



Question and Answer Session: 76th Annual General Meeting of **basketballscotland** Limited held on Wednesday 16 November 2022 via Zoom video conference

SF noted that everyone was welcome to remain on the call for the Q&A part of the meeting. (Attendance and apologies are listed in the formal minute of the meeting).

KP presented an update on the following topics and covered questions which had been submitted in advance of the meeting:

1.	<p>STRATEGY OVERVIEW AND SUPPORT FOR GRASSROOTS</p> <p>We held off because of Covid and post Covid then required this to be amended. We will share this as a consultation document rather than full strategy. Points to note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our mission: <i>'Delivering positive experiences through basketball'</i> This might mean different things to different people. • A phased approach was put in during Covid and included the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Covid 19 response and get players back playing; - Focus on u14 and below via JrNBA; - Focus on u16 and u18 basketball; - Focus on senior basketball. • Focus areas – 3 Pillars <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Changing the core of the game; - Changing lives through basketball; - Game changers – things we thought would have a long term impact on the sport.
Question:	What is the support for clubs around grassroots basketball?
Answer:	Changing the Core of the Game should cover this, eg: JrNBA; Club advice, guidance and challenge; club officiating and support; access to qualifications and coach support.
2.	<p>REGIONAL ACADEMY PROGRAMME</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The purpose is to provide an additional environment where committed and talented young athletes can compete against each other and train with each other. • The format is reviewed and changed regularly with coach and staff feedback following each session. • Adjustments were made following player feedback. <p>KP urged clubs to feedback if necessary, also, if they felt their athletes had feedback which isn't being heard as we want to listen and learn.</p>
Action:	<i>KP to provide examples of adjustments made following feedback (via email) - complete</i>
3.	CALENDAR
Question:	How was the Senior League start date decided?
Answer:	This was a rollover from Covid where the decision was made to get youth competitions up and running first. Feedback received was that this was generally a positive thing and towards the end of the season we will review this and are happy to be flexible.

4.	SENIOR WOMEN SBC STRUCTURE AND POST SEASON
Question:	League Split
Answer:	The league was always going to be split into div1 and div2 but we acknowledge we may not have got the communication correct on this. Clubs stressed they needed fixtures advised far in advance.
Question:	Central Venue/Post Season
Answer:	We had feedback that post season didn't work last year, therefore, we will review and communicate with clubs to see what this looks like and will be happy to consider other options. This is about connecting the female game.
5.	HISTORICAL RECORDS
Question:	League and Cup Winners (for all senior and youth national competitions)
Answer:	We received a request for these and have advised they are available to view by any club who wishes.
Question:	School Cup Winners
Answer:	We also received a request for these but found these are not readily available. If clubs require, we are prepared to look at this and work with the basketball community to build something.
6.	INSURANCE
Question:	What is the club coverage
Answer:	Club insurance is available upon affiliation and the policy can be found on the basketballscotland website. Specific cover queries can be dealt with as required by either our Head of Operations or via our insurance brokers.

Questions were introduced from attendees and the following points were discussed and noted:

- AR - A number of questions were raised by his club and it was agreed that a face to face meeting would be more appropriate to cover these.
Action: KP to meet with Boroughmuir Blaze. AR to provide questions prior to meeting – complete.
- CM - Will the playoff structure for men's national league still be with 4 teams?
KP - Yes.
- KM - Are there discussions happening now around any changes with SW league split as waiting until after first round of games does not allow much time for hall changes/fixture changes etc.
Action: Clubs will be advised of discussion outcomes following tomorrow's meeting – complete.
- CW – In relation to performance basketball, what support is **basketballscotland** able to provide for those athletes in the national set up. He is reaching out for ideas from **basketballscotland**.

KP - We are looking at how we support coaching at younger levels and happy to discuss further.
BL - The club structure and infrastructure and plan is to do a lot more coach education.
- AM – Has been speaking to **basketballscotland** staff and is hoping for more guidance on inclusion. AR suggested his club has experience of issues around both recreational and performance basketball settings and offered to assist and connect her with Simon Turner. AM provided her contact details.
SF - We have had a number of conversations as a Board and connected with **sportscotland** who keep us up to date with policies and decisions. We are looking to strengthen our sport in terms of inclusion and we will look at strengthening the Board and issue guidance.

KP – The Head of Operations leads on this from a staff point of view and could assist. This is a complex issue and inclusion is important to us. We will come to a clear position but in the meantime we deal with this on a case by case basis.

BL - Suggested AM reaches out to other clubs to join them for numbers. He stressed the importance of creating opportunities to play and suggested looking at, on a local level, giving up a training night for a recreational game.

Action: A statement will be circulated post meeting – complete.

6. KC – What’s the future for wheelchair basketball development in the West for young players, also, is there support for recreational wheelchair basketball?

TG – We don’t have any specific sessions for young players in the West but the hope is this will change in the New Year. She noted upcoming games where clubs are open for some friendly games but these would be at a central venue.

KC – Stressed the need for games to be played in Glasgow. She appreciates TG’s support but noted challenges such as allowing youngsters to play but making up the numbers with their parents. This raises issues such as safeguarding and coaching development. Also, challenges of travelling to where the other clubs are based.

Action: TG to send KC Zoom link for an online meeting taking place on 28 November 2022 and to call KC to set something up – complete.

7. KL – Do other clubs find the SBC calendar quite tricky to manage in terms of no allocated cup weekends and not having underage fixtures confirmed?

KP – Other clubs have raised this and this will be considered at the end of the season. We are acutely aware of challenges but our thought process is around making a positive experience. Similarly, with post-Christmas fixtures, we appreciate the challenge of having a league split. We also attempted to create a longer break over the Christmas period.

8. RC – Can we have a flow chart that outlines **basketballscotland** Staff roles, also, where they may or may not crossover with Caledonia Gladiators.

Action: KP to respond via email – complete.

9. DG - Is there anything in the new strategy to work with **sportscotland** on improved facilities country wide?

KP - Development on facilities is not high on **sportscotland**’s agenda and he doesn’t think we are going to see much investment in building facilities. We are seeing reasonable facilities in school builds.

DG - **sportscotland** need to see all sports equally. Indoor sport is not treated as well and the Governing Body needs to fight for equality.

10. KM – Our Edinburgh Lions games get picked up quite quickly on the system and a referee recently charged us £100 for one game. Is there a strategy or process for referees being able to appoint themselves to games?

BL – The system does not have any coding to say if you are beyond a certain mileage you can’t take the game, although there is a restriction on the amount which can be claimed, and this was circulated to the community. At the moment there is not a geographic filter but we can look to see if this can be added to the YesRef system.

Action: A meeting is scheduled for tomorrow where these issues will be raised. BL will report back – complete.

11. GT – Can we have confirmation of the mileage rates?

Action: These will be provided to clubs post meeting – complete.

12. LM - Is the system where the officials' fees for travel etc were totalled across all clubs at end of the season and then remunerated still in place?

KP – Yes, this system still exists and is called Equalisation.

13. CC - Caledonia Gladiators seem to be setting up some development centres in and around Glasgow. What guarantees do we have that these centres are not going to pop up near existing clubs.

KP - In the agreement with Gladiators there is something written in which we could challenge, but it is not their intention to take over other clubs and their venues.

Conclusion

SF thanked everyone for attending and for their information sharing too. He noted that this has been a really worthwhile exchange and urged them to keep talking.

Any questions missed in the chat will be picked up and any actions which were noted will be circulated to clubs post meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.33pm.