

MINUTES OF THE BLACHAWKS BASKETBALL CLUB AGM MEETING

Monday 9th July 2018

Commenced at 8.15pm at Winston Churchill School

Present: Iain Taylor, Jenny Marshall, Martin Marshall, Annabelle Hardiman, Rick Lansdell, Victor Callet, Alex Fogarty, David Kingstone, Costas Rakitzis, Mark Winton, Jan Winton

Apologies: Pat Taylor, Damien Knode, Charles Hill

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Iain Taylor – Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting Minutes of the 2017 AGM were discussed but had not been produced at the meeting. IT briefly took the meeting through what he believed were the key points and the meeting accepted this as the true record of the 2017 AGM. No matters arising.	Minutes to be signed by the Chairman
Chairman's Report – Iain Taylor WOKING BLACKHAWKS BASKETBALL CLUB CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR 2018 AGM 9 th July 2018 I can report that the structure implemented in 2016 continues to work satisfactorily and as per last year it has been a pleasure to lead the Club over the past season. As ever, life is not always simple and the Executive has dealt with all challenges throughout the season in a professional manner. The Exec met on four occasions during the year to ensure that the requirements of all sections were met. At these meetings we reviewed the status of accounts, the relationship with the College and SJB, the progress of each of the sections, safeguarding and it discussed any matters that emanated from Basketball England, Wessex or Surrey associations or from the Club members. In addition this year, we had to consider the implications of GDPR and as you will see from the changes being proposed to the Constitution, we are taking this very seriously with the need to create a new post within the Club, that of Data Protection Officer. Additionally there have been discussions on having a Contingency Fund to ensure that if we are faced with unexpected costs, these can be catered for. This is in the process of being implemented. The agreement to consider payment of some volunteers last year has been implemented and is governed by the respective Heads of Section. As far as the payment of our Treasurer goes, this is strictly monitored and any claim made, is reviewed and authorised by the Chairman. Each Section of the Club contributes proportionately to these payments. I would like to place on record the Club's thanks to Alex Fogarty for the many hours she gives to the Club to ensure the accounts are properly managed. On the playing side of the Club, after the disappointing start when we had to withdraw the Flyers from the National League and we were also unable to run two Thunder teams, I can honestly say that I have never seen a better spirit within the Club across all sections. Numbers are back up in the Seniors and it is hoped to have a third team in the Wessex League next season, and in the Youth section, numbers have never been better. There have been successes during the season especially with the Hunters ending South Bucks long run of League and Cup wins by winning the Division 1 Playoff Final, and yet again winning the Warriors tournament with two great games against the Army. Thunder did well to push Yateley all the way in respective playoff final. In the Youth Section, again the spirit shown by the National League Teams at U14, U16 and U18 was outstanding	

even if results overall did not necessarily go Blackhawks way. And in the development CVL's all teams gave a good account of themselves. The resurrection of the Girls section under Costas has been a success with a number of tournaments being run by Blackhawks which have been well supported. And not forgetting the Wheelies who although only having a small squad did outstandingly well to make the playoffs. My only criticism is that some of the coaches need to calm down a bit and whilst I accept they have a passion for the game, there is only two people making decisions during a game and that is the referees. They will not change their mind however much you shout at them or disagree. Some also need to know their responsibilities towards the table officials and not get frustrated when they expect the table to act immediately which they cannot do as the TO's have to follow the laws of the game.

I am pleased to report that for practically all home games we were able to run the 24 sec clock, but we do need more table officials who can help out the stalwarts of the Club. There are courses being run for TO's, Referees and Coaches which I hope we will have greater participation from Club members in the future.

The relationship with the College remains stable and any issues that are raised with them are resolved quickly. We continue to get a favourable rate for court time and I am pleased to report that the current cost of £30.75 an hour will remain in place until the August 2019 when a review will be undertaken. Whilst I have continued to try to extend the hours of Club usage so that we can have training on Monday evenings as well, but at this stage, the College have indicated that at present the answer is no as there could be VAT implications to the College. We also are now using SJB for training and Costas as the main contact point there will continue to push to see whether there is any possibility of more usage by the Seniors. The Sections in the meantime continue to look at other possibilities.

