



WOKING BLACKHAWKS BASKETBALL CLUB

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Minutes of the 14th Annual general Meeting of the Woking Blackhawks Basketball Club
held on Monday 30th June 2014 at 8.00pm in the meeting room behind Winston Churchill Sports Centre.

Attendees:- Martin and Jenny Marshall, Iain Taylor, Michelle Taylor, Tim Hearn, Chris Pedley,

Apologizes: - Keith Farmer, Phil Parry, Helen Price, David Kingstone, Victoria Kingstone, Damian Knode, Costas Rakitzis, Dave Betts, Ges Sammon

1. Iain opened the meeting and welcomed everybody. Despite the poor turnout the quorum was present under the Clubs constitution
2. The minutes of the 2013 AGM were accepted by the meeting as a true record .
3. Chairman Report – See attached report from Iain.
4. Secretaries Report – See attached notes from Martin. He also noted that it was his intention to step down as Secretary at the end of the 2014/15 season
Treasurers Report – Tim reported that there was an operating deficit of £8,456, this was after a surplus of £13,881 for previous year . £3,568 of the deficit is attributed to equipment and kit costs associated with the College. The remaining deficit will be attributable to courts not used, withdrawal of squads and the reduction in playing members

Copies of the financial summaries are attached

5. The following nominations for officers were proposed and accepted by the meeting -
Chairman – Iain Taylor
Secretary – Martin Marshall
Treasurer – Tim Hearn
Senior Head Coach – Damian Knode
Ladies and Junior Girls Head Coach –
Junior Boys Head Coach – Costas Rakitzis
Wheelchair Officer – David Kingstone

In addition Keith Farmer was nominated as safeguarding Officer

6. Committee membership was confirmed as being open to all coaches and Team Managers.
7. Mr Long has agreed to continue to act as auditor.
8. It was agreed that registration fees will be reviewed at the first committee meeting.
9. A.O.B
10. The meeting closed at 9:15 with Iain thanking everybody for attending



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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR 2014 AGM

This season has been a challenging one with our first full season in the partnership with the college. After some initial teething problems, we struck up a good relationship with the College through the contact with Tony Robinson and any problems that were encountered during the season were quickly resolved. My thanks go to the Coaches and Team Managers for their patience during the season.

From a results perspective, I can honestly say that they were overall disappointing. We were hoping for some silverware to be displayed during the Season but it was not to be, although the success of the Wheelchair Section in gaining promotion in the National League and also the success of the U14's winning the Atom's tournament, were highlights. The flagship team, the Flyers was a young squad this season and put up sterling effort throughout the season, which bodes well for the future. Equally, on the Wessex Men's squads, the Hunters succeeded in getting through to the Playoffs before being outclassed in their matches against South Bucks. The Thunder squad, put up some creditable performances during the year to finish mid table in Division 3. Meanwhile, the Ladies had an extremely disappointing season, with Ladies 1 finishing bottom of Division 1, whilst the Towers finished up a lowly position in Division 2. From my perspective, the Ladies did not appear to have a Plan B, and whether this is down to the Coach or the players failing to train together as a squad regularly, I do not know, but to accept that a team only lost games by the narrowest of margins, is not right. The Wheelchair managed to put out three squads regularly, and each performed very credibly throughout the season. The Junior Section was run effectively by Costas, with a number of successes, but most of all was the development of players from a low starting point to greatly improved squads as the season unfolded. Unfortunately, we had to withdraw one of the Junior Squads from the National League mid-season due to lack of numbers.

From a volunteer perspective, I believe we are now at our strongest for some time where we seem to have coaches and assistant coaches for most squads, and especially in the Junior Section, we have a plethora of coaches and administrators to ensure that squads are on the court for all matches. My thanks go to these volunteers whose help is essential to the running of a club such as ours. During the season, thanks to Vicky Kingstone, a Level 1 TO course was held and was well attended, increasing our pool of officials for the season and for the future. Also we had some members doing Level 2 Coaching courses and Level 3 TO courses which hopefully will put us in good stead for the future.

Finances will always be a hot topic as we need to cover our costs. We succeeded in keeping our subs and match fees at the same level as last year, but we need to look at future funding opportunities going forward so are working closely with Matt Glazier at Woking Borough Council on various initiatives which may come to fruition in the future. Costas is a driver behind some new initiatives which has already potentially brought in some funds for the Junior Section development, and tying in some local primary schools into the Club. He is also working closely with SJB School and the College to hopefully boost numbers in the U16 and above squads. We are intending to introduce a payment by Standing Order process, which hopefully will make it easier to manage the recording of subs etc. Watch this space on this.

