



STRATHCLYDE LEAGUE BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Minutes of AGM: 6 June 2010 at Rosshall Academy, Glasgow at 14:00hrs.

Honorary President: Position Vacant

Executive Committee:

Chairman: Alan Turner

Vice Chairman: John Campbell

Secretary: Jim Connor

Treasurer: Charlie Woods

Discipline Officer: Johnnie Walker

Results Officer: Stuart Holland

Committee Member: George Williamson

Committee Member: Jim Thomson

Committee Member: David Milligan

Regional Officials Officer: Ian Watt

1. Welcome by Chair and introduction to Executive Committee

Allan Turner	Executive	D Bruce	Calder Cobras	M McNeil	Glasgow Storm
John Campbell	Executive	A Leckie	Clyde Cavaliers	P Goley	Glasgow Uni
Charlie Woods	Executive	S Millar	Clyde Cavaliers	S McCarthy	Glasgow Uni
Jim Connor	Executive	E Shiels	Chryston Cougars	R Docherty	Oatlands
Stuart Holland	Executive	K Coyle	Cumbernauld	Robert Brown	PSG Gators
George Williamson	Executive	S Banks	Dumbarton	E Alexander	Reid Kerr Buddies
David Milligan	Executive	A Thompson	Dumbarton	M Muir	Reid Kerr Buddies
Ian Watt	Executive	D MacLeod	Glasgow City	D Adams	Renfrew Rocks
Steve Moug	Ayr Storm	J Sinclair	Glasgow City	A M Stobo	SPRA
D Hughes	Blantyre X	N Iltamas-Gomez	Glasgow Fever	K Paterson	Stevenson Sabres
K Brannan	Blantyre X	J Barr	Glasgow Rocks	W MacLaren	Stevenson Sabres
				D McCallum	Troon

2. Apologies: Jim Thomson – Exec; Johnnie Walker – Exec; Chris Cleary – West of Scotland Dev Officer; Ahid Ojaghi – Cuckoo

3. Minutes of previous AGM – Copies issued by email to club contacts.

The minutes of the 2009 AGM were previously circulated to members. The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting – proposed by Maureen McNeil (Glasgow Storm) & seconded by Kevin Coyle (Cumbernauld Chiefs)

4. Presentation of Trophies

Div 1 Men: Glasgow University

Div 2 Men: Clyde Cavaliers

Senior Women: Glasgow Storm 'Lightning'

Junior Men: Reid Kerr Buddies

Cadet Men: Troon Tornados

Allan Turner presented the League winner trophies & medals to the team representatives.

5. Presentation of the Annual Report, including financial report

5.1 Chairman's Report - Copies issued by email to club contacts.

Previously circulated to members. There were no queries raised from the floor.

5.2 Financial Report - Copies issued to clubs on arrival.

A question was asked on the strips that were purchased. It was explained that these were bought for any representative team in the SLBA, e.g. The Masters or All Star teams, the save borrowing kit from other teams.

C Woods also expanded on the £1000 received from Basketball Scotland as a contribution towards the Junior and Cadet leagues that will allow the SLBA to offer free league entry for the 2010/2011 and 2011/2012 seasons for all Junior and Cadet teams.

Report was Proposed by Steve Moug (Ayr Storm) & seconded by Stewart Banks (Dumbarton Dodgers)

5.3 Discipline Report

Johnnie Walker had sent in a report that was read by the Chairman. Basically a few minor incidents that were dealt with through normal procedures and overall a good year for discipline.

5.4 Officials Officer Report

Ian Watt delivered an update on the new education courses that are being offered to all floor and table officials and he encouraged clubs to get involved or the diminishing number of referees will begin to affect the number of games that can be played.

Ian stressed that for younger people getting involved as referees there are a number of funding routes to help with the costs and that the SLBA would also look favourably on applications from young people interested in completing table & floor official or coaching courses with the potential of up to 50% of the costs being covered.

There will also be a new procedure for appointing referees to SLBA games where a grading system will be used. This is to protect new referees from taking games that may be above their experience level and creating problems where they may get disillusioned with the game. Floor officials will be graded level 1, 2 or 3 and it will not be possible to pair two level 1's together and no level 1 will be allowed to cover any senior men's games.

6. Motions

Section 3. Registrations & Affiliations - Proposed by Dumbarton Dodgers; 2nd by Clyde Cavaliers.

