



**Minutes: 77th Annual General Meeting of basketballscotland Limited held on
Wednesday 15 November 2023 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
	Jude Deacons (JD)	basketballscotland Board Member
	Robyn Love (RL)	basketballscotland Board Member
	Stephen McCall (SM)	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 Sirrell (KS)	basketballscotland Communications Manager
	Linda Gordon (LG)	basketballscotland Club and Operations Officer, CP Lead
	Tina Gordon (TG)	basketballscotland Inclusion Manager
	Sulvi Hobson (SH)	basketballscotland Competitions Administrator
	Jane White (JBW) (<i>minutes</i>)	basketballscotland Operations Executive
	Ken Johnston (KJ)	Honorary Vice President
	Lawrie Hill (LH)	Officiating Development Group
Clubs	Angela McCarthy (AM)	Above the Rim
	David Buchanan (DB)	Above the Rim
	Danny Gibbons (DG)	Ayr Storm
	Matt Giroux (MG)	basketballpaisley
	Lisa Cochrane (LC)	Beacon BC
	Ally Reid (AR)	Boroughmuir Blaze
	Rona Lightbody (RL)	Caledonia Gladiators
	Matt McQueen (MM)	Caledonia Gladiators
	Kirsten Zammit (KZ)	City of Edinburgh
	Heather Rennie (HR)	Dundee Madsons
	Robin Paterson (RP)	Dundee Madsons
	James Steel (JS)	Dunfermline Reign
	Achilleas Chatzitheochari (AC)	Edinburgh Lions
	George Christelis (GC)	Edinburgh Lions
	Gillian Thomson (GT)	Falkirk Fury
	Steven Shand (SS)	Falkirk Fury
	Ross Hugh (RH)	Fife Steel

	Pamela Harrison (PH)	Glasgow Fever
	Joshua Tackie (JT)	Glasgow Rens
	Kirsten Clark (KC)	Glasgow University Women's BC
	Martin Braithwaite (MB)	Grampian Flyers
	Jennifer Alexander (JA)	Highland Bears
	Ryan Devlin (RD)	Highland Bears
	Niall Ritchie (NR)	Lothian Phoenix
	Jackie Bruce (JB)	Panthers (part meeting)
	Pete Duncan (PD)	Stirling Knights
	Tom Griffin (TG)	West Edinburgh Warriors
	Louise Moyes (LM)	West Edinburgh Warriors

2. APOLOGIES

2.1	Craig Chambers	basketballscotland Board Member
	Mike Gilbert	Honorary Vice President
	Bill Shepherd	Honorary Vice President
	David Watt	Honorary Vice President
	Aris Tyrothoulakis	Edinburgh Lions
	Will Webber	Glasgow Storm
	John Munro	Highland Bears
	John Kerray	Inverness Lions
	Karen Carruth	Scottish Women Warriors
	Callum Knox	St Andrews University

AGM: BUSINESS

Welcome

- 2.2** SF welcomed everyone to the 77th **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 thanked everyone for taking the time to join the meeting and represent their clubs. He noted that it is quite an extraordinary time for basketball in Scotland, and went on to highlight a few of the key changes in the last year:

Caledonia Gladiators

At the last AGM, we highlighted the transitioning of Caledonia Pride from **basketballscotland's** ownership to Caledonia Gladiators, formerly Lady Rocks. Scotland's pro franchise is now competing and winning in European competitions across both female and male teams, and Scotland has a world-class purpose-built arena for basketball.

Easterhouse Sports Centre

We have also taken over the running of Easterhouse Sports Centre, in partnership with the local community, in a ground-breaking venture applauded by **sportscotland**, Scottish Government and the local council. Not only does this give us a home for basketball, but the opportunity to directly impact people's lives by being at the heart of a disadvantaged community.

British Basketball

Relationships with British Basketball continue to improve, and Scotland is a more active participant in shaping the future direction of the sport than we've ever been before. We were delighted to see no less than four players representing Scotland in the recent international qualifiers.

Wheelchair Basketball

Our performance players in wheelchair basketball continue to make great progress, with Scots playing at a high level abroad, and strong representation at international level.

Financial Position

Our financial position as a governing body is sound, but we continue to exercise caution in these uncertain political and economic times.

Upcoming Challenges

There are challenges ahead:

- Uncertainty around the future of the Commonwealth Games.
- The number of referees is gradually improving but improving the culture around refereeing is still a work in progress.
- We also continue to look to ensure that teams are playing in the right competitions for their skill level, and we continue to look for greater collaboration between clubs, and between clubs and the governing body, as a blueprint for joined-up progress.
- As the elite level of the game sees genuine progress, there is a need for the grassroots game to keep pace, and that can only be achieved by taking a different approach to how we work together for the good of the game.

SF noted that he is heartened by the clubs prepared to break the mould and who are forming working relationships and sharing knowledge.

SF went on to thank those on the call for all the work they do for basketball as volunteers, coaches, administrators, referees and other officials alike. He also thanked the **basketballscotland** staff, the Senior Management Team and the Board, for all the work they do and for the passion and commitment they show to basketball.

