



Board Meeting #4 Minutes	17.01.2022
Meeting of the Board of Officials	8:00pm-09:30pm
#4	Approved for Publish

Attendees:

Christian Carter (CC) Senior Affiliated League Commissioner, Erik Gustafson (EG) National Teams Programme Official, Lee Manning (LM) Development Official, Earl Dix (ED) Secretary, Chris Deacon (CD) Officials Commissioner

Apologies:

Tom Thornhill (TT) President

4.1 Chair's Welcome, introductions and apologies

ED as Chair welcomed the attendees.

4.2 Declaration of Interests

There were no interests declared.

4.3 Budget Approval

At November's Annual General Meeting it was decided not to have the vote to approve the BBF's 2022 budget.

The Board agreed to postpone the approval of the 2022 British Baseball Federation budget in the absence of the President from this meeting.

4.4 Constitutional Changes

The Board agreed to all of the proposed modifications to the constitution and further agreed to present these proposed modifications to the membership:

4.4.1 Removal of the background section of the constitution.

*Background: The British Baseball Federation is the National Governing Body (NGB) of baseball in Great Britain. It oversees the sport of baseball, e.g., (but not limited to) organising senior and youth baseball leagues, national competitions, sets rules and policies, and is responsible for our National Team Programme (GB Baseball).*

*Everyone (board members, volunteers, officials, players and participants) involved with the BBF are required to adhere to our rules, guidelines, policies, procedures and constitution.*

4.4.2 Amendment to the BBF Constitution

Article 4.6 of the BBF Constitution (version 27 Nov 21) in respect of the Participants representation at General Meetings:

*Only Participants associated with an Affiliated Clubs' shall represent their Affiliated Club at General Meetings.*



Article 4.6 shall be modified to state the following:

*Only Participants associated with an Affiliated Club shall represent their Affiliated Club at General Meetings.*

#### 4.4.3 Amendment to the BBF Constitution

Article 5.3 and its related Note 5 of the BBF Constitution (version 27 Nov 21) in respect of the composition of the BBF Board currently states:

*The Board shall consist of up to thirteen (13)5 Officials:*

*5.3.1. President*

*5.3.2. Secretary*

*5.3.3. Treasurer*

*5.3.4. Development Official*

*5.3.5. National Teams Programme Official*

*5.3.6. Officials Commissioner*

*5.3.7. Coaches Commissioner*

*5.3.8. Northern Senior Affiliated Clubs League Commissioner (5)*

*5.3.9. Southern Senior Affiliated Clubs League Commissioner*

*5.3.10. Southern Youth Affiliated Clubs League Commissioner*

*5.3.11. Southern Youth Affiliated Clubs Assistant League Commissioner (5)*

*5.3.12. Northern Youth Affiliated Clubs Assistant League Commissioner (5)*

*5 This was revised to 10 Board members as there is no longer a Northern Senior Affiliated Clubs League Commissioner (as there is no Northern League affiliated with the BBF), Northern Youth Affiliated Clubs Assistant League Commissioner, Southern Youth Affiliated Clubs Assistant League Commissioner.*

Article 5.3 shall be modified to state the following and Note 5 removed:

*The Board shall consist of up to nine (9) Officials:*

*5.3.1. President*

*5.3.2. Secretary*

*5.3.3. Treasurer*

*5.3.4. Development Official*

*5.3.5. National Teams Programme Official*

*5.3.6. Officials Commissioner*

*5.3.7. Coaches Commissioner*

*5.3.8. Senior Affiliated Clubs League Commissioner*

*5.3.9. Youth Affiliated Clubs League Commissioner*

#### 4.4.4 Amendment to the BBF Constitution

Article 5.4 of the BBF Constitution (version 27 Nov 21) in respect of the collective name of Board Officials states:

*The Officials at 5.3.1, 5.3.2, 5.3.3, 5.3.4 and 5.3.5 shall be collectively termed "Officers".*

*The Officials at 5.3.6 and 5.3.7 shall be collectively termed "Commissioners". The Officials*

*at 5.3.8, 5.3.9, 5.3.10 and 5.3.11 shall be collectively termed "League Commissioners". The*

*Officials at 5.3.12 and 5.3.13 shall be collectively termed "Assistants" and shall be co-opted by the Board on the recommendation of the Youth Commissioners at 5.3.9 and 5.3.11*

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Article 5.4 shall therefore be modified to state the following:

*The Officials at 5.3.1, 5.3.2, 5.3.3, 5.3.4 and 5.3.5 shall be collectively termed “Officers”.  
The Officials at 5.3.6 and 5.3.7 shall be collectively termed “Commissioners”. The Officials  
at 5.3.8 and 5.3.9 shall be collectively termed “League Commissioners”*

Article 9.1 shall therefore be modified to state the following:

*The BBF financial year shall run from October 1 to September 30*

### 4.4.5 Amendment to the BBF Constitution

Article 9.1 of the BBF Constitution (version 27 Nov 21) in respect of the Financial Year currently states:

*The BBF financial year shall run from November 1 to October 31 except for the 2010 financial year, which is to run from 1 January 2010 to 31 October 2010.*

Article 9.1 shall therefore be modified to state the following:

*The BBF financial year shall run from October 1 to September 30*

### 4.5 Extraordinary General Meeting

The Board agreed to convene an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Membership to approve the Federation’s 2022 Budget and to consider 5 modifications to the British Baseball Federation Constitution as noted under 4.4 of these minutes.

### 4.6 Resolution for Bank Accounts

Following the establishment of the GB Women’s baseball team, the Federation has been using either the Main BBF bank account or Seniors’ account for transactions. Given the tournament to be held later this year, the Board determined it to be prudent to have a separate account set up for the team’s administration.

The Board agreed that a new Secondary Account be opened under the Main Account and called ‘BBF – GB Women’.

The BBF- GB Cadets account was set up in 2016 for the U12 age group team known in CEB as U12 Juveniles; there is another account also called BBF – GB Cadets which relates to the U15 age group.

The Board agreed resolved the name of the account currently called ‘BBF - GB Cadets’ with account number 20934123 be changed to ‘BBF – GB Juveniles’.

### 4.7 BBF Website/Scoring Platform/Domains

*The following item was not discussed.*

- End of Meeting -