Change entry 3.1 from:

“All players, coaches, officials and team followers must be registered with National Governing Body prior to participation in any SLBA Competitions.”

To: “All clubs must be affiliated to the National Governing Body prior to participation in any SLBA Competitions.”

And delete Section 3.2 in full.

“Failure of a Club to register a player with the National Governing Body will cause the Club to be fined £15.00 per player and/or loss of all league points at the discretion of the Executive Committee. Continued abuse of this rule would render the Club liable to ejection from SLBA Competitions and possible refusal for re-entry.”

And re-number section 3.3 to 3.2

“Any player wishing to transfer Clubs during a season must follow the National Governing Body's regulations.”

This is to give individual clubs the decision to register players with Basketball Scotland.

If the above is accepted then section 8.3 is deleted.

‘All player registration numbers must be entered on the score sheet before the game commences. Failure to do so will result in a £10 per team fine.’

The above raised several topics of discussion including individual player insurance if not registered with Basketball Scotland and does club affiliation provide player insurance regardless of the player being registered with BS.

It was stated that there is nothing in the BS regulations stating that players had to be registered with BS to play local league only.

Accepting this proposal would mean that clubs had the choice to register players or not and that this would remove the need for the SLBA to chase clubs for not registering players with BS.

If the motion is denied then all regulations that were not enforced this year due to the poor registration process from BS would come into force as BS have promised to have all registration numbers issued by October/November this year.

Voting: For 5; Against 10; Abstention 3 – Motion Denied

Section 5: Competition Fixtures - Proposed by Executive Committee to clarify the end of season date. Add: -

5.7 All Games must be completed by 30th April each year.

And change: -

“16.2 If a game is not played by the end of 1st weekend in May and neither team has claimed the game both teams shall pay a fine of £30.00. No league points are awarded to either team.”

To: -

“16.2 If a game is not played by 30th April and neither team has claimed the game both teams shall pay a fine of £30.00. No league points will be awarded to either team.”

Voting: For 18; Against 0; Abstention 0 – Motion Carried

Section 6: Game Equipment * - Proposed by Executive Committee to clarify the wording of the section, to improve the standard of game equipment and help avoid a repeat of the numerous complaints from clubs regarding timing equipment.

Add the word ‘visual’ and ‘or mobile phone’ to section 6.1.2 to read:

“Visual game clock (Not stop watch or mobile phone)”

Change section 6.2 from: -

“Failure to provide one or more of the above will result in a one-off fine of £15.00. Responsibility to report the failure is with the visiting team. They must contact the League Co-ordinator ASAP and report the matter.”

To: -

“Failure to provide one or more of the above will result in a fine of £15 per missing item. Responsibility to report the failure is with the visiting team. They must inform the home team that they will be reporting the matter and then contact the League Co-ordinator ASAP and follow up in writing by email or letter with the game details and the items that were missing. Repeated infringements could lead to the offending team being suspended from the league.”

* Before making your decision on this please see the first point of order in section 9. AOCB regarding FREE table equipment for all teams.

Voting: For 18; Against 0; Abstention 0 – Motion Carried

Section 8: Score Sheets & Results - Proposed by Executive Committee to clarify the wording of the section to bring it in line with current system.

Change wording of 8.1 from: -

“The league copy of the score sheet (White copy) will be sent to the appropriate League Co-ordinator by the **WINNING** team within 10 days of the game being played. Failure to do so will render the Club liable to a fine of £10.00 and the loss of 2 league points.”

To: -

“The league copy of the score sheet (White copy) will be sent to the Results Officer (with points per player completed for both teams) by the **WINNING** team within 10 days of the game being played. Failure to do so will render the Club liable to a fine of £10.00 and the possible loss of 2 league points.”

Voting: For 18; Against 0; Abstention 0 – Motion Carried

Section 11: Player Restrictions - Proposed by Executive Committee to clarify the team list situation regarding league and cup teams.

Change wording of 11.4 from: -

“Prior to playing the first competitive match of the season (league or cup) each club must submit a copy of their team list(s) as per their submitted Basketball Scotland Registration list to the League Secretary. If a club has more than one team at the same age level then individual team lists must be submitted at the same time.”

To: -

“Prior to playing the first competitive match of the season (league or cup) each club must submit a copy of their team list(s) to the League Secretary. If a club has more than one team at the same age level then individual team lists must be

submitted at the same time with separate lists for the league and cup teams. If separate league & cup team lists are not submitted then the league list will accepted as the cup team list.”

