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AGENDA

1. Chairman's Opening Statement
2. Minutes of the 52nd AGM (see attached)
3. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes
4. Officer's Reports (see attached)
 - 4.1. Treasurer
 - 4.2. League Secretary
 - 4.3. Competitions Secretary
 - 4.4. Referees Secretary
 - 4.5. Appeals Secretary
 - 4.6. Fixture Rearrangements and Webmaster
 - 4.7. Results and Rearrange Secretary
5. Allocation of the Honoraria for 2018/2019
6. Approval of new teams for 2018/2019
7. Approval of Divisions for 2018/2019 (see attached proposals)
8. Alterations of League Constitution and/or Rules (as proposed by Executive Committee)
9. Election of Officers
10. Presentation of Trophies
11. Any Other Business

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6.30pm, 21st June 2017

PRESENT: - A register was taken of those attending the Meeting and is held by the Secretary.

APOLOGIES: - Jim Smith (Committee), Jane Huffer (Treasurer), Keith Kershaw (Committee)

1, Chairman

Mike Neal welcomed everyone to the 52nd AGM of the West Midlands Basketball League and started by thanking the management committee for their hard work throughout the season.

2, Minutes of previous AGM

Copies of the Minutes of the 51st AGM were circulated within the document package issued to all attendees upon arrival at the Meeting. The minutes were accepted and signed by the Chairman.

3, Matters arising from the Minutes

None.

4, Officers' Reports – as circulated

4.1 Treasurer's Report –questions raised regarding increase cost of WMBE and the number of referee shirts remaining.

4.2 League Secretary Report – Result of survey showed that the re-arrangement of games was the most negative response. Steve Barnes said it was made difficult with the league structure and acknowledged that lower leagues need more help. Questionnaire still open to teams who had not yet replied. Kevin Henry will resend link to all teams. A pre-season workshop to be arranged for all clubs to attend which will include a referrers section and a section on safeguarding.

4.3 Referees' Secretary Report – Verbal report given by Ivan Fabo. Referees fees and expenses to be discussed at next Committee meeting.

4.4 Appeal's Secretary Report – It was explained that we as a Committee are approachable and Clubs were encouraged to ask questions whenever they were unsure about anything to help resolve matters before they became a problem. No questions were raised.

4.5 Competition Secretary – Verbal report from Kevin Henry with no questions raised.

4.6 Fixtures Rearrangements Secretary – Report from Steven Barnes showed that 90 games were re-arranged, as well as problems with communications between clubs and the secretary.

4.7 Results Secretary – For the forthcoming season the role will be shared with 2 people responsible for 2 leagues each and the involvement of the web site master.

4.8 Website master. James Davies was pleased with the current improvements and welcomes further feedback.

4.9 The reports were accepted by unanimous vote.

5, **Allocation of Honoraria**

5.1 Proposal to amend the allocation to include an Assistant Results Secretary for £ 100 – decision approved unanimously.

5.2 Honoraria allocation – passed with unanimous vote.

6, **Approval of New Teams for 2017-18**

Representatives from Birmingham Chinese, Stafford Spartans and Frankley Falcons –taking over from Birmingham Hawks were present to introduce themselves and answer questions. All teams were then accepted and welcomed into the League.

7, **Approval of League Divisions**

The proposal to create a 4 division format and play-off's was approved.

8, **Alteration to League Rules**

8.1 Rule changes proposed by the Executive Committee were approved unanimously

9, **Election of Officers**

9.1 The floor proposed and seconded Barrie Viner as Vice Chairman. Approved

9.2 The Executive Committee proposed to move the Re-arrangements post to join that of Results Secretary and make it a joint post. Paul Virgo and Karen Seleshe were elected.

9.3 The remainder of the Executive Committee were re-elected unanimously.

10, **Presentation of Trophies**

Trophies were presented as follows: -

Premier League Winners – Balts

Division 1 Winners – Lordswood

Division 2 Winners – Rugeley Raptors

Division 3 Winners – Yardley Defenders

Division 4 Winners – Droitwich Spartans

Rosebowl Winners – Droitwich Spartans

Knockout Shield Winners – Bartley Rangers

Stanley Pears Trophy – West Bromwich
McFessall Award – Linas Pakenas
Bernard Patrick Award – Roy Francis
Richard Beaumont 3 Point Contest Winner – Luke Hatfield
Tony Johnson Table Official – Marian Ryan

11, **Any other business**

11.1 The Chairman proposed that former Vice chairman Dave Slade be made a Life Vice President of the league. This was approved.

