

**West Midlands Basketball League**  
**Executive Committee Meeting**  
**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017**  
**Leasowes Sports Centre @ 19.00hr.**

**Present:** M Neal (Chairman), D Slade (Vice Chairman), J Huffer (Treasurer),  
K Henry (Competitions), B Viner (Appeals), P Virgo (Results), K Seleshi (Results),  
K Kershaw (Minutes), J Davies (Website), B Nugent.

**Apologies:** J Smith (Fixtures), S Barnes (Re-arrangements), I Fabo (Referees), N Evans,

**Minutes of previous meetings**

These were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**Matters arising**

None

**Discipline ( M Neal)**

S Ramsdale-Owen (Bromsgrove Blaze) **Fine NOT paid, now increased to £15 and player remains suspended until fine is paid.**

R Gittins (Trojans). 3 game suspension and £20 fine effective from midnight 17<sup>th</sup> January.

S Hall (Shropshire Elite) 1 game suspension & £10 fine effective from 23 December.

L Atkins (Birmingham Hawks). 1 game suspension & £10 fine effective from 19 January.

**Appeals ( B Viner)**

None

**Treasurer (J Huffer)**

**Monies received**

Birmingham Uni Medics – various

Northwood - late cancellation

Redditch Regents - late cancellation

Shropshire Warriors - late cancellation

West Midlands Police - late cancellation

B Sanders (Redditch Regents) – player disqualification

I Rapissaro (Broadway Casino) - player disqualification

**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**

Wyre Forest WM118 **now increased to £15**

Grizzlys WM175 **£20**

**Player Disqualification**

S Ramsdale-Owen (Bromsgrove) **now increased to £15**

S Hall (Shropshire Elite) **£10**

R Gittins (Trojans) **£20Referees Failing to Fulfil a Fixture**

Roberto Lavella **now increased to £15**

John Miller **£10**

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

You will find enclosed the application form for the 2017/18 WMBL. 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 forth coming 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 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. Confirmation of which team will be confirmed nearer the time.

#### Cancellation of games

As per the minutes in November & December this is still happening despite my comments this is still not been adhered to. Teams are still cancelling games at short notice and are failing to notify the referees and clubs in a timely manner. It's the responsibility of the team that cancels the game to notify the WMBL, the opposition and referees as a matter of urgency. You must phone to confirm that everyone is aware and as proof to follow up with an email to state that this has been done. Please do not leave this to the last minute especially if you are cancelling the game with less than 48 hours from when then match is being played. As per WMBL rules under fixture obligations this should be adhered to.

**It is not acceptable to just email the opposition and referees.**

#### WMBL Trophies

A reminder that 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

### **Competitions (K Henry)**

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

#### Playoffs

Just to remind you all that this season there will be Play Offs at the end of league season for the Premier, Division 1, Division 2 and Division 3. The games will take place on W/C 12 March, 19 March, 26 March and 2 April as mentioned in the pre-season workshop and information provided following that meeting. These games must take place on those weeks and cannot be rearranged.

The finals will be played on 22 April 2017. If your team make the Rosebowl or Knockout Shield final then the Play Off final will be played on 23 April 2017.

#### 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.**

#### 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 done in the off season. If anyone is interested in attending this course can you email me at kh.email01@gmail.com before 6 March 2017. I'm currently looking at running this course over 3 evenings in summer.

#### **Results (P Virgo & K Seleshi)**

Nothing to report.

#### **Re-arrangements ( S Barnes)**

Date	Division	Match no.	Home	Away	Rearranged date/info	Fine/admin fee
09-Dec-16	1	WM-166	West Brom	Churchbridge B	Cancelled within 48hrs	Match awarded to West Brom £10 fine to Churchbridge B
14-Dec-16	1	WM-182	Birmingham Blazers A	Stoke Shooters	22-Feb-17	None
08-Jan-17	4	WM-193	Droitwich Spartans	Shropshire Swarm	19-Feb-17	None
12-Dec-16	P	WM-175	Churchbridge 'A'	Grizzles	Cancelled within 24hrs	Match awarded to Churchbridge A £20 fine to Grizzles
11-Dec-16	2	WM-172	Shropshire Warriors	Walsall Wizards	22-Jan-17	None
10-Jan-17	3	WM-200	Bartley Rangers	Northwood Valiants	Venue unavailable	Within 7 days, so waiting for agreement

#### **Referees (I Fabo)**

One official failed to honour appointment. John Miller is fined £10.

#### **Any other business**

The document outlining possible future development of local leagues was presented. A discussion took place and the sub- committee set up will consider the comments made.

Dates of future meetings: 7<sup>th</sup> February, 7<sup>th</sup> March, 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 6<sup>th</sup> June.