Voting: For 18; Against 0; Abstention 0 – Motion Carried

Section 14: Officials - Proposed by Executive Committee to update the sections according to new floor official guidelines being introduced by the Executive Committee: -

Change wording of 14.1 from: -

“All Games must be played with at least two qualified, registered Floor Officials, only one of which may be at Probationer level.”

To: -

“All Games must be played with at least two qualified, registered Floor Officials, only one of which may be a Level 1.”

Insert new section as 14.2: -

“Any level 1 official must have a level 2 or 3 appointed as co-official and Level 1 officials cannot be appointed to any Senior Men’s games.”

If accepted then existing sections 14.2 to 14.8 are re-number to 14.3 to 14.9.

Voting: For 18; Against 0; Abstention 0 – Motion Carried

7. Election of Executive Committee Members

7.1 The Chairman proposes the re-election of the standing Executive Committee members.

Before this vote the Chairman announced that John Campbell the Vice Chairman will be standing down after 10 years of service and thanked John for his valuable contribution and unstinting support to basketball at all levels in the West of Scotland. John’s valuable council will be missed and the Chairman stressed that he shouldn’t stray to far from the phone and wished him well in the projects that will be taking his time in the future.

The Chairman also announced that Johnnie Walker would also be leaving the Executive and his position as Discipline Officer due to his move to Oban. Johnnie was thanked for his hard work and effort over the years. He will be missed in the SLBA and wider basketball community, as he seemed to pop up in all areas of the game.

The Chairman then proposed that as there had been no nominations prior to the AGM and unless there was an objection from the floor the current Chairman, Treasurer & Secretary be returned.

There was no objection from the floor. So the proposal went to a vote: -

Voting: For 18; Against 0; Abstention 0 – Motion Carried

7.2 Proposals from the floor for ordinary committee members

The Chairman asked if there were any proposals for a new vice chairman or committee members from the floor. None were forthcoming so the Chairman asked the members to leave the vice chairman position to the committee to fill over the next few months.

8. New Clubs – Each club will give a brief introduction about their club to the members. The SLBA welcomes - Chryston Cougars, Motherwell Hustlers & Stevenson Sabres as well as extending a warm welcome back to Blantyre.

Motherwell Hustlers were not at the AGM so Chryston Cougars, Stevenson Sabres, Calder Cobras & Glasgow Fever representatives said a few words on their clubs and venues.

9. Any other business

Free Table Equipment for ALL Teams

The SLBA will be supplying all teams with a suitable visual table clock and official Basketball Scotland scoresheet pad at the fixtures meeting in September.

Honorarium – Proposed by D. Gibbons, Ayr Storm

It was noticed from the minutes of the 2009 AGM that no Honorarium had been proposed for the Chairman. This is usually £500.

Ayr Storm would propose that the Honorarium is included for last season and this season, together this would be a total of £1000.

Voting: For 18; Against 0; Abstention 0 – Motion Carried

League Structure for 2010/11

The league structure will be announced approximately 14 days after the AGM.

Free League Entry to Junior & Cadet Teams

We have secured funding from Basketball Scotland for the 2010/2011 and 2011/2012 seasons that will allow free league entry for all Junior and Cadet teams.

Important Dates for the 2010 / 2011 Season: -

League fixtures meeting - Tuesday 7th September, Rosshall Academy, 6.15pm for 6.30pm start

End of Season – 30th April 2011

Cup Finals weekend - Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th May 2011.

Season Opening Tournament

We are trying to arrange a senior tournament to mark the start of the season on Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd October. This would be co-ordinated with a table and floor official's course. Details of this will follow.

It was felt that this would be a good idea and details would be worked on over the summer and issued to clubs as soon as it becomes available.

All Star Games

We will try and arrange this for 2011 sometime in May/early June.

Dumbarton muted that this will be their 30th season and they would like to host the All Star game or a tournament with festivities after the games. The committee will take this on board and will discuss dates and details with Lothian and circulate detail to clubs in due course.

West of Scotland Basketball Association & New Development Officer Update

Brief update on what has happen to both of the above and the impact on the SLBA Leagues

As the new Development officer – Chris Cleary - was not present this will be covered at the fixtures meeting. If any club needs to contact Chris then they should do so directly.

10. Close of Meeting