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Strathclyde League Basketball Association



2004/05

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Executive
Secretary Mike Webb
Chairman Alan Turner
Treasurer Jim Anderson
Vice Chairman John Campbell
Discipline Officer Johnny Walker
Web Site George Williamson
Committee Member Jim Thompson

17TH June 2004

Minutes of AGM Sunday 13th June 11.00am -12.500pm Linwood Sports Centre

Apologies Alan Turner, Jim Thompson.

Present

Micky McKechnie (Glasgow City), Martin Fox (Bellshill), Stuart Farr, David Hughes (Blantyre), David Auld (Kilmarnock), Jamie Moffatt, Osman Amir (Dumbarton), David Hogg Snr, David Hogg Jnr (Strathaven), David Turner (East Kilbride), Ronnie Millar, John Blair (Greenock), Stuart Boag (Renfrew), Tom Ryan (Hamilton), Kevin Coyle (Cumbernauld), Calum Mather (Paisley), Gordon Fagan (Motherwell), Jack Bugge (Hon President), George Williamson (Exec), Jim Anderson (Gators), Colin Smith (Oatlands), Steven Turner (Bellahouston), Colin Ferguson (Troon), Chris Morrison (Ayr), Johnnie Walker (Exec), John Campbell (Exec), Alan Chalmers (St Mirren), Paul Blair (Elm Fire), Mike Webb (Exec)

Clubs not Present

Glasgow Storm – Stuart Gibb arrived late – had problems in transit to the meeting. Details will be supplied to the Exec. Stuart contacted the League Sec same day and apologised.

Minutes of 2003 AGM

Posted to all clubs 2-3 weeks after the meeting last year and a copy was in the AGM booklet for today.

Matters Arising

All matters from 2003 AGM had been addressed and there were no matters arising. Meeting accepted the minutes as true record **Accepted Unanimous**

Secretary's Report

This was included in the booklet for all to read. This was in the form of details through the season. Meeting thanked Mike for his work and effort through the season. No items raised from the report. **Accepted Unanimous**

Presentation of Trophies

Our Honorary President Jack Bugge - presented the Trophies: **SM1 Glasgow City, SM2 Glasgow Gators, SW St Mirren, JM Glasgow City, CM Glasgow City**. Unfortunately no member of St Mirren ladies was present. Johnnie Walker offered to pass these to the team.

Discipline Report

Johnnie Walker gave a full report to the meeting (Copy in the year book) and explained the season had been much improved on seasons past. All issues had been addressed. Only one incident soured the season this was the assault by Stephen Hamilton of Glasgow Storm against a player from Greenock. This had been fully documented and Johnnie had approached Basketball Scotland for guidance on procedure to ban the player due to this incident and a similar matter for which he had been banned for 9 games last season. The results are the player is banned from SLBA for a minimum of 2 years and he can only rejoin on many conditions. This matter is currently ongoing and the League Secretary will give details as matters and procedure are defined. Johnny advised that in all other cases the guilty party had apologised and no further action was taken. The behaviour of the one individual shouldn't hide the fact that we had a successful and improved season regarding discipline. The meeting thanked Johnnie for his work and especially the protracted communication regarding the S. Hamilton incident. **Accepted Unanimous**

Web-Site Report

George expressed his hope that the Web-Site could become more dynamic and asked that clubs give as much info as possible. He intends to give the league secretary an easier access to up-date the site. The meeting thanked George for his work through the season. **Accepted Unanimous**

Treasurers Report

Jim explained that due to delay in statements and some cheques had not yet been submitted to the account the full (Hard Copy) wasn't available but this would be forwarded to all with the minutes of the meeting by the league secretary. Jim gave a verbal explanation of finances. Even though the SLBA had slightly less income the expenditure was also a lot less than previous season and yet more had been achieved. This meant the SLBA was in a slightly stronger position than at the start of the season. The issue of the "Development Grant" from Basketball Scotland again was unacceptable. SLBA were advised we would not have a delay however this resulted in 50% of the monies paid in January and the remainder paid in middle of May. The meeting agreed to ask the League Secretary to ask Alan Turner our Chairman to again raise this issue at National level. A few clubs also raised the problem of Basketball Scotland presenting cheques from clubs for registrations very late and this caused problems for some clubs. The meeting asked that this matter also be raised with Basketball Scotland

