

NW Regional Committee Meeting

Monday 8th February 2021, 7pm, Teams Call

Present - Kate Lewis, Divya Gorasia, Andrea Garland, Nick Ibberson, Pam Hollister, John Cihlar, Gareth Keith, Paul Walton, Sam Fitzpatrick

Apologies – Dave Bonwick, Sam Lewis

Chairperson's Welcome to the Virtual Meeting

- KL welcomed everyone to the meeting

Apologies for absence

- Dave Bonwick sent his apologies via DG
- Sam Lewis sent his apologies via KL

Election / Co-option of Officers

- Regional Registrar
 - John Cihlar nominated by KL, seconded by GK
- Lancashire Area Association Representative
 - Bob McGilveray nominated by KL, seconded by PH
- Coaching Lead
 - Sam Fitzpatrick nominated by KL, seconded by NI

Minutes of the meeting of 1st October 2020

- Matters arising from Minutes (minutes attached)
 - KL and PH need to meet about safeguarding
 - KL needs to sort out the last part of the bank account
- Approval of minutes
 - Approved by AG
 - Seconded by NI

Chairs update & Questions Arising

Brief overview of the Update (*Further detail available in Appendix 1*)

- We need someone to replace Darren on comms
 - **Action** - if you know of anyone, let KL know
- **Officiating** – update from PW/KL
 - The group consists of Paul Walton, Kris Ogden, Iain Roberts, Kate Lewis and Bob McGilveray

- It is hoped that Bob will remain as part of the group as he made progress getting Assignr up and running and it is hoped that he can oversee nominations – he also has experience in developing officials and integrating them into the game
- Paul Walton will oversee the referees
- Kris Ogden and Iain Roberts will oversee the table officials
- It has been difficult to start anything as there is no basketball activity but the priority is to onboard the officials first and then go from there
- GK asked about courses as that was raised at the last meeting – now is the ideal time to get the interest so that we have a raft of officials for when the game restarts
 - KL shared that if a club/school organise the course and will undertake the practical element themselves, you will get 50% back towards running the practical as opposed to Basketball England running it
 - **Action: PW will get clarification on costs and discounts for online courses from Basketball England**
 - NI added about the cost of coaching courses too
 - **Action: KL to ask Basketball England about prices on running bulk coaching courses**
- It was mentioned that both MABL and the Sport for All Centres are ideal programmes for developing officials
- **Coaching** – update from SF/NI/KL
 - KL, NI and SF met to look at how they could take advantage of the current situation and develop coaches in the region – they identified 3 key groups of coaches and what the development opportunity would look like:
 - Group 1 – U18s/parents/new coaches
 - Zoom-like sessions focusing on how to coach and showing good practice of coaching
 - Group 2 – Coaches who are regularly active, potentially at Level 2 already, coaches who could attend CPD sessions
 - Zoom-like sessions focussing on basketball specifics and focusing on player development over winning
 - Group 3 – ‘Elite’ coaches in the region/Aspire coaches
 - Round table discussion, initially led by NI and SF, sharing coaching ideas, philosophies, in-depth tactical discussions – this would be recorded so that it can be shared with others
 - We need to get the interest from the region via a form so that we can get up and running with it as soon as possible – there isn’t really any CPD out there so the above will be the NW version of CPD
 - **Action: NI to provide DG with the questions**
 - **Action: DG to design the questionnaire**
 - GK asked what the outcome of the ‘Elite’ group is
 - SF shared that eventually we will get to a point where these coaches are delivering sessions to those in group 1 and group 2 e.g. the likes of Sergio, Neal, Troy
- **Club support** – update from KL
 - KL put an offer on Facebook to run a series of funding workshops – there has been no interest so far

