

**West Midlands Basketball League
Executive Committee Meeting
11th September 2018
Leasowes Sports Centre @ 19.00hr.**

Present: M Neal (Chairman), B Viner (Vice Chairman & Appeals), I Fabo (Referees),
D Opoku (Web Master), Z Pancic, G Khalsi

Ex-officio J Smith (Fixture compilation),

Apologies: J Huffer (Treasurer), K Kershaw (Minutes), P Virgo (Results),
D Slade (Life Vice President)

Chairman's Opening Remarks

Welcome to Daniel for joining the committee and assisting with the update of the web site and all of the associated functionalities for the upcoming season.

A reminder was given that events discussed at the committee meetings are confidential and should not be discussed with persons outside of the committee.

Minutes of previous meetings

These were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising

These would be covered in the officers individual reports.

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. £50 Guarantee fee. Rule 2F

Competitions Secretary

League fixtures. Many thanks to Jim Smith who produced the fixtures in a week whilst on holiday in the USA.

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.

However I am still waiting on games involving the following clubs: Spartans, Southport Spartans, Frankley, B'ham Mets, Northwood

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

League Secretary

A request from a member club was received with regards to the League's approach to the new requirements under the GDPR rules that came into effect on 25th May 2018.

Barrie Viner will be check and report back as to whether the current privacy policy is adequate and to ensure that all forms contain the necessary declarations.

We are aware of a number of teams that are struggling to get the lines in their current sports hall updated to the correct specification.

Shrewsbury Storm and their centre are working together and they hope the new markings will be completed as soon as possible. League response – so long as the free throw line is marked at the correct distance, we allow them dispensation (in line with rule 3 J i) to continue using the old markings until they are completed.

Bartley Rangers & Smiths Wood have both had issues where their centres are refusing to carry out the remarking exercise and will also not allow them to do so.

In view of the closeness of the 2018-19 season, each of these teams have been granted dispensation to continue to use their current venues for the 2018-19 season.

However, both teams will be informed that this dispensation will NOT be extended beyond this season and if markings are not updated, the teams will be required to find a new venue.

Results (P Virgo)

None

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 is now being included as part of the BE regional conference where new rules for 2018-19 will be discussed.

A request was received from a referee regarding the level of fee and travel expenses that referees receive for West Midlands matches and requesting that the Committee increase these. The matter was discussed but as this is set out in the League Rule Book, any proposed changes would need to be discussed and approved at the AGM ahead of the season. As such, these will not be amended during this season but we will keep the details and forward the proposition for the next AGM to discuss.

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

The West Midlands League would like to congratulate Dave Bradshaw on his recent recognition at the Volunteer Awards from Basketball England for his many years to our sport. Well done Dave.

Date of next meeting(s)

2nd October at Leasowes School, room 80 @ 19.00