

West Midlands Basketball League
Executive Committee Meeting
7th February 2017
Leasowes Sports Centre @ 19.00hr.

Present: M Neal (Chairman), D Slade (Vice Chairman), J Huffer (Treasurer),
K Henry (Competitions), P Virgo (Results), K Seleshi (Results),
S Barnes (Re-arrangements), K Kershaw (Minutes), J Davies (Website),
I Fabo (Referees) N Evans, G Khalsi, Z Pancic

Apologies: J Smith (Fixtures), N Evans, B Nugent, B Viner (Appeals)

There are 46 fines listed in these minutes. Clubs are reminded that it is their responsibility to check for fines in the following places; Discipline, Treasurer, Results, Re-arrangement. All fines and fees should be paid before 7th March. Please refer to Treasurer's report for payment details. Failure to pay will result in a 50% increase.

Minutes of previous meetings

These were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising

None

Discipline (M Neal)

R Gittins (Trojans) 3 game suspension & £20 fine.

Rugeley Raptors 2 failing to control players. Fine £50 with £25 suspended until the end of the end of this season.

D Mitchell (Rugeley Raptors 2). Unsporting behaviour, warned as to future conduct.
Bradley Smith (Rugeley Raptors 2) is charged with violent conduct. 6 game suspension effective from 2nd February.

Junior Sandhu (Rugeley Raptors supporter). Banned from all Rugeley Raptors games for the remainder of this season. Should he wish to register to play in the West Midlands League in the future he will evoke a 3 match suspension upon registration.

Birmingham Hawks failing to control their players. £50 fine with £25 suspended until the end of this season. **Any further misconduct from the club or its players will result in the club's immediate removal from the League.**

Lewis Atkins (Birmingham Hawks) unsportsmanlike behaviour and failing to co-operate with match officials is warned as to future conduct.

B George (Birmingham Hawks) is charged with violent conduct and failing to co-operate with match officials. 6 game suspension effective from 2nd February and fined £40.

P Waterson (Kodiaks). Disqualified for 2 unsportsmanlike fouls. 1 game suspension and £10 fine effective from 1st February.

R Thompson (Broadway Casino) is charged with making insulting and derogatory remarks to a match official. 3 game suspension and £20 fine effective from 14th February unless an appeal is lodged with the West Midlands Area by this date.

Please refer to Treasurer's report for payment details

Appeals (B Viner)

None

Treasurer (J Huffer)

Payments received

Churchbridge - late cancellation

L Atkins (Birmingham Hawks) - player disqualification

S Ramsdale-Owen (Bromsgrove) – player disqualification

S Hall (Shropshire Elite) - player disqualification

John Miller – referee failing to fulfil fixture

R Gittins (Trojans) - player disqualification

Roberto Lavella – referee failing to fulfil fixture

MONIES OUTSTANDING

Submission of late Scoresheets and / or failure to submit Assessment Sheets – Rule 6b

Stoke Shooters WM054 now increased to £37.50

Late Cancellations – Rule 3eii

Birmingham Uni Medics WM077 **Reimbursement of refs - £52**

Worcester Grizzlies WM175 **now increased to £30**

Wyre Forest WM118 **now increased to £22.50**

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.

League Secretary (K Henry)

League Application

Please note that the application form for the 2017/18 WMBL is on available from WMBL website. Please ensure that the form entry, fee and any outstanding fines are paid on or before 31 May. Failure to do so will result in your entry being not considered for the forthcoming season. If applications are sent in early it will help a lot with updating everyone in WMBL of the proposed divisions for 2017/18 season.

WMBE

Just another reminder to give you all plenty of notice that the date is **Saturday 22 April 2017** at Nechells Wellbeing Centre, Rupert Street, Nechells, Birmingham, B7 5DT. The Play Off and cup finals will all be played on that date. There is a further date of 23 April for Play Off finals in case any of the teams make it thorough to any of the cup finals.

Richard Beaumont award

As part of WMBE there is a 3 point competition during called the Richard Beaumont award. If you are interested in entering I will need know by no later than Sunday 2 April 2017. This will be on a first come first served basis as there will be limited spaces.

WMBL Trophies

All major trophies awarded for the 2015-2016 season will need to be returned to any committee member by **31st March 2017**, ready for presentation to the next recipient. There is a rule covering fines for late return, but instead if you can just make sure you make arrangements before the 31st March for the return of the trophy then that should be fine.

Table Officials Course

The West Midlands Area has approved funding to run a Level 2 Table Officials course. This will put together by WMBL and will take place in off season. If anyone is interested in attending this course can you email me at kh.email01@gmail.com before 6 March 2017. I am currently looking at running this course over 3 evenings in summer

Competitions (K Henry)

Cup Competitions

All fixtures for the semi-final of the Knockout Shield have been updated on the website. The handicaps were reviewed for the cup competitions in the February meeting and will updated on the website.

Playoffs

As outlined in the pre-season workshop in September 2016 there will be no All Star games at WMBE. Instead this will be replaced with Play Off Finals for Premier, Division 1, Division 2 and Division 3. So league games determine promotion and relegation. Playoffs are just extra games so to extend the season.

The format of the Play Offs are 1v8, 2v8, 3v6 and 4v5 over 2 legs. First leg is at home for the lower seeded team (W/C 12 March 2017) with high seeded team being at home for the second leg (W/C 19 March 2017). The score is over the 2 legs. The first game can end in a draw. Overtime will apply if the aggregate scores are level at the end of the 2nd game. Winners will play each other in the semi-final 1or8 v 4or5 and 2or8 v 3or6. First leg is at

home for the lower seeded team (W/C 26 March) and with high seeded team being at home for the second leg (W/C 2 April 2017). The score again is over the 2 legs. The winners will play in finals at WMBE on 22 April 2017 unless your team makes it to the Rosebowl or Knockout Shield final then the Play Off final will be played on 23 April 2017.