- **Action:** KL to re-share this offer when an update is provided to those on the comms database
- **Talent** – update from NI (*further detail available in Appendix 2*)
 - Regional Talent Managers have gone voluntary up to April and then the posts will be advertised
 - Elite wise, there is nothing going on nationally
 - Aspire
 - There are discussions to revamp the Aspire programme
 - Refunds are being processed from the 2019/20 sessions
 - Details for the 2021/22 sessions are unknown at the moment
 - There are discussions on shifting the focus onto U13 instead so that they are brought into the programme earlier
- **Participation** – update from KL
 - KL met with Charlie Ford at Basketball England and one of the pillars is around focussing on the region itself
 - KL will hopefully have further information on this at the Regional Management Council on Thursday with the other Regional Chairs
 - Basketball England recognise that the Local Leagues and Area Associations are the ones where the support needs to be given in order to create a good strong base and then build everything above
 - Mini basketball will now be coming under the Basketball England banner unlike previously
- **Rebate and Development Grant** – update from KL
 - We will be guided by Basketball England on what the focus is e.g. Mini basketball may be the focus so we can put in a bid to run an U11 league
 - NI shared that it is in the club's best interest to run U11 activity
 - KL reminded everyone of the change in 40% rebate to the Regional Development Grant
 - The rebate this year is likely to be around £350 but it is usually around £3.5k
 - KL has had discussions with JC about the region using the MABL finals as an officiating development weekend
 - GK shared that previously MABL used the rebate to contribute towards the cost of the Finals weekend
 - NI added that the Finals weekend can be used to run coaching/officiating conferences and make it more prestigious
 - JC asked how are we ensuring that the Sport for All participants register with Basketball England?
 - KL shared that there was a meeting with KL, DG, Sam Lewis and Dave Bonwick
 - DG confirmed that the 4 centres are affiliated to Basketball England and the process to onboard clubs and members was to be put in place but that was then put on hold due to Covid
 - KL shared that there are discussions to have an U11 membership and reduce the cost of it too
 - SF asked how it works if they are already registered as part of the National League club but also play at a Local League/CVL level

- DG confirmed that it currently goes off the highest level they affiliate at e.g. if the highest level is National League, then the region wouldn't get the rebate for that member
- KL shared that it is unlikely that the grant process will be in place this season but we need to consider the process from September
 - **Action:** KL to add to the agenda for the next meeting what our 3 key priorities will be

Any other business

- It was agreed to meet every 6 weeks
 - **Action:** DG to arrange the next committee meeting

Appendix 1

Basketball England North West Chair's Update

February 21

Hello all

I am wary of doing too much talking in our meetings. 😊 I would like it to focus on discussion and decision making and trying to share as much information as possible before hand. So, with this in mind I thought I'd send this as a kind of update. Let us see if it works!

GOVERNANCE

Committee Membership

- John Cihlar kindly agreed to take on role of Regional Registrar.
- Bob McGilveray will represent Lancashire Area Association.
- After meeting with Nick Ibberson last week, Nick and I would like to recommend the co-option of Sam Fitzpatrick to lead on Coaching Development in the North West.
 - All of the above will be enacted during the meeting.
- The proposed NW Committee structure now looks like this.

CORE COMMITTEE							KEY	
Chair	Secretary	Treasurer	Registrar	Welfare Officer	Talent Manager	Relationship Manager	Basketball England APPOINTED 2-year term	Elected 2-year term
Kate Lewis Voting Member	Divya Gorsia Voting Member	Andrea Garland Voting Member	John Chilar Voting Member	Pam Hollister Voting Member	Nick Ibberson Voting Member	Sam Lewis None Voting		
COOPTED ROLES inc CHAIRS OF WORKING GROUPS								
Communication and Feedback	Officiating	Coaching	Participation	Club Support	All Girls	Sport for All Centres	Lancs Area Association	MABL
To be appointed Voting Member	Paul Walton Voting Member	Sam Fitzpatrick Voting Member	To be appointed Voting Member	To be appointed Voting Member	To be appointed Voting Member	Dave Bonwick Voting Member	Bob McGilveray Voting Member	Gareth Keith Voting Member

- Still exploring who would be suitable for the following.
 - Club support
 - All Girls
 - Participation

COMMUNICATIONS

- Darren is unable to undertake the role due to a change in circumstances. Does anyone have anyone in mind?

FINANCE

Bank Account

- Diyva, Andrea and myself 'Zoomed' to set up the NW account. There is an issue with me accessing the Nat West online banking, so I need to go into a branch to sort out.

Rebate

- The NW will be receiving some funding from BE as part of the 'Rebate'. Sam Lewis is working to get us an estimate of what that might be. Obviously, this year will be much less than usual due to not as many Local League players licencing.

