:** Gerrik Gratz **CARRIED**

1.3. Action Register

Action register was reviewed and updated with progress.

Evaporative cooling installation site visit occurred and installers have highlighted significant additional work required. Will wait for installation at Waverley stadium.

2. Decisions Offline

Quote for security cameras and installation was approved on 27 June 2024 via email.

3. Decisions

Nil

4. Child Safety & Member Protection

4.1 Tribunal results available [here](#). A game was called off with 4 members to face the tribunal. This is ongoing.

4.2 Child Member Protection: The role of a Child Safety Officer to be appointed for SBA was discussed. Under Victorian Child Safety Standards, to which all Clubs and Associations must comply, there must be a clear, designated role that children and their families can go to if they wish to raise any concerns or give feedback. Each club requires a nominated contact to manage club level issues and report into Club Committees. This could be the same person as the nominated Member Protection Officer or

could use the MPO model and adapt it for CSO. It was agreed in principle that the SBA is to take the lead and roll out adopted approach to the domestic clubs. The need for a Risk & Compliance officer position to oversee and manage obligations, policies and provide club support was discussed.

5. Operations - CEO Report:

The need for a role to take on responsibility of school clinics, growing Beeball and Sabre Cubs (4-5 year olds), and rolling out Ready, Set, Go (for 2-3 year olds) was discussed. It is anticipated this would be a part time role and will be advertised. This would enable DoCs to focus on coach development and Sabres programs. DoCs will set guidelines and set the rules for the clinics. The person would have to know enough to ref basketball. All agreed to advertise for someone to fill this position.

Well done and thank you to all the staff for the excellent handling of the domestic Grand Finals. The presentations on court worked well. Access area for the new courts also worked well. Games were scheduled with a 15 min gap between the games across the courts and allowed teams more warm up time. Next season look into ensuring there is more of a 'presentation' of the medals to players at the end of the game.

Good luck to the NBL1 teams on their upcoming finals matches. Women's team has a home game (elimination final) against Waverley Falcons and NBL1 Mens are playing an away game (qualifying final) against Mt Gambier.

New Courts:

- Sewerage works to start in the next few weeks. This will involve temporary closure of the carpark as pipes need to be run from new court out to Tulip street.
- Flooring issues in the new courts are being assessed by the Council and flooring supplier. Fans are to be installed and then installation work will commence with holes under prefab to get air flow. Skirting boards are to be replaced.
- Connection works will commence in 8-10 weeks. Can't do sliding doors as they wouldn't be fire rated. Comms will be drawn up to explain as soon as we know how it will work.

Interviewing is underway to backfill the DoC – Women/Girls to cover maternity leave. This will be a 12-month role.

Madi Ryan (Sabres U16.1's) is representing in the U17 women's Australia team at FIBA world cup. Congratulations and good luck Madi!

6. Finance & Audit

Treasurer was an apology – financials to be sent to board.

7. Strategy

7.1 50-year Anniversary

A successful event #3 took place on Saturday 13th July for the NBL1 past players round. 40 past players registered and attended. Womens game also included a presentation and send off for Brit Smart on her retirement. The board recognises and thanks Brit for her significant contribution to the NBL1 team over many years.

Saturday 31st August is the final celebration with a night at the SBA to be held on Court 1. Life Member Scott Harvey is running with it. Food & drink to be included in ticket price. Ticketing will run the same as NBL1. Team of the Decade to be announced.

7.2 Strategy Management Session

Directors of Coaching were provided with outputs from the strategy session and detailed feedback was given. A summary will be shared with the board at the next meeting.

Court space is always going to be an issue. There is currently no metric that says how large the Association can grow. We need to give thought to the number of games that can be played and therefore the number of teams that can play.

Need to check if we have covered everything off from the Risk Management report / register. Dean Cartwright to provide an update.

8. Other Business

It was great to get an email from the Greater Shepparton Basketball Association who have looked at how the SBA are working, policies and website and have requested information and assistance to help them improve their processes. Craig Weir will meet with their CEO who wants to come to Sandringham to meet.

Nike uniforms for Sabres VJBL to be rolled out over next two years. CEO to look into whether these can be subsidised for existing players. Communications to include the benefits to the SBA of the Nike arrangement. To be launched mid-August.

Next Meeting: Monday 12th August, 2024 @ 7pm.

Meeting Closed – 8.41pm

End.