



Minutes of The Blackhawks Basketball Club AGM Meeting
Monday 24th June 2019

Venue: Winston Churchill School

Present: Russell Fernandes, Alex Fogarty, Annabelle Hardiman, David Kingstone (meeting Chair), Rick Lansdell, Jenny Marshall, Martin Marshall, Dan North, Costas Rakitzis, Mark Winton

Apologies: None received

ITEM NO.	NOTES	ACTION
	The meeting commenced at 8:25pm	
1.	<p>Minutes of previous meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the 2018 AGM were discussed and accepted as a true record of the 2018 AGM.</p> <p>Alex reported that the figures in the minutes concerning the transfer of monies to the main account, were based on 10% of the value of each section's accounts, the actual amounts transferred were 10% of each section's profits.</p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p>	
2.	<p>Section Updates</p> <p><i>Senior Section</i></p> <p>Healthy membership - 60+ players - across four squads all playing in Wessex league. Great season all-round despite none of the teams making play-off finals:</p> <p>Ladies - performed well in Div 1, finishing 5th in the league , reached the semi-finals of the Richard Bell Cup and gave good account of themselves against the eventual winners.</p> <p>Hunters (Div 1) - after near-perfect start, disappointing end to the play-offs, finishing 3rd in the league and losing out on place in the final. A Hunters-led squad also won the Army Warrior tournament.</p> <p>Thunder A (Div 2) - exceeded own expectations finishing 4th, having only just moved up from Div 3. Almost upset play-offs after winning first leg.</p> <p>Thunder B (Div 3) - just missed out on play-off spot in last game of season.</p>	



WOKING BLACKHAWKS BASKETBALL CLUB

www.wokingblackhawks.co.uk



The Senior Committee has worked together well and continues to work towards building a basketball community within the senior teams. Annabelle Hardiman was awarded the Head of Section award for her various contributions to the Club.

Challenges for next season include securing more court time for all squads, smoothing out numbers across three men's' squads, acquiring more volunteers for table officiating and refereeing and securing sponsorship.

Rick reaffirmed that he was stepping away from the Club following the AGM, both as Head of the Senior Section and as a player. Thanks were expressed to all those on the Senior Committee and Executive Committee who make the Club a success.

Youth

Good numbers with approx. 150 registered players. Whilst none of the teams had reached the play-offs, there had been a lot of success at County and National level, with 10 boys and 7 girls playing at County level and one invited to a second England camp.

The Head of Section award had gone to Gez Sammon for his outstanding contribution to the club over the past 8 years; Costas Rakitzis presented Mawuse-Ayele Ayivi with the Volunteer of the Year Award for her outstanding and consistent contribution as a team manager for the U14s.

Plans were being made for next year's teams and coaches.

Russ announced Costas' decision to step down from voluntary coaching for the Club, although he would continue with running camps and private sessions.

Wednesday sessions, Camps and Private sessions being run by Costas
Costas' Wednesday sessions were successful with many youngsters subsequently joining the Club. The camps were also generally making money for the Club.

Wheelchair Section

Div 1: The team has struggled in a very tough league (7th/8)

Div 3: Young squad that ended the season well, finishing a respectable 5th/8.

Div 2 Women's team: Finished top of the league, securing promotion.

There was continued success for Blackhawk players on the International stage with two players being selected to represent GB at the U25's women's world championships in Thailand.

Due to a significant increase in entry costs to British Wheelchair Basketball and previously received sponsorship now being exhausted,



WOKING BLACKHAWKS BASKETBALL CLUB

www.wokingblackhawks.co.uk



	there was a concern that an increase in fees may prevent some from playing next season. Fundraising efforts are being made.	
3.	<p>Treasurers report and acceptance of accounts</p> <p>Alex Fogarty presented her report of the Club's Finances and Accounts which showed a healthy balance in each account.</p> <p>The accounts for 2018-19 were examined and approved for signing.</p> <p>Alex explained that an error in the 2017-18 accounts had been identified (incorrect adding of figures). Corrected accounts were presented and approved for signing.</p> <p>In recognition of the lack of profits in the youth section over the year, Alex proposed that the transfers to the main account (for the contingency fund) be based on 10% of the account value rather than profit. The meeting discussed this and agreed that the same amounts as in the previous year should be transferred.</p> <p>Thanks were extended to Alex for her diligence to the Treasurers role over the season.</p>	Alex
4.	<p>Amendments to the Constitution</p> <p>No amendments to the constitution proposed.</p>	
5.	<p>Election of officers</p> <p>Chair – No nominations had been received, the position remains vacant. In accordance with the Club's constitution, the Heads of Sections to rotate as acting Chair, starting with the Head of Youth.</p> <p>Secretary – Annabelle Hardiman</p> <p>Treasurer – Alex Fogarty</p> <p>Head of Senior section – Dan North</p> <p>Head of Youth Basketball – Russell Fernandes</p> <p>Head off Wheelchair Basketball – David Kingstone</p> <p>Safeguarding Officer – Julie Winton</p> <p>Data Protection Officer – Vacant</p> <p>Officers elected unopposed.</p>	Exec to consider position of Chair.
6.	<p>Safeguarding</p> <p>No issues reported.</p> <p>Basketball England, Wessex and Wheelchair protocols currently followed.</p>	
7.	<p>Charity status</p> <p>Alex Fogarty explained that due to the Club holding more than £5,000 in its bank account, the Council was pushing for the Club to receive some form of charitable status. Many options were available; Costas and Alex were of the opinion that becoming a CASC (Community Amateur Sports</p>	





WOKING BLACKHAWKS BASKETBALL CLUB

www.wokingblackhawks.co.uk



	<p>Club) may be most appropriate for the Club. It was recognised that obtaining charitable status was likely to create greater funding opportunities for the Club. However, the Club would need a Chair to sign off the proposal.</p> <p>It was agreed that Costas, Alex and the new Heads of Sections would form a taskforce to consider the options further over the summer.</p>	Taskforce to consider
8.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Annabelle proposed a record of thanks for the 17 years of coaching Costas has given the Club.</p>	
The meeting closed at 9.15 pm		