From a community perspective, we have worked closely with Matt Glazier in the creation of Walking Basketball which is held at the Leisure on Tuesday's and is aimed at the Over 50's who would like to get involved with the sport but not at a competitive pace! We have also worked on the development of a Woking Inclusive Sports Club aimed at those kids with physical or mental disability conditions which has proved to be a great success. This is run on a Sunday morning, currently at Bishop David Brown School in Sheerwater, but from end of July will be running at the College. My thanks go to David Kingstone and the Wheelchair Section for their efforts in this initiative. We also supplied the coaching and organisation skills required for the basketball activities for the Surrey Youth Games and here I would like to thank David and Chris Betts, as well as Phil Parry for their efforts on this. Hopefully the Club will gain through signing up some of the players from the Surrey Youth Games. And finally on the Community front, we have a stand at the Party in the Park this coming weekend and any support for this would be welcomed by Costas who is organising our stand.



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And so to next season. We have a cunning plan for the Junior Section which will hopefully mean that we become what we are best at, a Junior development club. We will work with other key local Clubs to develop the skills of youngsters and push them to the right level whether it be with Blackhawks or with one of the other Clubs. Additionally, National League has proven to be too much of a challenge and so concentration on CVL's is the key for the Club going forward but with the hope that those with super star potential will be put forward to the right Club but with the intention of later on in their basketball careers that they return to Blackhawks. From the Senior sections, it is probable that we will only have one Ladies squad next year playing in Division 2 of Wessex, whilst we hope that from a Men's section, we will have the Flyers in the National League, Hunters in Div 1 of Wessex, Thunder and an Under 21 squad in Division 3 of Wessex. We will have the challenge of court time availability for matches and training so I am pleading that coaches and TM's recognise the requirements that will benefit the Club best. We will continue to try to develop our TO's, Coaches and Referees and increase these, so we remain at the forefront of basketball clubs in the Country. We are also looking to continue to develop further community links and seek funding wherever we can, but again if you are working for a company that may be interested in sponsoring Blackhawks, then please let me know. We will also need to review the effectiveness of holding the Junior and Senior awards, both of which are in need of revision. And finally, we are hopeful that the website will be redesigned to make it more user friendly and replace the tired current website.

To conclude, a Club like ours cannot exist without a strong Executive. I would therefore like to thank Martin (and Jenny) Marshall for their outstanding work in the administration of the Club, Keith Farmer for his work on ensuring all of our coaches are CRB checked ensuring the safety of our Juniors, Tim Hearn for the efficient way he maintains the accounts, and to Damian Knode, Phil Parry and David Kingstone for their efforts.

So that's my report for this season. Whilst I am putting my name forward for re-election, I am not a visionary with grand ideas for the future so you may want to consider an alternative for Chair. But whatever the decision is, I will continue to help out the Club going forward.

Many thanks

Iain Taylor
Chairman
Woking Blackhawks basketball Club

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Secretaries Report 2013 - 2014

Membership

	Season						
	2013-14	% inc	2012-13	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10	2008-9
Female	44	-23%	57	71	75	80	62
Non Players	10	11%	9	8	5	7	7
Ladies	21	-22%	27	29	25	27	24
Under 14	13	-7%	14	20	27	26	16
Under 16	1	-80%	5	11	12	5	15
Under 18			2	3	6	15	
Male	136	-6%	144	148	151	151	142
Chasers			12	9	9	14	15
Flyers	15	0%	15	8	14	14	13
Hunters	15	0%	15	12	14	15	15
Strikers				17	14	11	
Thunder	14						
Non Players	13	-19%	16	11	10	11	10
Under 12	24	-25%	32	27	37	27	25
Under 14	18	-25%	24	33	20	18	23
Under 16	25	+67%	15	17	18	24	27
Under 18	8	-47%	15	14	15	17	14

Other							
Volunteers	23*		23	11	10		
Total EB Membership	190		224	230	241	231	204
			Playing Members				

	<u>2013-</u>	<u>2012-</u>	<u>2011-</u>	<u>2010-</u>	<u>2009-</u>	<u>2008-</u>
Ladies	14	13	12	11	10	9
Senior	21	27	29	25	27	24
Junior	13	21		45	46	31
	34	48	29	70	73	55
Men						
Senior	44	42	46	51	54	43
Junior	80	102	91	90	86	89
	124	144	135	141	140	132
Senior						
Men	44	42	46	51	54	43
Ladies	21	27	29	25	27	24
	63	69	75	76	81	67
Junior						
Boys	80	102	91	90	86	89
Girls	13	21	34	45	46	31
	93	123	125	135	132	120
Total Players	173	192	200	211	213	197



