



Board Meeting #10 Minutes	18.10.2022
Meeting of the Board of Officials	7:00pm-10:30pm
#10	Approved: 13.12.2022

Attendees:

Tom Thornhill (TT) President, Christian Carter (CC) Senior Affiliated League Commissioner, Lee Manning (LM) Development Official, Chris Deacon (CD) Officials Commissioner

Apologies:

None

10.1 Chair's Welcome, introductions and apologies

TT welcomed the attendees.

10.2 Declaration of Interests

Declarations were as follows: LM associated with LYBL and Herts Baseball, CC associated with Kent Buccaneers Baseball Club, TT Associated with the Norwich Icen Baseball Club and the East of England Baseball League, CD Associated with Legends Baseball.

10.3 Review and Approval of Minutes of the previous Board meeting(s)

The Board approved the previous Board and General meeting minutes listed and agreed to publish the board minutes after a final 48-hour review window.

Action: Board members to have a final 48-hour review of the minutes.

Action: TT to publish minutes on the British Baseball Federation website

10.4 Review of Action Points from Previous Meeting

Board Meeting #9 Action Points

9.3 Review and Approval of Minutes of the previous Board meeting(s)

Action: Board members to review all previous meeting minutes. *(The Board completed this action)*

Action: TT to draft minutes relating to meetings 4 & 5 for the Board review. *(TT completed this action)*

9.4 Review of Action Points from Previous Meeting

Action: CD to speak with Tracey Wilks about action points relating from the BBF's meeting with WB-UK. *(CD has not been able to complete this task and the Board considered the action closed)*

9.6 2022 Annual General Meeting Proposal

9.6.1 Venue and Date Approval

Action: CD to pay venue invoice *(CD completed this action)*

Action: TT to sign contract sent from the Holiday Inn Events team. *(TT completed this action)*

Action: TT to prepare draft notice of the AGM date and location for the members. *(TT completed this action)*

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9.6.2 Review of List 1 Action Points

Action: TT to create draft constitutional proposals based on this feedback. *(TT completed this action)*

9.6.2.4 Constitutional Amendments Proposals

Action: Board to review proposed additions to the BBF constitution for the member's review at the next meeting. *(Board reviewed this action at Meeting #10)*

9.6.2.5 2023 Budget

Action: CD to set up a specific meeting of the Board to discuss the Budget. *(CD completed this action)*

Action: Board members to consider their 2023 budgetary requirements. *(The Board completed this action)*

9.6.2.6 2022 Annual Accounts

Action: CD to have prepared the 2022 accounts in preparation for a meeting of the Board in October. *(CD has yet to complete this action)*

9.6.2.7 Check for Unfinancial Clubs

Action: CD to periodically check for Unfinancial Clubs and send out notices requesting payment closer to the date of the AGM. *(CD has been monitoring which clubs are still outstanding. CD will be keeping a check on this club list and will periodically remind clubs that they are still due to pay)*

9.6.2.9 Document 1 Draft

Action: TT to draft the required call out for nominations in preparation for the AGM for the Board's review. *(TT completed this action)*

9.7 Joint BBF and BSF Letter to BaseballSoftballUK

Action: Board members to review content of the letter and as well as the mechanisms of the proposal outlined in the letter. *(The Board completed this action and the letter was sent to BSUK)*

Action: TT to speak to Ieuan Gale, British Softball Federation President on the contents of the letter. *(TT completed this action)*

9.8 Board Roles and Responsibilities

Action: Board to review the document and TT to add this item to the agenda for the next meeting. *(The Board completed this action)*

9.10 AOB

9.10.1 TT – New British Baseball Federation Website

Action: Board Members to review the website content. *(The Board completed this action)*

Action: Board Members to review drafted Terms of Use and Privacy Policy. *(The Board completed this action)*

Action: TT to liaise with members of the community with a marketing background to gather feedback on the design and content of the website. *(TT completed this action)*

Action: TT to prepare a timeline and plan for the release of the new website. *(TT completed this action)*



10.5 Ratification of Offline Votes

10.5.1 Joint BBF and BSF Letter to be sent on behalf of Board with (9th October 2022)

TT confirmed that the Board had agreed to the contents of the joint BBF and BSF letter to be sent on behalf of both Federations to BSUK regarding a proposal for annual censuses of playing participant numbers.

10.5.5 New BBF Website and Policies New Format (27th September 2022)

The Board agreed and approved the draft of the new British Baseball Federation website.

10.5.6 Marketing Officer Role (4th October 2022)

The Board agreed to seek out a Marketing and Communications Volunteer.

10.6 Board Official Reports

10.6.1 Presidents Report

TT added that he is in the process of organising a 2023 Adult Baseball Farnham Park baseball tournament. More details of this will be made available in more time.

CD proposed that the Board and the Federation as a whole should consider our international strategy and reputation.

There were no further questions.

