



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

1. PRESENT

1.1	Attendance	
	Stephen Ferguson (SF)	basketballscotland Chair
	Kristine Johnson (KJ)	basketballscotland Board Vice Chair
	Doug Folan (DF)	basketballscotland Board Member
	Stephen McCall (SM)	basketballscotland Board Member
	Robyn Love (RL)	basketballscotland Board Member
	Kevin Pringle (KP)	basketballscotland CEO
	Barry Lang (BL)	basketballscotland Head of Basketball
	Colin Gregor (CG)	basketballscotland Head of Operations
	Emma Edwards (EE)	basketballscotland People Development Lead
	Keli Dick (KD)	Basketballscotland Communications Manager
	Linda Gordon (LG)	basketballscotland Club and Operations Officer, CP Lead
	Luther Mavunga (LM)	basketballscotland Social Impact Officer
	Tina Gordon (TG)	basketballscotland Inclusion Manager
	Jane White (JBW) (<i>minutes</i>)	basketballscotland Operations Executive
Clubs	Angela McCarthy (AM)	Above the Rim
	David Buchanan (DB)	Above the Rim
	Danny Gibbons (DG)	Ayr Storm
	Rebecca Cleary (RC)	basketballpaisley
	Chris Cleary (CC)	basketballpaisley (part meeting)
	Ally Reid (AR)	Boroughmuir Blaze
	Matt McQueen (MM)	Caledonia Gladiators
	Kara Lodge (KL)	City of Edinburgh
	Robin Paterson (RP)	Dundee Madsons
	James Steel (JS)	Dunfermline Reign
	Katie McBrierty (KM)	Edinburgh Lions
	Gillian Thomson (GT)	Falkirk Fury
	Steven Shand (SS)	Falkirk Fury
	Ross Hugh (RH)	Fife Steel
	Gavin Hugh (GH)	Fife Steel
	Bobby Park (BP)	Glasgow Rolling Rocks
	Callum McCabe (CM)	Glasgow Uni Men's BC
	Rory Anton (RA)	Grampian Flyers
	John Munro (JM)	Highland Bears
	Iona Munro (IM)	Highland Bears
	Ryan Devlin (RD)	Highland Bears
	Niall Ritchie (NR)	Lothian Phoenix
	Jackie Bruce (JB)	Panthers
	Craig White (CW)	Panthers
	Karen Carruth (KC)	Scottish Women Warriors
	Les McGlasson (LMc)	Stirling Knights (part meeting)
	Pete Duncan (PD)	Stirling Knights
	Louise Moyes (LM)	West Edinburgh Warriors

2. APOLOGIES

2.1	Craig Chambers	basketballscotland Board Member
	Guy Richardson	basketballscotland Board Member
	Mike Gilbert	Honorary Vice President
	Bill Shepherd	Honorary Vice President
	Moray Grant	Attack Basketball Academy
	Elizabeth Ferris	Dundee Dragons
	John Kerray	Inverness Lions
	Calum Scoullar	Pleasance
	Paul Meldrum	West Lothian Wolves
	Callum Knox	St Andrews University

AGM: BUSINESS

Welcome

- 2.2 SF welcomed everyone to the 76th **basketballscotland** Annual General Meeting (AGM) and advised that the meeting will cover formal business items first and move onto a question and answer (Q&A) session.
- 2.3 SF, in his introduction noted that, at the last AGM we were coming out of the pandemic, playing basketball together, but there was continued uncertainty around how Covid-19 might affect the season. Although the virus is not an immediate threat to this season, predicting the future is an uncertain business. No sooner did we begin to leave the pandemic behind, we entered a cost of living crisis, as well as a Global economic downturn and political uncertainty. Our current financial prudence is a reflection of the uncertain times that we live in and the need to protect the future of the sport, while continuing to grow and develop the game. Although we sought to have a season of consolidation of the changes we brought in last year, there has been significant progress in key areas. He highlighted some key areas of progress, as follows:

British Basketball

After years of struggling with relations with British Basketball, we now have a Board we think we can work with and have returned two Directors to that Board.

Caledonia Gladiators

Caledonia Pride was transitioned to Lady Rocks, now under the new name of Caledonia Gladiators, with no financial support now provided by the Governing Body. We set the condition that the franchise be a club that represented the whole of Scotland and we know that they have begun to work constructively with clubs.