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Club Membership

- Overall Club playing membership reduced to 19 to 173
- The above numbers do not include registered Wheelchair Players
- A volunteer return was not requested by EB this year

Thanks to Jenny for keeping track of the membership database

Woking Borough Council Community Grant – previously report that a grant of £15,000. £7,500 was used for the Senior mens entry into the England Basketball Div 4 the Remaining £7,500 was able to be used (with the agreement of Woking Borough Council) in the Partnership with Woking College –

Small Grants Awards – an award of £8,932 was made from the small grants programme for use in various items in relation to the Woking College agreement – this was impliments.

Wessex Basketball Association - Acted as Open Divisions Manager for the Wessex Basketball Association.

Web Site Continues to be a vital communication tool within and externally to the Club, there was a problem with keeping all pages up to date which needs to be addressed. The Facebook page is continuing to be developed and is proving to be another valuable communication tool.

However it is now noted that the site needs a refresh in particular to simplify updateing

Communication – series a few club emails/newsletters have been circulated however a dedicated newsletter editor needs to be found/appointed to improve communication – this requires further input and a dedicated editor.

Press Coverage – Woking News and Mail continued to publish weekly reports on the Flyers games and other articles when supplied.

Martin Marshall – Club Secretary



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Treasurer Report – Financial Summary FY Ending 2014

Income Summary	In	Out
Central Income (ie not from squads)	£5,077.00	
Income from Squads	£40,955.25	
Flyers M Marshall	£9,123.50	
Hunters N Mandafounis	£836.50	
Thunder D Bagwell	£1,168.00	
Ladies 1 H Price	£3,016.50	
Ladies Towers T Piowowarec	£1,825.25	
U18 S Gra	£1,481.00	
U16 C Pedley	£6,857.00	
U16 M Bennet	£2,066.00	
U14 D Betts	£3,898.00	
U12 J Pedley	£4,198.00	
U10 Mawuse	£3,957.50	
Girls P Parry	£2,058.00	
Fun Friday C Rakitzis	470	
Total Income	£46,032.25	

Expenditure Summary	In	Out
Central Expenditure (ie not from squads)		£45,693.71
Squad Expenditure		£8,795.53
Flyers M Marshall		£1,337.26
Hunters N Mandafounis		£435.50
Thunder D Bagwell		£474.60
Ladies 1 H Price		£348.00
Ladies Towers T Piowowarec		£612.00
U18 S Gra		£352.00
U16 C Pedley		£1,430.00
U16 M Bennet		£274.99
U14 D Betts		£1,547.18
U12 J Pedley		£1,117.00
U10 Mawuse		£579.00
Girls P Parry		£288.00
Fun Friday C Rakitzis		0
Total Expenditure		£54,489.24

Liquidity	Cash	
Main	£6,868.08	Bank
Squads	£1,076.61	Floats
Total	£7,944.69	

Mallards	£2,392.97	Bank
As at 27 June 2014		

Operating Surplus	-£8,456.99	-18.37%
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Income/Expenditure category summary	Inc. Central	Inc. Squad	Total Inc.	Exp. Central	Exp. Squad	Total Exp
Sub-totals	£5,077.00	£40,955.25	£46,032.25	£45,693.71	£8,795.53	£54,489.24
Awards	£380.00	£0.00	£380.00	£883.89	£0.00	£883.89
Equipment/kit costs	£47.00	£0.00	£47.00	£3,228.27	£44.99	£3,273.26
Miscellaneous Income/Costs	£192.50	£80.00	£272.50	£2,185.74	£395.31	£2,581.05
Shooting Shirt income/costs	£0.00	£486.00	£486.00	£0.00	£476.18	£476.18
Training/Education costs	£310.00	£0.00	£310.00	£0.00	£100.00	£100.00
Referees/tournament costs	£30.00	£0.00	£30.00	£715.00	£5,260.05	£5,975.05
Governing Bodies income/Costs (league entries, player regs, income from EB)	£127.50	£0.00	£127.50	£4,103.00	£0.00	£4,103.00
Venue costs	£3,990.00	£0.00	£3,990.00	£34,577.81	£2,519.00	£37,096.81
Subs income	£0.00	£34,023.25	£34,023.25	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Membership income	£0.00	£6,366.00	£6,366.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00