



Strathclyde League Basketball Association
AGM Minutes: Wednesday 12th June 2013,
Rosshall Academy, Glasgow at 6:30pm.



Minutes taken by Jim Connor

Honorary President: Position Vacant

Executive Committee:

Chairman: Alan Turner

Vice Chairman: Jim Thomson

Secretary: Jim Connor

Treasurer: Charles Woods

Discipline Officer: Johnnie Walker

Results Officer: Stuart Holland

Committee Member: George Williamson

Committee Member: Stewart Banks

Regional Officials Officer: Ian Watt

1. Welcome: by Chair and introduction to Executive Committee

- The Chairman was delayed in traffic and as the Vice Chairman had sent in his apologies the meeting was opened by the Secretary who welcomed all members to the AGM.

Name	Club	Name	Club
Allan Turner	Exec	Derek Miller	Glasgow Rocks Jnr
Jim Connor	Exec	David Purdie	Glasgow Storm
Charles Woods	Kilmarnock	Gordon Reid	Glasgow Storm
Johnnie Walker	Exec	Mari Dabjen	Glasgow Uni Women
Stuart Holland	Exec	Rob Brown	New Club Name TBC
George Williamson	Exec	Raymond Docherty	Oatlands
Ian Watt	Exec	Mr Romi	Phil-Glas
Danny Gibbons	Ayr Storm	Edward Alexander	Reid Kerr Buddies
David Hughes	Blantyre X	Jordan Scott	Renfrew Rocks
Ian Strachan	Calder Cobras	Gary Brown	Renfrew Rocks
David Murray	Calderglen Spartans	Michael Poole	Renfrew Rocks
Craig Morning	Chem Tech	Jennifer McDermid	Renfrew Rocks
Edward Shiels	Chryston Cougars	Linda Gillies	Renfrew Rocks
Ryan Shiels	Chryston Cougars	Gavin Smith	Renfrew Rocks
Greg Hardy	Chryston Cougars	Gordon McNeil	SPRA
Peter Sloan	Clyde Cavaliers	David Saunders	Stevenston Sabres
John Campbell	Cuckoo B.C.	Kevin Paterson	Stevenston Sabres
Kevin Coyle	Cumbernauld Chiefs	Jordan Philpott	Stirling University Men
Adam Thompson	Dumbarton Dodgers	Maria Vasilaki	Stirling University Women
Donald MacLeod	Glasgow City	James Corbett	Strathclyde University
Alex Watt	Glasgow Eagles	Gordon Clark	Strathclyde University
Stacey MacDonald	Glasgow Fever	Tom Campbell	Troon Tornadoes
Cameron McDermid	Glasgow Rocks Snr		

2. Apologies: Jim Thomson (Exec); Stewart Banks (Exec); Graham Hunter (South Lanarkshire Colliers);

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

Proposal of the minutes to be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed by: *Donald McLeod, Glasgow City*; seconded by *Adam Thompson, Dumbarton Dodgers*

4. Presentation of the Annual Report, including financial report

4.1 Chairman's Report – Copies issued by email to club contacts with the agenda.

Time available for any questions from the floor.

No questions from the floor.

4.2 Financial Report - Available on arrival before the meeting begins. There will be time allotted to ask questions.

No questions from the floor.

Proposal of the financial report.

Proposed by: *Gavin Smith, Renfrew Rocks*; seconded by *Ed Alexander, St Mirren RK Buddies*

4.3 Discipline Report – Johnnie Walker

Only 5 issues all season for dissent rather than physical play so all players to be congratulated for playing within the spirit of the game with respect for players. Basketball Scotland are pushing floor officials to clamp down on dissent so players can expect more of the same so everyone has a part to play in trying to reduce any issues in this side of the game. The best way forward is to get to know the rules of the game better and get on with the game rather than discussing things with the referee.

4.4 Officials Officer Report – Ian Watt

The mentoring of younger referees in the cadet & junior games went reasonably well this year and thanks were noted for the hard work that Anton Zyhzyhn had put into organising the referees and mentors. With the addition of a good number of new teams into the leagues this year there will be even more pressure on floor officials. Ian will be trying to get an idea of how many officials will be calling games next season and when he has this he will contact clubs with some ideas for future development in the cadet & junior leagues. Anyone looking for information should contact Chris Cleary (West Development Officer) in the first instance but keep Ian in the loop so that he can monitor numbers and courses. Ian also extending his offer of help to any club who would like him to come along and go over rules and interpretations at any training night free of charge. Clubs need only contact him.

5. Motions

Changes to Competition Rules & Regulations - Proposed by the Executive Committee.

A) Addition to Regulation 4. Competition Format

4.6 All League & Cup games from Monday to Friday must tip-off between 7.15pm & 8.15pm unless otherwise agreed by the visiting team.