The games must take place on the weeks as stated above and cannot be rearranged.

Keeping checking the WMBL website to understand where your team will finish in terms of league position as this will determine your Play Off seeding. Fixtures will also be updated on the website too.

WMBL Clive Hurst Summer League 2017

If you are interested in your team playing in WMBL Clive Hurst Summer League 2017, an expression of interest MUST be with me (kh.email01@gmail.com) by 5th March 2017. Costs will be dependant of the number of teams entered & will be calculated at a later date. A maximum of 10 teams will be accepted and will play at a venue that will be confirmed over the coming months. **This will be done on a first come first served basis.**

Results (P Virgo & K Seleshi)

Awaiting score sheets/ assessment sheets – here are the following fines:

Rosebowl

WMP v Lordswood 24.01.17 – Rule 6 (b) £25

Knockout Shield

25.01.17 Grizzlys v Royal Lasers - Game awarded to Lasers – Rule 3 (eii) £40

24.01.17 Bartley Rangers v Churchbridge C – Rule 6 (b) £25

27.01.17 Univ Medics v Churchbridge A – Rule 6 (b) £5 (n) £5

Division 3

20.01.17 UOB v Bartley Rangers pending (has this been cancelled) Game awarded to Bartley – Rule 3 (eii) £20

31.01.17 Bartley Rangers v Wyre Forest (late result) – Rule 6 (b) £5

03.02.17 UOB Lions v Broadway Casino (awaiting sheet) – Rule 6 (b) £5

Division 4

08.01.17 Droitwich Spartans v Shropshire Warriors – Rule 6 (b) £25

19.01.17 Stoke Shooters 2 v Ursas – Rule 6 (b) £25

31.01.17 Shropshire Warriors Swarm v Ursas – Rule 6 (b) £5

These games were postponed and are now forfeited – results and fines will be confirmed to the clubs and in the next minutes.

WM161 Grizzlys v WMP

WM233 MLC 2 v Kodiaks

WM064 Royal Lasers v Grizzlys

Re-arrangements (S Barnes)

Date	Division	Match no.	Home	Away	Rearranged date/info	Fine/admin fee
24-Oct-16	P	WM-053	Birmingham Mets	WMP	27-Feb-17	none
30-Oct-16	P	WM-064	Royal Lasers	Grizzlys	Cancelled due to lack of players	Match awarded to Royal Lasers £10 fine to Grizzlys
20-Nov-16	4	WM-111	Featherstone Wasps	Stoke shooters 2	26-Feb-17	none
25-Nov-16	P	WM-125	Walsall Warriors	Bromsgrove Blaze	Cancelled due to lack of players	Match awarded to Walsall Warriors £10 fine to Bromsgrove Blaze
27-Nov-16	P	WM-128	MLC	Birmingham Mets	Cancelled due to lack of players	Match awarded to MLC
29-Nov-16	3	WM-138	Yardley Defenders	Broadway Casino	27-Feb-17 8pm tip	none
04-Dec-16	P	WM-148	MLC	Balts	26-Feb-17	none
07-Dec-16	P	WM-161	Grizzlys	WMP	01-Mar-17	£10 admin fee applied to WMP
11-Dec-16	2	WM-171	MLC 2	Churchbridge C	05-Mar-17	none
11-Dec-16	2	WM-172	Shropshire Warriors	Walsall Warriors	19-Feb-17	none
12-Dec-16	P	WM-175	Churchbridge A	Grizzlys	Cancelled due to lack of players	Match awarded to Churchbridge A £20 fine to Grizzlys
08-Jan-17	4	WM-193	Droitwich Spartans	Shropshire Warriors Swarm	19-Feb-17	none
10-Jan-17	3	WM-200	Bartley Rangers	Northwood Valiants	28-Feb-17	none
11-Jan-17	3	WM-204	Warley C	Wyre Forest B	Cancelled within 48hrs	Match awarded to Warley £10 fine to Wyre Forest B
20-Jan-17	3	WM-225	UOB Lions	Bartley Rangers	Failure to turn up on match night	Match awarded to UOB Lions £20 fine and £41.60 of referee expenses to Bartley Rangers

31-Jan-17	3	WM-244	Barley Rangers	Wyre Forest B	Cancelled due to lack of players	Match awarded to Bartley Rangers £20 fine to Wyre Forest B
31-Jan-17	1	WM-243	Stoke Shooters	Redditch Regents	Cancelled within 48hrs	Match awarded to Stoke £10 fine to Redditch
05-Feb-17	P	WM-254	MLC	Grizzles	Cancelled within 24hrs	Match awarded to MLC £30 fine to Grizzles
09-Feb-17	2	WM-268	Churchbridge C	Shropshire Elite	20-Feb-17	none
12-Feb-17	2	WM-276	Shropshire Elite	Bromsgrove Blaze	Failure to turn up on match night	Match awarded to Shropshire Elite £20 fine to Blaze
21-Feb-17	KS	KS-14	Redditch Regents	Yardley Defenders	19-Feb-17	fixture reversed
02-Mar-17	4	WM-298	Ursas	Blazers B	29-Mar-17	none
16-Mar-17	4	WM-308	Ursas	Birmingham Hawks	15-Mar-17	none
23-Mar-17	4	WM-314	Ursas	Uni Medics	22-Mar-17	none

Referees (I Fabo)

Officials and players are reminder of their responsibility to treat each other with courtesy and respect at all West Midlands League games.

WM logo referee shirts. We still have a small supply of large and medium shirts available at £10 each. To order please contact Keith Kershaw

Date of next meeting

Tuesday 7th March in room 60 at Leasowes Sports Centre.

Any other business

None.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.45.