Hall of Fame

We had our first ever basketball Hall of Fame inductees. The membership had been asking for this for some time and we are delighted to see this now established.

Four Nations Tournament/3x3

We also made a decision that we wanted to see more opportunities for Scotland to play as Scotland and the Four Nations Tournament and 3x3 competitions have been a positive step in that direction. Although it doesn't fall necessarily within the timescale of the AGM, it would be churlish not to mention that we had three teams competing at the Commonwealth Games.

Those teams performed admirably, finishing 4th, 4th and 5th in their respective competitions and we have Robyn Love on the call this evening who is a member of our wheelchair basketball team and a member of our Board of Directors.

Easterhouse Sports Centre

We announced recently that Glasgow City Council have agreed that Easterhouse Sports Centre would be run by us, probably from the middle of next year, providing us with a home for basketball and the ability to directly impact a disadvantaged community.

SF went on to thank everyone on the call for all the work that they do for basketball as volunteers and for their continued readiness to embrace our desire to grow the sport in collaboration with clubs, and to work with us to solve problems as they arise. He also thanked staff and the Board of Directors for all the work they do and the passion and commitment they show to basketball.

Moving the meeting on, SF advised that there will be plenty opportunity to talk about the season thus far later in tonight's proceedings and noted there is very little business in the formal part of the AGM this evening. No nominations for the Board and no resolutions, so we should move onto the question and answer session relatively quickly.

- 2.4 KP addressed meeting processes and conducted the roll call. It was noted that any questions which arise during the meeting should be flagged using the 'chat' function. He advised of the intention to record the meeting for accuracy of minutes purposes only, and that the recording would then be deleted. There were no objections.
- 2.5 A moment of remembrance followed for Robert Taft, Ian Tasker and Peter Moore. Their impact on basketball in Scotland will never be forgotten.

3. Draft Minutes of the 75th Annual General Meeting of basketballscotland Limited: 17 November 2021

3.1 The minutes were approved as an accurate record of the meeting.

3.2 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Election of Office Bearers

No nominations were received from clubs.

SF noted that, following the closing date for nominations, the Board started a process for filling gaps as identified through the Board skills review.

On behalf of the Board, SF took the opportunity to thank Guy Richardson, who has stepped down from the Board, for his commitment, especially in terms of strategic direction and the type of culture we would like to create. The Board wish him well.

5. Resolutions

No resolutions were received from clubs.

6. 2021-2022 Annual Report (AR)

6.1 The Annual Report was produced in an online format and circulated to the membership with the AGM working papers.

6.2 KP reflected on this time last year where the main aim was to get players back on the court. With huge support from clubs, volunteers and officials across the country, we managed to get some basketball played. With a small break over the Christmas period, the flexibility and support provided from clubs was very much appreciated.

He noted some other highlights from the AR as follows:

Referee Development

We ran a campaign and we got a huge response from clubs with 109 people volunteering to referee and get games played. We really appreciate this assistance and appreciate games could not have gone ahead without this.

JrNBA

We supported a number of clubs to get JrNBA up and running. We are keen to continue and grow that programme and keen to be on the front foot with that. We were the first country to run a wheelchair programme.

Kickstart Programme

We also managed to support 9 people in clubs on the Government Kickstart programme.

The AR also reflects our membership and, while this was down from pre Covid numbers, we are getting back from clubs that recovery is happening, and clubs are back up and running.

7. 2020-2021 Financial Statements

7.1 The financial statement was circulated as part of the Annual Report.

7.2 KP noted that, at the beginning of the year, we took a prudent approach to our finances. We had a financial challenge going back four or five years and we have been in the process of rebuilding our reserves. Given the uncertainty, we wanted to be in a strong position with reserves and have been able to accelerate this and have generated an £85K surplus, which now brings the reserves to a level where they should be in terms of our Reserves Policy. We are in a resilient position as an organisation but are expecting, this year, to make a smaller surplus.

He concluded that the sport is in a really good position, thanks to the people on the call tonight and in the wider basketball community, and he reiterated thanks to all of them for the work they put in and asked them to pass this on to the people in their clubs and their communities who have kept the game running through Covid and got us back up and running.

SF thanked everyone for attending the business section of the meeting and invited members to communicate, and reminded that the staff team and the Board are here to assist and support. A five-minute break followed at 7:32pm prior to Q&As.