4.7 For League & Cup games on a Saturday or Sunday the tip-off time is by arrangement.

- This addition to the regulations is to protect away teams from being stuck with early tip-off times during the week that they may find hard to get to through traffic etc. Earlier times can be agreed if the away team is happy to accept them.

Voting: For 24 – Against 0 – Abstention 1 - Motion Carried

B) Change of wording to Section 5.2 & 5.3 from

5.2. Attendance at the Fixtures Meeting is mandatory for each Club.

5.3. Failure of a Club to attend the Fixtures meeting without a legitimate reason and prior notification at least seven days in advance to the Executive Committee will result in a fine of £50 and possible ejection from SLBA Competitions at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

To

5.2. Attendance at the Fixtures Meeting is mandatory for each **team (not club)**.

5.3. Failure of a **team (not club)** to attend the Fixtures meeting without a legitimate reason and prior notification at least seven days in advance to the Executive Committee will result in a fine of £50 and possible ejection from SLBA Competitions at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

After the initial explanation that this change is to ensure that there is no hold up where one person is trying to arrange the fixtures for more than one team. One representative per team will ensure that things move quickly. There was a debate around the actual fixture meeting system to see if it was worth looking at changing the fixtures meeting to a more rigid structure where the exec fix the week that certain games are played and issue this before the fixtures meeting so that all (or majority) of fixtures are set before the fixtures meeting. Danny Gibbons (Ayr Storm) raised the point that there is software available that makes the fixed fixtures system very easy to operate. However, it was pointed out by a number of other clubs that the rigid system wouldn't work for them due to hall availability so they would be working outside the system from the start.

There was a general agreement that a slightly more rigid system would be appreciated so the Chairman asked if Danny would be happy to be co-opted onto the Exec (subject to members vote) to work with the League Secretary on trying to streamline the fixtures system. Danny said that he would be, if voted on.

Regardless of the shape that the fixtures meeting takes the motion at hand still stands regarding the change to who attends the meeting and that is what is being voted on.

Voting: For 18 – Against 5 – Abstention 2 - Motion Carried

C) To update the definition of a National League player the following change to regulation 11.3 from

11.3. Senior National League players may only play in Senior Men's Division 1 competition.

To

11.3. Senior National League players may only play in Senior Men's or Women's Division 1 competition. Any senior player who appears on ANY National League game scoresheet will retain National League status until the end of the current season and as such can only play in the Men's or Women's 1st Division in the SLBA.

This motion is to close a loophole in the regulations that allow NL players to 'retire' from NL play and drop into a Div 2 or 3 senior mens team in the same season. This was felt by the Exec to be unfair to have that level of player dropping into the lower leagues.

Voting: For 23 – Against 1 – Abstention 1 - Motion Carried

D) From the 2012 AGM the following change was agreed for the 2013 / 2014 season:

14.4. All Games, where possible, must be played with at least two qualified Table Officials.

To

14.4. All Games must be played with at least one Basketball Scotland qualified Table Official. If no registration number for the table official(s) is entered on the scoresheet then a fine of £10 will be levied.

With the change in this regulation it was agreed that the payment rates for table officials would be increased. The Executive would propose to bring this payment in line with Basketball Scotland at £6 per game (all games & age levels, league & cup).

No Vote as this was agreed at the 2012 AGM

E) For the 2014 / 2015 season the following change will be made from

14.4. All Games must be played with at least one Basketball Scotland qualified Table Official. If no registration number for the table official(s) is entered on the scoresheet then a fine of £10 will be levied.

To

14.4. All Games must be played with two Basketball Scotland qualified Table Officials. If no registration numbers are entered on the scoresheet for the table officials then a fine of £10 will be levied.

This change is another step towards improving the whole game experience for all teams. A query was raised about a game being forfeit if no qualified table were used but the Chairman explain that there was no such penalty only the financial fine as we did not wish this to be something that could stop the game going ahead. It was pointed out that it would be common courtesy for the home team to inform the visiting team if there was likely to be an issue with unqualified TO's. However, if the clubs wanted a forfeit penalty it would have to be proposed and voted on at next years AGM.

Voting: For 19 – Against 2 – Abstention 4 - Motion Carried

F) From last years AGM there was a motion proposed that floor official fees for cup games would be split evenly between both teams. This would mean a change to regulation 14.8 from
14.8. All Officials' fees and expenses shall be paid by the Home Club at the Pre-game meeting.

To

14.8. All Officials' fees and expenses for league games shall be paid by the Home Club at the pre-game meeting. All Officials' fees and expenses for cup games shall be evenly split between both teams and paid at the pre-game meeting.

