

## SUMMARY

### Minutes - 412<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Committee of Management of the Ballarat Basketball Association Inc. - WIN MinerDome - 7.00pm on August 16th 2005.

#### ATTENDANCE

- 1.1 Present: P Magee, E Doherty, C Chase, G Keogh, R Cleveland, M Batch and P Eddy
- 1.2 Apology: K Squire

#### 2.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- 2.1 BBA Business Plan (3 Year Plan) - In progress  
Meeting with University of Ballarat Lecturer and four double degree students 12/8/05 to discuss marketing project (no costs to BBA) and a series of focus group meetings across both our basketball and SportsPark membership groups. To commence in next fortnight.
- 2.2 Operational Handbooks - to be returned to M Hunt for updating in off-season. **M Hunt to work with M Valentine** to have updates actioned and posted to Website by **30/9/05**. Three master hard copies to be held at Basketball Office, Hoops and WSEC.
- 2.3 BVCC - reported on meeting of Major Associations to review activities of BVCC held at Ballarat 13/7/05. Pending response after next BVCC meeting held 3.9.05.  
Discussion on BVCC rejection of New Player / Fill In Player Levy proposed by BBA. As suggested by BVCC a meeting has been requested with W Bird and R Bush to discuss further. Implications of having to pay for fill in players who do not pay \$20 fee would have a significant impact on Association.

#### 3.0 CORRESPONDENCE:

Clubs - will only recognise one delegated office (2 for clubs 25+ teams)  
Committee strongly endorse this principle and expect tighter structures and procedures from both basketball office and clubs to ensure that this happens.

BVCC Handbook – rules for competitions  
Under review and so inconsistencies which BBA require more information on.

SportsPark Newsletters / bistro offers to members to re-launch

BVCC – State players not to be banned from local finals prior to National events. Must not clash with state training commitments.

BRP Surveys – players for U/18 Friday Night State League comp in 2006

Staff / Committee – visit by Minister Madden in August

## **5.0 REPORTS**

### **5.1 Executive Officer / Finance**

Financial Report will be issued on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August (Finance Officer has been on leave).

June 30<sup>th</sup> accounts pending formal sign off from auditor, which is expected this week.

Lighting upgrade for court 1 and new globes and additional lights option for courts 2, 3 and 4. Cost of showcourt upgrade which includes increase from 12 to 24 lights, capacity to run on half or full lighting, new wiring for roofing. Being included in this year's budget. Income from sale of old portable seating being put towards this cost - provision being made in budget.

Budget process continuing with variations for Commonwealth Games, BVCC Fees, Keno, team numbers for basketball and netball still to be considered.

Annual General Meeting – MValentine has been preparing all reports. New "Legends of History" feature article to be run each year.

Members up for election R Cleveland, E Doherty, K Squire and M Batch. MV to post full set of AGM papers and nomination forms to all Committee of Management members

### **M2006 – tabled**

Draw due in September

### **Stage 3 Building Program**

Meeting D Trickey and Les Hotchin 15/8/05 to start process has been deferred to 29/8/05. Preliminary recommendations from the building working group will be presented to next Committee of Management meeting.

This group will undertake a full strategic review of aims, objectives and whole of site plans / options before presenting recommendations.

Refer notes to meeting Basketball Office / Hoops Manager circulated 11/8/05. Key points for discussion

- Plan to allow Advance payment of full team sheet fee to be implemented by September.
- Member's 18 Years in SportsPark in school uniform. Committee endorse action that persons 18 years not be allowed in school uniform in licensed club area
- Software updates to improve database to be requested – MH to action
- All team contact information service to be established but basketball office must reinforce recognition of key "official delegate" contacts only at each club.

Club training, coach education and development and educational programs for terms 3 and 4 have all commenced.

## **Discussion Paper on Competitions / Committee for AGM**

**The Committee dedicated most of the meeting to this subject matter along with page one of the August 2005 Discussion Paper drafted by the CEO.**

Issues addressed:

No zone policy, Major club status / benefits, one team per club in A Grade, entry criteria for A Grade, Club Development strategy to promote linkage on A, A1 and 18 Age in an endeavour to address problem of teams often being short of numbers at some senior games.

Meetings held with Phoenix and Celtic Tigers and telephone discussions with Wildcats and Saints on this particular issue.