11.2 Concern was raised about players who have played in the Premier Division and Division 3 for their club in the same season. Committee to consider this matter with a possible exemption for Under 19's and over 40's.

There being no further questions, the meeting was closed.

West Midland Basketball League (Men) Accounts 2017-18

Income & Expenditure Account 2017-18

<u>Income</u>	2017-18	2016-17	<u>Expenditure</u>	2017-18	2016-17
	£	£		£	£
League Entry Fees 2017-18	3,600.00	3,775.00	Trophies & Engraving	3,187.47	2,924.47
Summer League 2017 Entry Fees	2,000.00	2,500.00	Play Offs & Cup Final Costs 2018	1,526.32	1,225.75
Fines	855.00	1,253.25	Summer League Venue Hire 2017	1,330.00	1,140.00
Transfer from HSBC Account	685.25	0.00	Honoraria	850.00	750.00
Area Contribution to League (£15 per team)	525.00	630.00	Summer League Expenses 2017	836.00	850.80
Area Contribution to Play Offs / Cup Finals 2018	468.00	494.00	Telephone (inc Texts & Emails)	447.10	487.45
Referee Reimbursements Received / Fines	210.00	123.60	Room Hire	295.00	278.40
Donation	100.00	0.00	Travel	291.00	296.06
Referees Shirts Bought	0.00	530.00	Referee Reimbursements / Payments	230.00	102.00
WMWBL Contribution to WMBE	0.00	152.00	Assign R	187.55	0.00
Deficit	988.02	0.00	Website Domain Name & Server Hosting	139.97	0.00
TOTAL	9,431.27	9,457.85	Insurance for Trophies	90.86	84.68
			Miscellaneous	20.00	74.90
			Referees Shirts - Purchase	0.00	1,029.12
			Refreshments	0.00	121.04
			Postage & Stationery	0.00	7.15
			Surplus	0.00	86.03
			TOTAL	9,431.27	9,457.85

Balance Sheet as at 15th May 2018

	<u>£</u>
Opening Balance (Lloyds Account)	1,309.89
Transfer from HSBC to Lloyds Account	685.25
Closing Balance (Lloyds Account)	321.87
Deficit (Lloyds Account)	-988.02
Balance (HSBC Account)	10.00
TOTAL DEFICIT	-978.02

Total Funds as at 15th May 2018

	<u>£</u>
Current Account (HSBC)	10.00
Current Account (Lloyds)	321.87
Deposit Account	4,819.92
Interest	1.92
TOTAL FUNDS	5,153.71

League Secretary's Report

So I'm sure that you are already aware that I'm stepping down as League Secretary. I would like to thank you all for all your support over the years. I hope that my efforts during my time on the committee will have helped in making WMBL move forward.

I wish you all the best for the future.

Regards

Kevin Henry

WMBL League Secretary

Competitions Secretary's Report

Another busy WMBL season with league, cup competitions and play offs.

Congratulations to Lordswood on winning the Rosebowl against Birmingham Mets and to Rugeley Raptors on winning the Knockout Shield Final against Walsall Warriors.

Well done to Birmingham Mets, Broadway Casino, Spartans and Shrewsbury Storm on winning their respective divisions. Also with Plays Offs congratulations again to Birmingham Mets, Broadway Casino and Spartans along with Featherstone Wasps winning the division 3 playoffs.

For the seventh season, the Clive Hurst WMBL Summer League was at Nechells Sports Centre. Congratulations to Trojans on winning the 2017 Summer League.

So on that note, I hope you have enjoyed the way the competitions have been organised over the years. I'm stepping down as Competitions Secretary so I would like to thank everyone for their support. I hope you all have a great summer and I wish you all the best for the future.

Regards

Kevin Henry

WMBL Competitions Secretary

Referees Secretary's Report

This was the first season that the league has used Assignr System for communicating with referees and their appointments to both league matches and all competitions; and after feedback from fellow officials and clubs I would state it has been a major success. With only on one occasion during the whole season one referee failed to turn up to his game.

