

West Midlands Basketball League
Executive Committee Meeting
2nd October 2018
Leasowes Sports Centre @ 19.00hr.

Present: M Neal (Chairman), D Slade (President), I Fabo (Referees), D Opoku (Web Master), P Virgo (Results), Z Pancic, G Khalsi

Ex-officio J Smith (Fixture compilation),

Apologies: J Huffer (Treasurer), K Kershaw (Minutes), B Viner (Vice Chairman & Appeals)

Minutes of previous meetings

These were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising

These would be covered in the officer's individual reports.

Chairman

None

Committee Officer Positions

We still require assistance in respect of the League Secretary, Competitions Secretary, and one of the Results Secretary positions which are currently vacant.

These are important roles within the committee that help with the smooth running of the League. We would encourage anyone with experience that would assist in covering any of those roles to contact a committee member.

Discipline (M Neal)

None

Appeals (B Viner)

None

Treasurer (J Huffer)

Monies outstanding

Walsall 99'ers, Guarantee fee, Rule 2F, £50

Please send all cheques payable to West Midlands Basketball League to the Honorary Treasurer, Jane Huffer, 9 Leicester Close, Bearwood, Smethwick B67 5NJ

BACS payments to: West Midlands Basketball League - **Sort Code: 30-96-26 Account: 20419968**

N.B. Please note the new Lloyds Bank account details

Can any BACS transfers please be notified to me by email: jane.huffer@nhs.net

All appeals **MUST** be lodged with the Appeals Secretary and follow the correct procedure (see League Rules)

Any fines not received before the next committee meeting (unless they are being appealed) **WILL** be increased by 50% as per League rules.

Competitions Secretary

There have been a number of late changes to venues and tip off times. There has also been a number of date changes where in the main clubs have agreed new dates. Now that the season has formally started please ensure clubs follow the league rules regarding match rearrangements to avoid forfeits and any fines.

Rosebowl & K.O. Cup. Handicaps and draw for the early rounds of the Rose Bowl have been made. These will be sent to all clubs in a separate e-mail. Clubs are reminded that games MUST be played in the week allocated. The fixtures will also be downloaded onto the website. Please ensure that results and the official's assessment are submitted to the results secretary in the normal manner.

League Secretary

Featherstone prison is still having major issues with their court (currently unavailable due to renovation). The league is with contact with Featherstone on a week by week basis and we continue to monitor the situation. A further discussion will be had by the committee if a positive outcome is not forthcoming by our next meeting.

Results (P Virgo)

WM016 Mavericks v Walsall 99ers – game awarded to Mavericks (20 – 0) After a brief investigation, due to lateness of their unavailability and the reasons provided it was decided to award the game to the home team and on this occasion no fine.

Late cancelation of games clubs are reminded of the following:

The home team should contact the away team and the referees the week before their game to confirm the fixture.

Should a game need to be cancelled/ rearranged, then please read the WMBL rules – depending on your reasons and the time factor may result in a fine/ loss of game or both.

The Results and the Referee Secretary should be notified as soon as possible.

The Results Secretary is still awaiting a number of clubs to submit their Players and Club members EB Registration details. The relevant document can be found on The WMBL website – please ensure this is done by the third game (including any cup competition matches). Ensure you include referee's, table official's or coach's as part of your membership.

Re-arranged games

There have been a few matches rearranged from the initial fixture list that was issued and we are aware of a couple of others still to be confirmed.

The online rearrangement form on the website should be updated and available soon.

Referees (I Fabo)

The referees & Club pre-season conference on 15th September at Birmingham Metropolitan College in Sutton Coldfield went well with support from our newly qualified level 4 referee Radhouen Founhaili and Ivan Fabo with information on the new rules for 2018 – 19 and how to apply them.

A little disappointed in how many club official's / coaches failed to turn up to hear the information and to discuss with the referee's the understanding and application of these rules.

Ivan in planning stage of designing a new expensive form for referees to use in the West Midlands

Web Master (D Opoku)

There are a number of items that are still to be updated on the League website and these were put into a priority order to be dealt with.

Any other business

Claire Akins has offered her services in improving the standards of table officials practising in the WMBL. It was decided that the league would invite Claire to our next meeting to discuss the feasibility of her proposal.

Date of next meeting(s)

6th November at Leasowes School, room 80 @ 19.00