There was discussion on the pros & cons of this motion with some members stating that the home advantage was worth paying the full officials amount and others who stated the costs of – for example – 3 home cup draws is quite steep so any help would be welcome. It was also mentioned that if you are paying for half of the fees do you get an input into who the officials are going to be? This was thought to be a bad idea as it was hard enough to secure officials for games without having to consult the away team as well. There was a possible thought of each team bringing one floor official to cup games and paying them directly. Again, this was thought to be a bit over complicated but if clubs thought there was mileage in the idea then it should be brought forward as a proposal at next years agm.

Voting: For 8 – Against 16 – Abstention 1 - Motion Denied

6. Election of Executive Committee Members

6.1 As there have been no nominations prior to the AGM, the Chairman proposes that unless there is an objection from the floor the current Chairman, Treasurer & Secretary are returned.

Voting: For 25 – Against 0 – Abstention 0 - Motion Carried

6.2 The Chairman proposes that unless there is an objection from the floor the current ordinary Committee members are returned.

The Secretary informed the members that Stewart Banks had resigned from the Exec as he was retiring from basketball activities. All other members remain the same.

Voting: For 25 – Against 0 – Abstention 0 - Motion Carried

6.3 Proposals from the floor for ordinary committee members

- No new proposals from the floor.

However, the Exec wish to Co-Opt Danny Gibbons (Ayr Storm) onto the Exec to work with the League Secretary on improving the fixtures system.

Voting: For 25 – Against 0 – Abstention 0 - Motion Carried

7. New Clubs – Any new clubs wishing to join the SLBA for the 2013 / 2014 season will give a brief introduction to the members including home court details.

South Lanarkshire Colliers – A new team based in East Kilbride with links to the Reach for the Sky Charity. They have requested entry into Men's Div 1 & 3; Womens Division & Cadet Men. They will be playing out of the Ali McCoist Centre on Thursdays & Saturdays.

Chem Tech – A 'works' team who count some players from the old PSG Gators team and they will be playing out of Castlehead High School in Paisley on Tuesdays.

Chryston Cougars – are delighted to be joining the mens league in Div 3 and are looking forward to welcoming teams to the Cougar Dome!

Stirling University will be joining the mens and ladies leagues this year. The men will be playing on weekends and the ladies on a Monday evening.

Fil-Glas are a team of Filipino nationals who have been playing together in Glasgow for a number of years. They compete in national competitions against other Filipino teams based in Scotland and the UK. They have a large squad of 18 and are keen to test themselves against the other Div 3 teams. They will be playing out of the St Peter the Apostle High School in Glasgow.

Renfrew Rocks – not strictly a new club but we are delighted to welcome a mens U'23 team playing in Division 3 plus a womens team. Some of the teams will be playing out of St Benedict's

8. Other business -

Honorarium – Proposed by Ayr Storm, 2nd by Dumbarton Dodgers

An Honorarium of £500 for committee with the Chairman distributing the amount as he sees fit.

Voting: For 25 – Against 0 – Abstention 0 - Motion Carried

There was a motion from the floor that as the Honorarium has not changed in a number of years it should be raised to £600 for next year.

Voting: For 25 – Against 0 – Abstention 0 - Motion Carried

League Structure for 2013/14 - The league structure will be announced towards the end of August approximately 14 days before the Fixtures meeting on Tuesday 3rd September.

Free League Entry to Junior & Cadet Teams - We have once again received funding from Basketball Scotland to subsidise the Junior & Cadet Leagues for the 2013/14 season. Each team entering the leagues will pay an entry fee of £50 which will be returned to the team upon completion of all league and cup fixtures. Teams that do not complete all fixtures will forfeit the entry fee.

End of Season & Cup Finals Weekend Date Change - Due to a late Easter in 2014 (20th April) the Executive are changing the end of season date for all senior leagues to Sunday 6th April 2014. The Junior & Cadet Leagues will remain at 31st March 2014.

We will be looking to hold the Cup Finals over one of the weekends in March – we are currently looking at Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th March 2014. Exact dates will be confirmed at a later stage.

Season Opening Tournaments - We are looking to expand this tournament to include the Women's teams and to try and split the men into division 2 & 3 teams in separate leagues. This should mean more competitive and slightly longer games for the teams. We will retain the 1 day format but will probably need two days to get everything fitted into the day. The proposed dates for this will be Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th September. Dates and entry forms will be confirmed at a later stage.

9. Important Dates for the start of the 2013 / 2014 Season: -

League fixtures meeting - Tuesday 3rd September, Rosshall Academy, 6.15pm for 6.30pm start
Men's Div. 2 & 3 & Women's Season Opening Tournament – Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th September at Lagoon, Paisley. Dates to be confirmed.

10. Close of Meeting