- 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** SF noted, under Obituaries for the past season, some of the notable people we lost from our community were:
1. Ben Gunn – we thank him for a lifetime of service as a player and coach with City of Edinburgh Basketball Club and Scotland National Teams.
 2. James McLeod – a founder member of The West of Scotland Wheelchair Sports Club and Inverclyde Colts.
 3. Ian Tasker – Ian was an important figure in the development of basketball in Inverness and the North of Scotland.
 4. Ian Rae - a Paralympian and key figure in establishing wheelchair basketball in Scotland.

5. Peter Moore – wheelchair basketball international and a tireless volunteer with West of Scotland Wheelchair Sports Club.
6. Chuck Chambliss – a US-born, Paisley player who starred in the 1977 Cup Final.
7. Rob Yanders – also US-born, and an inspirational Glasgow Rocks player.

Ordinarily the obituaries at the AGM would cover the timeframe for the Annual Report, but SF welcomed any other mentions of people from our community who have passed away over the past year.

TG noted Willie Cameron. Willie was a Hall of Famer, was integral in the creation of Glasgow City Basketball Club and was heavily involved in the wheelchair game and worked tirelessly to provide opportunity for those with support needs.

A moment of silence followed in remembrance of those lost.

3. **Draft Minutes of the 76th Annual General Meeting of basketballscotland Limited: 16 November 2022**

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**

4.1 SF advised that two positions are available for terms of four years and no further nominations had been received from clubs for the available positions. Current Board members Robyn Love and Judith Deacons, who has been co-opted since January, have been put forward for the vacant Board positions.

4.2 The voting process took place via the Zoom voting poll function and KP shared the poll results with the meeting.

4.3 The results of the voting were:

Board Director:

Name	Position	For	Against	Abstain	RESULTS
Judith Deacons	Ordinary Director	21	0	1	Elected
Robyn Love	Ordinary Director	20	1	1	Elected

4.4 SF congratulated the new Board members and confirmed the following elections:

- 4-year appointment – Judith Deacons
- 4-year appointment – Robyn Love

5. **Resolutions**

SF noted that no resolutions were received from clubs.

6. **2022-2023 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 noted some highlights from the AR as follows:

Domestic Recovery of the Game

We continue recovery of the domestic game post COVID with competitions being back to the first full season without disruption. Referee engagement and recruitment continues

to be a key focus for us and trying to ensure that games are played, and trying to reduce the pressure on our small group of referees.

Erasmus+ Programme

We actually received funding prior to COVID for two years of activity and, due to the funding conditions, we had to deliver all of that in one year and one month. This is one of the biggest projects we have ever undertaken, with over 150 people taken overseas to receive high level basketball in Spain.

Commonwealth Games

During the year we held the Commonwealth Games Qualifiers and were delighted to qualify three teams for the 3x3 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham. We had some excellent performances, including two medal games.

Relationship and Capability of GB Basketball

We have seen improvements in relationships and the capability of Great Britain basketball, who now have some staff in place for the first time since 2012, and the working relationships are very positive.

Caledonia Pride – Gladiators

The development of Gladiators on and off the court has the potential to have a massive impact on the game in Scotland, and we are keen to work with them going forward.

Launch of Hall of Fame

We launched our Hall of Fame in the financial year 2022-23 and we were very proud to recognise some of the history of the game, and we would like to build on this. We intend to re-engage and recognise the past and the rich history the game has in Scotland.

JrNBA

This continues to grow, with lots of clubs delivering JrNBA programmes, with over 3,000 young people engaged in basketball, many of them for the first time.

I Coach Kids – Coaching Resources

This project is developed but not quite rolled out yet. It includes the development of coaching resources for young people, particularly for age 14 and below. These resources are available on the **basketballscotland** website, and we are working with a group of coaches to implement these.

Areas for improvement:

Competitions Adjustments

We spent time with clubs over the summer to engage and discuss how to make the competitions structure more effective.

Officiating

We previously advised that we had issues caused by both COVID and Brexit. We are currently three years into our five year recovery plan with good progress made, but there is still work to do.

Club Support with Development Officials

We are working hard developing officials, and a culture where we can retain them.

Feedback and Communication

There is still support required for officials and officials' development, and we have started working on engaging in communication with both clubs and players and are trying to recognise the voice of the players in some of our decision making.

KP thanked all the clubs and volunteers who put a huge amount of hours and energy into contributing to the game, and noted that the sport wouldn't exist without them.

Questions:

No questions were raised but JA noted that this is a very positive report, well laid out, easy to read and understand, and covers many aspects of the game.

Action: KS undertook to publish the AR on the basketballscotland website post meeting.

7. 2021-2022 Financial Statements

- 7.1** The financial report, statutory accounts and income expenditure statement for the year, were circulated as part of the Annual Report.
- 7.2** KP advised of a small deficit of £2,306, reducing our reserves to £205,123 and noted that, at last year's AGM we did not expect the 22-23 financial year to move to a position close to breakeven, as we moved above our reserves target. The figures show significantly increased income and expenditure, in the main due to the Erasmus programme that was delivered in summer 2022, and the Commonwealth Games preparation. We are now in a stable position and have developed some financial resilience. He concluded that, as the cost of living is clearly driving our costs up as it is for everyone else, we continue to be prudent.

SF thanked everyone for attending the business section of the meeting. A five-minute break followed at 7:31pm prior to Q&As.