Development Grant

- Please see the attached paper for discussion.

OFFICIATING

Refereeing

- Update will take place during the meeting.

Table Officiating

- Update will take place during the meeting.

COACHING

- Meeting took place before Christmas between Nick and Sam Fitzpatrick. Sam has agreed to work with Nick to lead the Coaching work in the NW. Sam will update during the meeting.

CLUB SUPPORT

- Online workshop programme proposals
 - Funding
 - Other suggestions?

NW TALENT PROGRAMME

- Nick has produced report that is attached.

PARTICIPATION

- Paper from Sam Lewis of BE is attached to this email (*Appendix 3*). I would like to discuss this in the meeting.

SAFEGUARDING

- Pam and I are due to meet to progress NW activities.

Appendix 2

Talent Summit

Return to Play

Obviously this is a fluid situation. Only Elite programmes can run in Tier 4 BBL/WBBL, Div 1 NBL, Academies and Academy Leagues. In Tier 3 the above plus Junior NBL which is due to resume on Jan 24th.

Player Development Framework-The Physically Robust Pillar

Research by BE and others has shown the need to provide players below 11 years old (commencement of adolescence/puberty) with a wide range of movement skills e.g. running, catching, jumping, hopping and others which will enhance learning of basic basketball skills at a later date. There is a need for coaches to develop their understanding of the relationship between these skills, basketball skill development and Strength and Conditioning.

Aspire

The Aspire Programme for 2019-20 had completed 5 sessions by 14 March 2020 when lockdown occurred. It is our intention to complete at least two and possibly 3 by mid-April 2021. At that point in time the Aspire Programme for 2020-2021 will commence. The Aspire Programme in the NW had approximately 95 participants.

The Inter-Regional programme for summer 2020 will not be re-arranged. This programme has now been re-organised. NW, NE and Yorkshire and Humberside now play each other in a mini-tournament (normally June) during which a North team will be selected for an inter-Area tournament to be held, in a normal year, in July.

England Talent Programme.

This was suspended in 2020. The coaches for this have now been re-engaged for 2021 and it is hoped that a cycle can be completed in 2021. The idea is to introduce English players to European at an early age than is currently the case to try to bridge the gap between the game in England and the game in the rest of Europe.

England Development Programme (The Academy Programme)

It is intended to ensure a country-wide consistency of delivery within the programme including a review of competitions (EABL/WEABL) and to improve the options on leaving the programme.

GB Programme

BE lead on GB age group programmes deploying staff, and financial management but Coaches are appointed by the BBF. Programmes are funded from within the budgets of home countries mainly from their Sports Council budgets (not UK Sport). GB Youth Competitions 2021 have been confirmed and venues for most are known. Staff appointments (1 year contract) have been rolled over for 2021 with a review at the end of campaign. Obviously the focus at the moment is to establish an early timetable/plan for the summer of 2021.

Coaching

The Female Leadership & Performance Programme has begun with two of the 12 coaches with NW connections on initial cohort, feedback thus far is that it is a very good experience. A 2nd cohort to commence September 2021. Most coach education is now online including level 1, 2 and 3 courses.

Appendix 3

Hello,

In addition to the Development Grant, we will shortly be conducting a review into grassroots basketball and in particular, support for Area Associations and Local Leagues.

It is recognised that there is a large player base at a local level, and that there is a greater need to work on a local level to understand what support and help is needed to make the competition grassroots level of the game as strong as it can possibly be and the support for volunteers who help deliver this.

Over the next 2-3 months, in conjunction with Area Association committee members, Regional representatives and other key stakeholders, we will be looking at how we can increase the level of support at a local level. Areas to be considered include governance, competition administration and management, digital capabilities, communication, and recognition of volunteers at the grassroots level. Through this project, we want to create a strategy to help support and develop grassroots basketball across England.

If you would like to be involved in this project as potentially part of the working group, please complete the survey below:

<https://basketballengland.wufoo.com/forms/rci20ex18yakw/>

If you have any questions, please email contact your Regional Management Committee Chair person or alternatively email support@basketballengland.co.uk.

Kind regards,

Sam Lewis (Basketball England)