



Basketball Wales AGM Minutes 29th July 2018

Date of Meeting: 29/07/2018. **Time of Meeting:** 15.00. **Venue:** Sport Wales Offices, Cardiff & Plas Menai, Caernarfon (via Video Link).

Convenor: Keith Mair (KM) Chairman Basketball Wales

Board Members Present: Phil John (PJ), Gavin Williams (GW), Mike Thomas (MT), Lee Coulson (LC), Haydn Jones (HJ), Melanie Hellerman (MH), Cameron Seeley (CS)

Also present: Helen Pearce (BW Administrator), Rhian Mackenzie (RM), Ron Godber, Steve Lomax, Anna Skabistira (Cardiff Met Archers), Nicolay Bakrachev (Tribal Hunters), Jon Morris (Tribal Hunters), Kojo Hazel (Tribal Hunters), Azeb Smalley (Cardiff Met Archers), Rhys Mackenzie (Cardiff Met Archers), Duncan Mackenzie (Cardiff Met Archers), Daniel Cox (Cardiff Met Archers), Jon Bunyon (Pontypridd Panthers), Tony Hinchey (Cardiff City), Julie Andrus (Table Official), Tracy Hamley (Cardiff Met Archers) & Arwel Jonen, Iola Jones via video link in north Wales.

Apologies from Board Members: Stef Collins, Lucy Witt, Jonathan Shefford

Apologies from non-Board Members: Tom Guntrip, Aled Jones, Simon Fisher, Wrexham Basketball Club.

Welcome: KM welcomed everyone to the 2018 Basketball Wales AGM. KM also introduced Helen Pearce who has recently been appointed to the role of BW Administrator on a part-time basis, part funded by Sport Wales and match funded by BW.

Approval of 2017 Basketball Wales AGM Minutes

One correction was requested – James Morgans was present via the North Wales video link and should be added to the attendance list.

Minutes for the 2017 AGM were approved by members present at the meeting. MT proposed the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting and this was seconded by PJ.

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Matters arising from the BW 2017 AGM Minutes

There were no matters arising

Basketball Wales Annual Report

The BW Annual Report had been placed on the BW website for all members to read prior to the AGM, hard copies were also available at the meeting. Also placed on the website were reports from Directors and Head Coaches from several of the National Team Programmes.

Discussion around the Annual Reports

Membership – there is work to be done to increase membership and ensure players in all affiliated clubs are registering with BW. The registration process this year will involve some additional fields to be completed due the new GDPR requirements. Also Sport Wales require additional data to be collected from our membership.

A Club and Membership Audit will be undertaken this year to enable BW to, not only get baseline data, but to gain membership views, idea's & suggestions. There will also be some work done to support clubs in membership growth, encourage new clubs to form and to form partnerships with their Local Authorities.

Schools – GL is working on dates and these should be ready to go out in September with the forms. Plans are to factor in earlier rounds this year.

Performance – several questions were raised from members present: -

Question - What is happening with the Small Nations Competition?

Answer – it was not our decision to come out of this competition, the agreement currently in place comes to an end the year after next so home nations could potentially review again then. Our teams played extremely well in these competitions and the members felt strongly that BW should persist in enabling Wales to participate. KM will follow up.

Question – If the Small Countries competition does not continue what is the pathway for Senior Women?





Answer – it should be the home countries but now because of the current situation with British Basketball it is unlikely to go ahead in near future

Question – Is it possible for BW to build a database of competitions and tournaments around the UK and Europe?

Answer – yes, it is possible, but BW would like to be mindful of the events value for money in terms of the experience the people attending would get. BW would prefer to attend events where the accommodation, food, organisation and competitive offer was good value.

Question – what is happening with the trials and coach appointments for this year?

Answer – the dates of the trials will be on the website shortly. Coach appointments will also be advertised after a discussion with current coaches to see who would like to continue.

Question – What is happening with the girl's situation as some are missing out because of the current age groups?

Answer – we can juggle around the age groups and look at the best way forward for the girl's teams.

Question – Can BW increase the number of International Training sessions each month? Currently there is only one session a month with a heavy reliance on clubs.

Answer – There are issues around the increased expense, commitment and availability of coaches and players. At the moment there are no plans to increase training.

Question – Why are we not putting on Coaching Clinics?

Answer – we ran one clinic last year and only three people said they could make it – this is not viable. BW will be looking at how we develop coaching networks and the experience of club coaches.

Question – How can we get clubs working together?





Answer – CS has a few ideas and he will be talking to two clubs about doing this.

Mini Basketball – there will be a strong emphasis in 2018-19 on supporting clubs to develop their junior sections within their clubs.

Officiating – we have a lack of active officials, we also have a lack of younger age group coming through and BW needs to look at how we attract people and how we keep people. Currently there is no mentoring or support for officials and we need to look at how we can offer this.

Finance – the accounts have been made available to the membership on the BW website. The accounts were presented to the meeting. HJ proposed the acceptance of the accounts, this was seconded by CS and the membership present were in favour.

Basketball Wales Strategy –

BW will be seeking feedback on the strategy from member clubs in the coming months.

Director Vacancies –

BW currently has vacancies for Directors on the BW Board. If anyone is interested in the following roles, please get in touch for more information: -

Schools Development Director

Club Development Director

Commercial Director

Meeting Closed