Nominations for the Executive

There had been no nominations for the Executive and all current officers agreed to stay in their positions including Alan Turner and Jim Thompson who had sent apologies. The meeting agreed with no reservation and all Executive Officers were re-elected and Jim Anderson has rejoined the committee. **Accepted Unanimous**

Proposed Change/Addition to the Rules

The proposal from St Mirren to restrict players at Cadet level was discussed at length. Renfrew had supported the proposal. Alan Chalmers from St Mirren gave a brief reasoning for St Mirren wishing to restrict National players from the division. He pointed out that most of the winners of cup and league over recent seasons were including national players. Whilst many sympathised most felt that the league would suffer in quality. Kevin (Cumbernauld) reminded that the only time that lesser players have the chance to play the better players is at local level. Tom (Hamilton) suggested that the Cadet league possibly be split into 2 divisions of standard. The league secretary advised this would be raised at the fixture meeting. All the meeting fully supported the view that hopefully coaches would not "Blitz" lesser teams purely by having national players available. The league secretary advised the meeting that throughout the coming season this could be monitored and reported back to the Exec. The meeting agreed that it was only on a few occasions this had occurred and generally coaches did have good understanding on this issue. The league secretary reminded St Mirren that the issue had been raised by the weaker team of the two from St Mirren and the stronger team had had a successful season. The current member clubs took a vote to accept the proposal. **2 For, 13 Against, 3 Abstained. Proposal Rejected**

New Club Application

Blantyre, Elim Fire, Motherwell and East Kilbride all addressed the meeting and briefly explained their set-up and structure. There was concern over tip-off times from many member clubs. Saturday evenings does not seem to be acceptable and any tip-off time earlier than 7.00 would prove difficult. All the new clubs were asked to review their game night arrangements before the fixture meeting. One pleasing item was no Monday evening tip-offs as this had proven to be a problem last season. All new clubs have been made aware of the criteria needed to join the league. "Acceptance to the SLBA for a probationary season – as in the rules." **Accepted Unanimous**

League Structure 2004/05

The meeting discussed at length the feasibility of staying with 2 divisions even if Dumbarton stepped up to Div 1. All agreed that it wouldn't work as there would be too many games. Jack said he was pleased that we were in the situation of extra teams – also in the Junior division. The meeting agreed that the league should revert to a 3 division SM league and that the split be finalised at the Fixture meeting bearing in mind that there may be further variations at that time. George and Jim Anderson expressed concern at the availability of referees for all the games. All agreed that that there may be a problem but we would review this as we go. Kevin (Cumbernauld) asked that the attitude towards the 2 ref rule be relaxed in the 3rd division. All agreed to this however the league secretary reminded that if there is only one official he/she must be qualified and not a probationer!!

The meeting voted on the **"3 SM Divisions for 2004/05"** **Accepted Unanimous**

AOB

Stuart(Renfrew) expressed his concern that he had not had confirmation of his let for next season and that new structure in Renfrewshire may cause problems for lets. At this time no other club has encountered this but Stuart promised to keep the league informed of this issue.

Johnnie Walker raised the issue of the Honorarium for the league secretary. Mike (League Secretary) declared he wished no increase in the amount and the meeting agreed to the same figure as of previous seasons to be paid to Mike. **Accepted Unanimous**

VOTE OF THANKS

John Campbell (Acting Chairman) thanked the members for attending and wished all a pleasant summer break

Thanks to John for taking the chair
Meeting closed at 12.50pm