10.6.2 Finance/Treasurer Report

The Board agreed to CD's request to set up a separate British Baseball Federation currency account to deal with payments using foreign currencies.

There were no further questions.

Action: CD to set up a separate BBF currency Wizz account

Action: CD to add TT as a bank signatory

10.6.3 Senior Affiliated Clubs League Commissioner Report

CC had nothing to add to his report.

CC answered a question from TT relating to the potential structure of organisational affiliation. CC agreed to set up a meeting between the senior leagues committee and TT.

There were no further questions.

Action: CC to set up a meeting between TT and the Senior Leagues Committee.

10.6.4 Development Official Report



LM had not produced a report for the Board Meeting. LM updated the Board on the progress of the Development committee and some developmental actions points.

LM answered a question from CD relating to the BSUK Development Plan. LM clarified that the Development committee is due to meet Chris Rawlings in early November to outline the next steps of this plan.

There were no further questions.

10.7 2022 Annual General Meeting

10.7.1 Approval of 2023 Budget & Timeline for Accounts

The Board agreed to postpone the full approval of the 2023 Budget and Accounts until next week (W/C 24th October).

The Board discussed points relating to individual registration and agreed to present the budget including individual player registrations.

Action: CD to set up a meeting for the Board to review and approve the 2023 Budget and Accounts

10.7.2 Invite list of external contacts

The Board agreed to invite a select few individuals to the AGM as observers. These include representatives from independent leagues as well as Great Britain Baseball and BaseballSoftballUK to the Development Congress.

Action: TT to draft letter to be sent as an invitations

10.7.3 Proposal of Constitutional Amendments

The Board agreed to present the following amendments to the constitution to the membership at the AGM as motions:

Motion 1: Typo in Clause 11

From

11.1. The Board shall have power to discipline in such manner as the Board thinks fit a Voting Member or Member which is guilty of conduct considered by the Board to be disgraceful or Regulations made under this Constitution.

To

The Board shall have power to discipline in such manner as the Board thinks fit a Voting Member or Member which is guilty of conduct considered by the Board to be disgraceful or in breach of the Rules and Regulations made under the Constitution.

Motion 2: Relating to E sports, baseball5 and Para-sports

Insert: 3.2. (New, insert ahead of current 3.2)

In collaboration with the British Softball Federation ("BSF"), to organise, promote and develop Baseball5, eSports, Para-sports (such as Blind Baseball and Wheelchair Softball) in Great Britain, including the entry of club teams and national teams into international competition. For the purposes of

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this Article, "eSports" means any form of active virtual/electronic entertainment representing or impersonating fully or in part any of the disciplines, events or trademarks governed by the WBSC as well as all related online and offline competitions.

Motion 6 Balance of Terms, we don't have four-year terms

From

5.17. Any Officials roles that are vacant at the time of an AGM shall be subject to an election, and will serve the balance of the four-year or two-year term appropriate for the role.

To

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Motion 7, Modification to National Teams Committee

From

5.18.2. National Teams Committee – chaired by the National Teams Programme Official and including at least one other Official, the General Managers and Head Coaches of all senior and youth national teams and one player representative from the Men's National Team.

To

National Teams Committee – chaired by the National Teams Programme Official and including the Lead Programme Official and any other officials that are deemed necessary by the National Teams Programme Official.

After consultation with a number of stakeholders, the Board reviewed four different proposals for voting reform under Motion 8. This included bracketed votes, cap on the number of total votes, change only of votes for youth teams and finally a vote based on teams at each level. The Board agreed to postpone the consideration of voting reform until a time as when the membership can be fully consulted.

10.8 Marketing & Communications Volunteer

The Board approved TT's proposal to appoint Richard Evans as the Marketing and Communications volunteer. Richard Evans will then be empowered to interview a selection of candidates from the recent volunteer advert for a new British Baseball Federation Marketing and Communications committee.

The Board also approved CC's proposal to add a Marketing and Communications role to the British Baseball Federation Board.

Action: TT to send Marketing and Communications Volunteer Agreement to Richard Evans

Action: CC to add motion to modify the BBF constitution to the Annual General Meeting Pack

10.9 New British Baseball Federation Policies

The Board approved TT's proposed redrafts of the British Baseball Federation's policies and procedures. This was pending a final 48-hour review window.

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Action: TT to publish and announce the new British Baseball Federation policies and procedures.

10.10 Board Roles and Responsibilities

The Board approved the drafted allocation of the roles and responsibilities of the British Baseball Federation Board.

Action: TT to publish document on the British Baseball Federation Website.

10.11 British Olympic Association Membership & Memorandum of Understanding Review

The Board agreed to the drafted copy of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) agreement between BSUK and the British Baseball & Softball Federations relating to the British Baseball Federation representation on the British Olympic Association (BOA).

Action: TT to sign the document and create a Board resolution document to reflect the decision taken at the meeting.

10.12 Any Other Business

No other business was discussed

- *End of Meeting* -