



# Basketball Wales Board Meeting Minutes

**Date of meeting: 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

**Time of meeting: 18:30**

**Venue: Sport Wales, Cardiff**

## **Directors present**

Keith Mair (KM), Gavin Williams (GW), Cameron Seeley (CS), Phil John (PJ); Rhian Mackenzie (RM), Mike Thomas (MT), Gavin Lewis (GL)

## **Apologies**

Stef Collins (SC), Jonathan Shefford (JS) Melanie Hellerman (MH), Simon Fisher (SF), Haydn Jones (HJ) Lee Coulson (LC) Helen Pearce (HP)

## **Conflict of interest**

None noted

## **Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting held on 22 July 2019**

Approved unanimously as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

## **Matters arising from the previous minutes**

CS has been trying to contact GIVOVA Italy but has not had any reply or contact as yet. CS will continue to try.

## **Performance Report (CS)**

CS reported that Tri Nations dates have been set for the 20/21<sup>st</sup> Dec in Manchester, hosted by Basketball England. U16 and U18 men's and women's team will be attending to compete

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against Scotland and England. GB head coaches will be present, and this event will act as a trial for all players to have the opportunity for GB FIBA selection for summer 2020.

BW have agreed to cover the cost of the hotel for players for this year's event given the late notice of staging the event. Moving forward this event will need to be budget for and covered by the individual players in attendance.

CS discussed a number of issues regarding younger age group players playing 'up' into U20/U23 and Senior squads. CS will be continuing to liaise with the men's head coach around this issue.

CS updated the board about the work Nick O'Leary is doing with the younger age group coaches. Nick is delivering a mentoring programme to the head coaches around the Teaching games for learning approach to basketball coaching. Things are progressing well, and a further update will be provided in the New Year.

CS discussed the need to re-evaluate the parent's code of conduct following reported issues with parents whilst teams were away at international tournaments last summer.

BBL trophy game between Glasgow Rocks and Basketball Wales has been confirmed for Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January in Glasgow.

### **Finance Report (MT)**

MT provided the financial figures to date and present these to the board.

Discussion around the numbers of registered players and clubs to date.

### **Sport Wales Update (GW)**

GW met with Richard Lawrence in Swansea to discuss the new Partner Investment Application form along with Helen Pearce. Positive meeting and BW will be submitting a new application for funding ready for April 2020.





GW also had meetings with Vicky Ward in Bridgend from WSA. WSA have provided support for a governance specialist to look over our current Articles. GW has already met with this consultant and feedback has been provided to assist with updates. GW to discuss with JS

WSA also have provided support to help us update our new strategy document. GW will be speaking to the specialist ASAP with the view to having a full board meeting along with the consultant to spend a full day going over the specifics of the new strategy in February

### **Clubs**

It was discussed that the best way to try and continue the development of clubs in Wales in the absence of a specific director is through the leagues that are currently operating in Wales. These are NWBA and SWBA. Both leagues are doing great jobs delivering basketball opportunities through competitive league structures and hopefully this will continue to move in a positive direction in order to grow the game.

### **3x3 Urdd Competition (RM)**

The Urdd 3x3 event in Cardiff was another great success this year. Over 12 schools participated and it was pleasing to see a high number of girl's teams taking part. The North Wales event takes place in February 2020 in Wrexham. Basketball Wales is pleased to continue to provide officials for this event and logistical support. The board thanked RM for attending this event on BW's behalf.

### **3x3 National Teams – Commonwealth games (KM)**

KM reported that we are still waiting news of any qualification process for the Commonwealth games 2022. Once this process is made clearer, we can then look to see if there is a funding stream in place to support Wales's entries in Men and Women's categories.





### **Communications Report (RM)**

RM revealed the 'refreshed' BW logo. The new website is still under construction, but the hope is to go live early in the New Year. Our social media channels (FB, Twitter and Instagram) are all performing well. RM continues to work with the BBF and HCA on the comms committee.

### **Schools Report (GL)**

GL provided an update on this year's schools competition. 35 schools have registered to take part in this year's competition, with regional event having taking place in Bangor this past week.

Schools final confirmed to take place in March in Aberystwyth University.

GL will be looking to help deliver teacher training courses during inset days to allow teachers/staff to help deliver the basic coaching and officiating. It's hoped that this will enable more schools to deliver basketball sessions.

GL will be following up on a meeting with Welsh Sport Colleges next year to try and identify ways for BW to engage with the college's competition moving forwards.

### **British Basketball Federation (BBF) (GW)**

GW as the appointed director for BW has sat in on a number of BBF board meeting via conference calls. GW attending a commercial meeting hosted by BE with the involvement of the HCA's to discuss opportunities of trying to raise commercial investment into the support. GW informed the meeting that BW would be supportive of working with all British Basketball partners in the hope of securing much needed commercial monies.

### **Safeguarding**

Parental behaviour was discussed at the meeting in relation to last year's FIBA trip and some ongoing issues around the conducts of parents at matches. BW to look over the parent





code of conduct to ensure that our policies are up to date and that there are clear sanctions for those who break this code of conduct.

#### **AOB**

Request for small financial support toward Special Olympics taking place in 2020. LC will be coaching a Welsh Team at this event. Board agreed to support this request from LC.

Request from Sport Serve to form a sponsorship arrangement. CS to look into this opportunity further

#### **Date and time of next meeting**

To be confirmed