Costas continues to work with other coaches to run basketball camps which have proven to be well supported. He is also looking at other initiatives to promote basketball with Surrey, local schools and possibly an even more ambitious view of a home venue for the Club at some point in the future. The Exec supports his enthusiasm and no decision is taken on any of his proposals without consideration of the overall needs of the Club.

I would like to thank all of the volunteers who have ensured that basketball is played at all levels from coaches, registration officials, referees, web masters, team managers and table officials. Special thanks go to the Exec members who have ensured that all matters pertaining to the individual sections can be discussed and hopefully addressed. Without these, the Club could not exist in its current form.

As you are aware, I am standing down as Chairman as I firmly believe that it is time for a new face at the helm. Along with this, Pat will be standing down as Secretary so we need to consider suitable replacements in these two roles and as such, we have drafted an amendment to the Constitution regarding the position of Chairman which I hope will be approved tonight.

Finally, for those that attended either the Youth or Senior Awards this year, my annual award went to Alex Braine-Porter for his outstanding contribution not only on the field of play, but also his work within the Youth Section.

Treasurers report and acceptance of accounts

Alex Fogarty presented her report of the Club's Finances and Accounts which showed a healthy balance in each account. She has made some amendments to the way items are recorded and these were analysed by the meeting. Thanks were extended to Alex for her diligence to the Treasures role over the season.

Costas made various observations which were duly discussed and no action was required. Iain thanked Costas for his fund-raising activities

<p>which was why the Youth account holds a balance in excess of £21,000.</p> <p>Iain advised the meeting that some funds will be taken from each section's accounts (approx 10% but not exceeding £1500) to form a contingency fund to ensure that any unexpected incident or event, the Club could continue to operate. The meeting discussed this and approved the measures being outlined.</p> <p>Martin Marshall raised the point of identifying that Coaches need to be aware of the possible tax liability to the Club/individual if being paid.</p> <p>Costas will look at the implications of his position as a Contractor to the College and IR35.</p> <p>Alex requested that a signed copy of the Accounts by the Exec is produced for record purposes. This will be done after the meeting.</p>	<p>Iain and Alex to liaise and undertake transfers as follows: Senior £600 Youth: £1500 Wheelies: £60</p> <p>Heads of Sections to advise</p> <p>Costas to investigate</p> <p>2017/18 Exec Committee</p>
<p>Amendments to the Constitution</p> <p>Clause 10.2.5 Review subscription rates and agree them for the forthcoming year. Delete Clause.</p> <p>Add Clause 6.3 The Exec shall appoint a Safeguarding Officer and a Data Protection Officer who will be invited to attend as non-voting members of the Executive.</p> <p>Add Clause 6.4 Section Heads of Youth, Senior and Wheelchair Basketball may nominate members from their respective sections to represent specific membership groups within their section. Such nominated members may attend Executive Meetings as non-voting members.</p> <p>Add Clause 6.5 In the event that a Chairman of the Executive Committee is not elected or has to stand down, then the Head of Youth Basketball, Head of Senior Basketball and Head of Wheelchair Basketball shall act as Chairman of the Executive Committee on a rotating basis. Unless otherwise agreed between the respective Heads of Section, the Head of Youth Basketball will act as Chairman for the first Executive Meeting of the year, Chairmanship will subsequently rotate between the Heads of Sections changing at the start of each Executive meeting.</p>	<p>Carried unanimously</p> <p>Carried unanimously</p> <p>Carried unanimously</p> <p>Carried by required majority following discussion</p>
<p>Election of officers Chairman – Vacant Secretary – Annabelle Hardiman Treasurer – Alex Fogarty Head of Senior section – Rick Lansdell Head of Youth Basketball – Mark Winton Head off Wheelchair Basketball – David Kingston</p>	<p>Officers elected unopposed.</p> <p>Exec need to consider position of Chairman, Safeguarding Officer and Data Protection Officer at first meeting.</p>

<p>Safeguarding No issues reported Basketball England, Wessex and Wheelchair protocols currently followed</p>	
<p>Any other business to be considered by Exec during 2017/18</p> <p>Rick proposed a vote of thanks for the efforts of Iain over a five year period as Chairman. In response, Iain indicated that he would be willing to continue as the main link between the College and Blackhawks and that he would continue to Table for the Club.</p> <p>Victor Callet asked whether the Club would consider playing games against his old Club in France. He was asked to liaise with the Sections as there was strong support for such an initiative.</p>	

The meeting closed at 9.15pm