CEO is monitoring A Men on a weekly basis to see if we can help clubs improve team numbers and more importantly the opportunities available to their junior players to play at higher levels when the opportunity presents itself.

Review of Thursday competitions – to consider redesign of competitions offered

New competitions Monday night – to alleviate problems from Thursday night

C & D Committee structure – role

Cross promotion of our different business areas.

Hoops staffing – link to review of Comp Supervisor / Referee Dev Officer once this new role is established.

Basketball Office – hours of operation

Sub-committee of P Magee, R Cleveland and C Chase to review report on discussions to be prepared by CEO by 22/8/05 then report to be issued to full committee for endorsement as a paper to AGM.

### **5.2 Competition & Development**

Meeting minutes 1/8/05 circulated.

Decision of grading review circulated to Committee.

Exies Acmy A Grade withdrawn by club. Permitted to put an extra team in A1 providing players were split into two even teams.

### **Basketball Department**

Despite ill health, which had a significant effect on staff time, the Basketball Office has worked rotating shifts to get back on top of workload.

M Hunt working on plan for database upgrade to meet BVCC requirements – expect to be able to submit to BVCC by 19/8/05.

Match / team numbers per week very similar to last season.

Review of Bronze medal structure after this current season – majority of reports favourable but needs review to see if it is applicable to all grades/ages.

**A Grade Trophies – policy of retaining Cups on site at all times and issuing a replica smaller cup to winning club in each major season is recommended. Approved by Committee of Management. M Hunt to obtain quotes.**

### **5.3 Referee Committee Report**

No report

### **5.4 Ballarat Representative (Junior) Report**

Committee review phase – next meeting August 24<sup>th</sup>. Coaching positions have been advertised.

B Massey has joined Committee

Looking for one other member to join Committee.

Director of Coaching is running Sunday 12/U skill days and individual clinics.

Monday night program for fringe players to prepare them for next tryout phase. Both programs are being reviewed and revised as they go.

BRP has suspended one player till end of season while still working with him on an individual basis to try to help him improve his attitude to program and respect for himself and his team.

BVCC Country Diary has been received. A number of anomalies being queried by BBA.

### **5.5 BBC Report**

C Chase tabled report on Monthly meeting and 20 Year Dinner.

P Eddy meeting with BBC President and Vice President Monday 15/8/05 at their request. Meeting was to brief BBC on program run and operated by BBA and what crossover if any we have with BBC programs. Very worthwhile information session for both groups.

### **5.6 Venue Operation / Maintenance**

WFD program in final stages. External work at Minerdome and WSEC received excellent comments.

Sebel seats – new sheets ordered and installed on court 3.

WSEC - visit by Council Health Inspector - all ok.

WSEC - new disabled park in place.

### **5.7 Events & Administration – very busy two months**

Sports Expo weekend very successful.

Negotiating for a pool tournament and have expressed interest in both a Lee Kernagan and Gina Jeffries concerts for later in year.

WNBL Game confirmed for 10/9/05 – Bulleen and Dandenong

Tender opportunity for U/16 Nationals in July 2006. Working on this at present.

### **5.8 SportsPark**

Reviewing catering arrangements - Kitchen leased to Brothers In Arms.

Early indications have been very positive. Obvious expertise in venue and meal presentation. Additional advertising program to commence from 18/8/05.

### **5.9 Big V – Delta Floorworld Nuggets**

End of season review in progress.

Information night for Lady Nuggets program held 8/8/05 – survey responses due by end of next week. Interest and numbers involved to date not strong.

Once we have final survey numbers in K Cassels, G Collier, C Chase and P Magee to be asked to review and make a decision on 2006 entry.

### **6.0 General Business**

6.1 Security at SportsPark end door Friday nights for 4 weeks to police youth activity around the venue.

6.2 Basketball Office reception changes to be made to accommodate Maureen, Allison and Paul to be made next week.

6.3 OH&S on courts – weather has made court surface conditions dangerous. CEO to discuss with D Foley to make sure courts are run over and dust cleaned up by Hoops staff on weekends at MinerDome and WSEC.

**NEXT MEETING AGM - 20/9/05 at 7.00pm**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 20/9/05 IN SOVEREIGN ROOM**