

SUMMARY

MINUTES – 423RD Meeting of the Committee of Management of the Ballarat Basketball Association Inc. – BRI Office - 7.00pm on February 21st 2007

ATTENDANCE

Present: P Magee, R Cleveland, M Batch, C Chase, K Squire, G Keogh and P Eddy

Apology: E Doherty

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

State Team Donations – Current system to be retained. No obvious system in use by any other Association that is of more benefit. BBA donation scheme and parallel support to BRP and Nuggets level programs would be as good as any other large Association with multiple nominees each year. It is accepted that some smaller Associations with the occasional representative player may focus a stronger fundraising effort from time to time.

New Zealand Basketball Interchange – under consideration – Meeting held with target parents group last week before a final decision is made. G White to advise on final decision in next month.

Three Year Plan – Two basketball focused workshops have been completed in November and December. Broader formal process to commence late February or early March. This will incorporate a final review of plan to end of 2006. New business plan to be for period July 2007 – June 2009.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Road to Christmas Committee – thank you / reference
Suggested that reference and thank you be scanned to Events website – MV to action.

Ten Commandments document to clubs, BRP etc
December Summary of reports / correspondence to Committee
State Reps x 7 – letter of congratulations and donation
Herald Sun – Schools Sport Program – Staff – Committee
VCAT decisions – Gaming – Herald Sun

City of Ballarat – Parking area behind Badminton
Number of parks to be provided needs to be determined
CEO to request plan and cost estimate to seek a second opinion

VCGR Survey – Club amenities
Telstra – new account manager
Sky Channel – pricing 2007

5.0 REPORTS

5.1 Chief Executive Officer

Finance

Half Year report to 31/12/06 has been circulated. Questions answered and report accepted.

Financial Report to 31/1/07 including Accounts Payable & Receivable and actuals to cashflow budget and Trade Statements has been circulated. Some corrections to Trade Statements identified by Treasurer to be corrected. Report accepted.

Review and update of old debts owed to BBA is continuing to clear all by end of March.

Non current team debts have been reviewed and held separately after 3 years.

Hoops, Bingo, Gaming, Wagering and Bar Graphs to 31/1/07 have been issued.

Bendigo Bank has signed on AS Naming Rights sponsor for BRP teams.

Stage 3 Building Program

Stage 3 works progressing well – looking at late April opening.

Costs being contained with exception of new CFA fire safety requirements. Comfortable we can manage costs and payments across this financial year and next.

Discussions re extended parking options have been very positive and are continuing – plans presented to meeting and strategies for development and funding discussed.

Stage 4 Building Program

Final submission presented to CHACC and lodged with Federal Government. Has been acknowledged. Decision on application advised as being due on March 9th.

Staff Matters

Venue Management Team – new team comprising P Eddy, D Sellers, M Hunt, M Valentine and G White now in place.

Basketball Department Planning & New Initiatives day November 14th and December 6th – report has been issued and next progress meeting which will include G White and E Lowe is set for February 27th to maintain focus and drive for this area.

CEO completed his performance appraisal with President / Vice President on Feb 14th. Excellent feedback from Committee review process last year and a number of key items identified for attention as we move forward.

Eric Lowe, our new Coach Development Officer, will commence from February 20th 2007. First week Eric will be supporting Nationals administration then Eric will move into his role from next week.

Other

Establishment of a Foundation to support young athletes and families needing financial support. D Foley asked to prepare a report - pending. To be advanced further by mid year.

As part of our Club Development Program I have YUM Productions looking at how they can help clubs with their Website's. Meeting planned for next week.

Hoping to meet with Badminton Association re joint venue projects in next month.

Have agreed to a partnership submission with Sue O'Brien from CHSA for VicHealth Funding application for Sudanese program.

5.2 Basketball Department / Strategic Planning & Rules Committee

CEO will meet with Basketball Manager next week to review season and issues with Sunday competition.

Immediate focus is to ensure new season is bedded down quickly and efficiently with members having easy access to game times and other important information – Some hiccups with getting rounds for first 3 weeks up on website on a timely basis. Basketball Manager is to review as part of a report and recommendation she is preparing for CEO. Will be presented to March Committee of Management Meeting.

