

**West Midlands Basketball League
Executive Committee Meeting
Tuesday 6 December
Leasowes Sports Centre @ 18.30hr.**

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

Apologies: J Smith (Fixtures), I Fabo

Minutes of previous meetings

These were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising

None

Discipline (M Neal)

B Sanders (Redditch) 6 game suspension & £40 fine. **The fine has not been paid therefore it now becomes a club fine.**

J McKenna (Birmingham Hawks) 1 game suspension & £10 fine- paid, effective from 18 November.

M Uring (Royal Lasers) 1 game suspension & £10 fine, effective from 29 November.

M Fearon (Rugeley) 3 game suspension & £20 fine-paid .Effective from 6 December

S Ramsdale-Owen (Bromsgrove Blaze) 1 game suspension & £10 fine. Effective from 6 December.

C Rhooms (Wolves CC) 2 game suspension & £20 fine-paid. Effective from date C Rhooms registers with another club.

Birmingham Hawks charged with failure to control their spectators. Club warned as to their future conduct.

I Rapissaro (Broadway Casino) 1 game suspension &£10 fine. Effective from 6 December.

Appeals (B Viner)

None

Treasurer (J Huffer)

MONIES RECEIVED

Birmingham Blazers - non-attendance at pre-season workshop & late cancellation

Stoke Shooters – non-attendance at AGM & late cancellation

Churchbridge C – late cancellations

MLC - non-attendance at pre-season workshop

Worcester (Grizzlies & Kodiaks) – late cancellations

M Uring (Royal Lasers) – player disqualification

M Fearon (Rugeley Raptors) - player disqualification

C Rhooms (Wolverhampton CC) - player disqualification

C Sweeney (Referee) – none attendance

Various payments from referees for shirts

MONIES OUTSTANDING

Non-attendance at General Meeting (Pre-season Workshop) - Rule 6l

Birmingham Uni Medics now increased to **£67.50**

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

Birmingham Uni Medics WM 021 now increased to **£45**

Player Disqualification

B Sanders (Redditch Regents) now increased to **£60**

S Ramsdale-Owen (Bromsgrove) **£10**

Late cancellation- Rule 3eii

WM072 Birmingham Uni Medics £20

WM087Redditch £20

RB32 Shropshire Warriors £20

WM118 Wyre Forest £10

WM131Northwood £20

WM171 Churchbridge C £10 admin fee

WM161 West Midlands Police £10 admin fee

Referees Failing to Fulfil a Fixture

Roberto Lavella **£10**

Birmingham Uni Medics MUST send a representative to the next meeting regarding the above unpaid fines. Failure to do so will result in the immediate suspension of the club.

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)

Wolverhampton CC

It is with sad regret that Wolverhampton CC Basketball Club has withdrawn from the WMBL. The Div1 team has been in the WMBL for approaching thirty years and have been a regular feature for referees and clubs alike. The Committee and the WMBL clubs wish the coaches and players all the best in their future endeavours.

The Div1 League Table and Fixtures have been amended to reflect this; with all of Wolverhampton CC's fixtures being deleted from the league. Any fixtures played have been removed. This means that division 1 will be 6 teams.

Team details

Some clubs are still finding it difficult to contact their opponent as their Team Page isn't up to date. With there being no handbook this season it's important that clubs review this on the website to ensure all there details are correct. **Can all teams review and confirm with James Davies that your details are correct or require amending via** jamesdavies113@gmail.com.

Cancellation of games

As per the minutes in November this is even more disappointing that 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.**

Competitions (K Henry)

The draw for 2nd round of the Knock Out Shield and projected semi-finals of the Rose bowl are now on the website. Clubs are reminded that games MUST take place in the week dedicated, so please ensure you have your sports hall booked. Handicaps will be reviewed at January committee meeting.

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 makes to the Rosebowl or Knockout Shield final then the Play Off final will be played on 23 April 2017.

Results (P Virgo & K Seleshi)

With it been the festive time of year I thought I would bring good cheer and a Merry Christmas to all the West Midlands Club, players and supporters of our league. Most of would agree that the new system of registering results and assessment has vastly improved both how we access information but also how we look to the rest of the country. I know there are still one or two problems from our point of view with the process, but overall most people are happy.

So to help us improve the information on our website, me and Karen – I would ask the following. If your game is called off for any reason – can you please notify the results secretary as soon as possible. This will help us update the league table quicker or inform us as to why results have not come in. Plus save you a fine.

Talking about fines:

The following clubs are fined £25 for failure to submit score sheets with the required period.

All are rule 6 (b)

WM054 Stoke (25/10)

WM148 MLC (4/12)

WM147 Birmingham Medics (2/12).

Re-arrangements (S Barnes)

Please see attached sheet

Referees (I Fabo)

2 officials failed to honour appointments. C Sweeney (paid) & R Lavella fined £10 each. For payment details please refer to Treasurer's report

Any other business

None

Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday 10th January 2017. 19.00 in Room 60 Leasowes Sports Centre.
Provisional dates for 2017, Feb 7, Mar 7, Apr 2, May 6, Jun 6.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 21.10.