As always it remains a challenge with appointments in relation to Sunday fixtures due to the amount of games played on that day.

Very few issues overall; as nearly every season teams are still failing to contact referees to confirm their fixtures (I'm only aware of 4 teams that do so). The second issue which did happen a few times was that teams are failing to contact the referees when they cancel or rearranged their fixture. There are league procedures relating to this, but if you are in any doubt contact the referee secretary.

Another issue and this based on the number of technical given out and that is descent, poor behaviour or just a lack of respect for officials (I also include table officials in this). This normally occurs because players or club members are not aware of some of the new rules or they don't understand the rules. Resulting in some cases in ridiculous reports which were then more personal then reflecting the game.

Referees will be instructed to have zero tolerance and deal with as per the league rules and table officials should inform the referees of any issues; we need to support each other. The idea is for all to enjoy their games as we all do this because we like the game of basketball.

On a positive note this for coming season I with other senior officials will be aiming to observe all referees who participate in the league. This is the league committee commitment, to developing and supporting new referees and also to support and advice those who ask for it and those who receive poor grades based on fact and constructive feedback from club members.

Congratulations to those officials who recently received their grade 3 awards and Rad for his grade 4.

Ivan Fabo

WMBL Referees Secretary

Appeals Secretary's Report

The 2017-18 season was a little busier than previous seasons with a total of 6 4 formal Appeals having been received.

The result of this/these was/were as follows: -

One Appeal was Upheld.

Four Appeals were Partially Upheld and had their punishments varied

One Appeal was Dismissed.

The Dismissed Appeal was then Appealed further to the West Midlands Area Association where it was Partially Upheld and the punishment varied.

The Appeals process is there to help Clubs and Individuals who believe they have been harshly judged due to not all information or circumstances not having been made aware.

If you are unsure, please contact me to discuss your options

Barrie Viner

WMBL Vice Chairman & Appeals Secretary

Fixture Rearrangements and Webmaster's Report

This year has seen a tremendous improvement on the rearrangement of fixtures compared to previous seasons. With the new procedure in regard to rearrangements; this season has seen a smooth transition to agreed changes using the online form. Even with late cancellations, the new procedure has prompted clubs to organise sooner rather than later. Making it easier for all involved. Even with several weekend of snow cancellations, teams still rearranged within good time.

The website has been continually updated four or five times a week (during the season), to give club members the latest updates on fixture results and standings. New this year, were match reports which were displayed in the index page. Some clubs used this more than others, but the main theme has been the enjoyment and excitement of the games.

On a personal note; I would like to thank you all the wonderful comments about the work I have done for the website and the committee over the past few seasons.

Kind regards

James Davies
WMBL Fixture Rearrangements and Webmaster

Results and Rearrange Secretary's Report

After the debacle of last year in relations to the administration of these areas; this year has been a lot easier to manage – with the communication between the league and clubs much improved.

So not much to report to be fair.

Overall all results were submitted on time and most teams followed the much improved procedure for arrangements. This is reflective in the massive decline in fines to clubs.

As always communication is the key, we aim to continue to find better ways of improving how we manage the area and support you the league club members.

One final note as Results and Rearrangement Secretary I would like to say goodbye to Karen the other half of the admin team that dealt with issues relating to post of results and rearrangements and also to James Davis (Web Master) and Kevin Henry as League Secretary for their support to me and to the league.

Paul Virgo

WMBL Results Secretary



League Proposal for 2018/2019 Season

Premier Division

Birmingham Mets
Broadway Casino
Lordswood
MLC
Redditch Regents
Shropshire Warriors
Smithswood Sabres
West Bromwich

Division 1

Bartley Rangers
Bromsgrove Blaze
Churchbridge
Droitwich Spartans
Rugeley Raptors 1
Walsall 99ers
Worcester Bears
Yardley Defenders

Division 2

Birmingham Blazers A
Frankley Falcons
Mavericks
Rawzone Basketball Club
Rugeley Raptors 2
Shrewsbury Storm
Shropshire Swarm
Trojans

Division 3

B'ham Chinese Basketball Club
Featherstone Wasps
Hanley Hustlers
Hawks
Northwood Valiants
Stafford Spartans
Stourport Spartans
UoB Lions
Uni Medics