Media coverage will continue to be a key priority area in 2007 – has improved significantly in last six months and we need to maintain exposure.

BV Heat Policy issued. M Valentine, G White and M Hunt asked to review and report – due March 2007.

BV Referee rates for 2007 received. To be implemented from start of next season (July 2007). MV and GV to action.

5.4 Ballarat Representative (Junior) Program

Education and Participation Manager now in place and he will induct and manage Coach Development Officer on Feb 26th. Meetings for both staff being set in Feb and March with all Club Committee's and BRP coaches.

E & P Manager will present a report on planned activities for first half of 2007 to March meeting

5.5 Maintenance – all areas

Annual maintenance plan has been completed.

Works for Nationals complete.

Planning for ABA/BIG V seasons underway and works required for this will be complete by March 19th.

Problems with floor at WSEC after storm water leaked through netball pole holes in January and caused floor to swell. Temporary repairs made and funded by Council (specialist flooring expert from Melbourne). Complete review and repair to be actioned in March / April. B Clark to oversee.

5.6 Events & Administration

Update on various items

1. Defibrillator Training – expecting information from Sydney indicating that it will be done in late November – NOT DONE – MV to follow-up with HBA – getting run around at present.

2. 20 Nationals and Ivor Burge Nationals in Feb 2007 – in progress – Timing and number of events in past year has impacted on volunteer base. Report next month.
3. 2008 World Roller Hockey Championships – only willing to accept if held after season ends in December. Marking damage to floor mid season not considered acceptable – decision pending.
4. March Tournament planning underway.

5.7 SportsPark

New Food Safety Plan and permit application has been submitted to Council.

Foyer display promoting new venue and progress in planned for next 2 weeks with ongoing updates.

Bingo numbers have been very good in past month. Meal days / nights continue to be successful. Extended sessions during Nationals.

Dale Sellers has made a submission to Tabcorp to upgrade our status as a venue.

5.8 BBC / Nuggets Report

Nuggets fundraising – report from K Squire has been circulated. Suggestion that K Squire (Nuggets), C Chase (BBC) and R Cleveland (BRP) meet to discuss each groups calendar of fundraising events. K Squire to liaise direct with Carolyn and Rhonda to arrange – K Squire to report.

Nuggets Committee Meeting held early February. M Batch gave a verbal report on progress.

Delta Floorworld have agreed to sponsor Nuggets again in 2007.

6.0 General Business

6.1 Re-design of logo / brand / venue names – Meeting with Ben Clark held February – report pending. Tabcorp Signage group have also recommended concept plans over 2 stages for stage 3 development. Work from Ben Clark is to be overlayed with this before any decisions. Hopefully we can finalise at March meeting.

6.2 BVCC – AGM agenda Items submitted:

Motion One

That BVCC investigate the feasibility and equity provided to all Associations by introducing a fairer promotion and relegation system that allows for lower division teams to challenge for a place in a higher division for BVCC Junior Championships.

The review to consider the setting of challenge dates, game format and venue neutrality and cost equalisation.

Reasoning for Motion:

The current system makes no allowance for the fact that the last ranked team in Division One may still be a better team than the first ranked team in Div 2. Given the

impact of such changes occurs two years later when many other external and internal influences have impacted on teams that are being re-graded it is only fair that the best team earns the opportunity to play in Div 1. This can only truly be decided through a Challenge match system between the two teams.

Motion Two

BVCC invite Associations to a centralised Annual General Meeting to participate in general discussion on all reports and motions **including the adoption of the BVCC draft budget** for the year.

To facilitate good governance and informed decision making at all levels all papers and reports including the financial report must be circulated for members to review prior to the Annual General meeting.

Reasoning:

This change will allow for member Associations to have direct input into both the policy formulation and budget considerations and implications of Annual Meeting motions and decisions.

Having people from all areas attend the AGM allows for matters to be debated and discussed by all present so that there is a full appreciation of the intention and implication of the motions being considered.

6.3 BVCC – Strategic Plan update – copy to be forwarded to R Cleveland for review.

Next Committee of Management Meeting:

March 21st at 7pm at Minerdome (will commence with a tour of Stage 3 site at 6.45pm).

Education and Participation Manager to be invited to attend.

C Chase will be an apology.