



Board Meeting #3 Minutes

07.12.2021

Meeting of the Board of Officials

7:30pm-9:00pm

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Approved for Publish

Attendees:

Tom Thornhill (TT) President, Christian Carter (CC) Senior Affiliated Leagues Commissioner, Erik Gustafson (EG) National Teams Programme Official, Lee Manning (LM) Development Official, Earl Dix (ED) Secretary, Kent Boswell (KB) Youth Affiliated Clubs League Commissioner, Chris Deacon (CD) Officials Commissioner.

Apologies:

None

3.1 Chair's Welcome, introductions and apologies

TT welcomed all and outlined how we would prefer to work going forward, making sure that documents are sent well in advance giving every Official an opportunity to prepare. It was agreed by the Board that there would be occasions that we would need to add items urgently.

3.2 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared by the attendees.

3.3 EGM, AGM Minutes and Release

The Board decided to refer the agenda point to the next meeting.

3.4 Constitution Update

CD updated the Board on the amendments that were agreed at November's Extraordinary General Meeting and confirmed that these have been updated in the current version.

3.5 Financial Resolution

The Board agreed the resolution for the added bank account signatories.

3.6 Previous Board Minutes Review

The minutes of previous meetings were not agreed.

3.7 BSUK Relationship

Following a Board discussion, the Board agreed that TT would come back to the Board with next steps on proceeding with a constructive way forward.

3.8 Insurance & WBSC

3.8.1 Insurance

EG informed the Board that at this time the BBF would not be able to share in BSUK's insurance. EG has spoken with an insurance expert who is helping to look for more

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favourable insurance quotes. There are still potential negotiations about how much the BBF will have to pay to their current insurers. All members are still covered until 13/12.

3.8.2 WBSC

EG updated the Board on an agreement from WBSC that recognises the BBF as the member.

The Board voted in favour of the proposed changes to the WBSC Statutes and WBSC Code of Divisions.

3.9 Board

3.9.1 Committees

TT discussed the constitutional responsibilities regarding sub committees. He outlined to the Board the proposed committees (document attached).

The Board discussed what is the best way forward to take a committee's structure forward. It was decided that TT would consider changes to the recommended number of committees based on the suggestions made including disbanding the proposed Disciplinary Committee and renaming these committees as working groups.

3.9.2 Confidentiality

There was some discussion around confidentiality and which kinds of discussions should be minuted and which should remain confidential.

3.9.3 Date of Next Meeting

This item was not discussed.

3.10 IT

3.8.1 Emails & Domains

LM suggested a way of organising emails and how we could save information which could be transferred to a domain when we get one. It was agreed that the Board would aim to use a specific domain and that the GB teams would keep their current emails for now. It was also agreed that the board would in the short term set up their own gmails with BBF in the name.

3.11 Season Planning

3.11.1 Dates

CC proposed his dates for the 2022 season:

- Registration open- 1st January
- Registration close- 31st January
- Final deadline for field availability requests- 15th February
- Schedule release date- 1st March
- Opening day- 10th or 17th April
- Battle for Britain- 2nd-4th June
- NBCs- 21st Aug, 4th Sept, 11th Sept

The Board agreed to this proposal.

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3.11.2 NBCs

CC also outlined a structure for the 2022 final weekends. The Board discussed the potential finals and where they could be held and it was agreed the CC would book 11/9, 12/9 and 17/9 and 18/9.

3.11.3 Online Calendar

The Board agreed that they would update an online calendar.

3.12 Ongoing Work/Issues

This item was not discussed.

- *End of Meeting* -