



## EAST REGIONAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

### Committee Meeting

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

**Meeting Start 7:30pm**

Online meeting via GoToMeeting

### Minutes

#### Attendees:

|                |             |   |
|----------------|-------------|---|
| Dave Parry     | <b>(DP)</b> | East RMC Chair                          |
| Pete Charlwood | <b>(PC)</b> | Cambs / East RMC Vice-Chair             |
| Terry Reaves   | <b>(TR)</b> | Cambs / East RMC Treasurer              |
| James Long     | <b>(JL)</b> | Norfolk / East RMC Secretary            |
| Claire Harper  | <b>(CH)</b> | East RMC Women & Girls Officer          |
| Paul Newman    | <b>(PN)</b> | East RMC Leagues & Competitions Officer |
| Sean Worrall   | <b>(SW)</b> | East RMC Officials Support Officer      |
| Matt Harber    | <b>(MH)</b> | East Regional Talent Manager            |
| Enrique Alonso | <b>(EA)</b> | Bedfordshire                            |
| Graham Hiscock | <b>(GH)</b> | Hertfordshire                           |
| Mark Westgate  | <b>(MW)</b> | Norfolk                                 |

#### 1. Apologies:

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|--------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| Cat Sadler   | <b>(CS)</b> | East RMC Coaching Officer |
| Gavin Nayler | <b>(GN)</b> | East RMC Schools Officer  |
| Andy Smith   | <b>(AS)</b> | Essex                     |

#### 2. Previous Minutes

- The minutes of the last meeting, held on January 27<sup>th</sup> 2021, were agreed as an accurate record.

### 3. Updates from RMC Officers / Committee Matters

- **DP** advised that Charlie Ford (Basketball England Interim Chief Operating Officer & Programme and Pathway Integration Manager) will be leaving BE to take up a role with England Boxing. No immediate replacement has been announced.
- BE have updated RTP guidance with dates for the resumption of non-elite basketball. The key dates (subject to lockdown easing) are;
  - Mar 29<sup>th</sup> Outdoor organised Basketball (with RTP Level 2 Restrictions)
  - Apr 12<sup>th</sup> U18 Indoor Basketball (with RTP Level 2 restrictions)
  - May 27<sup>th</sup> U18 & Senior Indoor Basketball (with RTP Level 1 restrictions)
  - Jun 21<sup>st</sup> All Restrictions Removed

For the latest information refer to the BE [Return To Play Guidance](#)

- BE have been awarded an additional £150,000 from Sport England as part of the Tackling Inequalities Funding. The deadline to apply is 16<sup>th</sup> April at 5pm. For more information visit the [Funding](#) page on the BE website.
- BE are seeking applicants for regional representation to Advisory Groups for Coaching, Leagues & Competitions, and Officiating. The main purpose of the role and groups are to act in an advisory capacity to Basketball England staff in relation to the 2018-24 Strategic Plan. EOIs will be assessed week commencing April 5<sup>th</sup> – **DP** will distribute the application link to county associations.
- BE will be setting up a centralised RMC East email mailbox for committee members to use in order to send / receive emails for regional business.
- **TR** confirmed the balance in the East bank account remains unchanged at £3,200.50.
- **JL** noted that BE were still seeking applicants for the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee.
- **SW** recently attended a BE referee meeting on behalf of East, noting the new focus on developing referees from the bottom of the basketball pyramid (L1 / L2) rather than concentrating on the top tier of the game. **SW** noted candidates completing online exams will continue to have access to revision materials once their online course is completed.
- **SW** advised that Essex had decided against using Assignr (online referee scheduling solution) for the 2021/22 season due to unused fees from the current cancelled season being retained by the vendor.
- **CH** advised BE had been unable to provide detailed information regarding engagement for women and girls basketball in the region, and a further discussion would be required on this matter.
- **DP** noted that Essex Rebels had announced the Women's Elite Sport Partnership, a collaboration between five clubs in London and Essex with the goal of supporting sportswomen in reaching their full potential, whilst supporting each other in three key areas; engagement, performance and commercial activity.

- **MH** advised of a recent Talent Pathway webinar aimed at providing information, guidance and support to parents of players who are either aspiring to be, or are already, part of the Basketball England Talent pathway programmes. Any coaches wishing to see this should contact Matt directly.
- **MH** advised of a new section on the BE website regarding players in the talent pathway (see the Talent section here: <https://www.basketballengland.co.uk/talent/>)

#### 4. East Region Action Plan – Discussion on Mini-Basketball Festival Proposal

- **DP** walked attendees through the revised proposal for mini basketball festivals across the region and invited comments from those attending.
- **MW** noted concerns surrounding licensing of junior players, availability of referees/officials, and suggested the proposed dates were too ambitious given the possibility of a COVID 'third wave' once lockdown restrictions are eased.
- **MH** suggested events need not be compulsory, noting some clubs and associations would be keen to engage with players whilst others may not restart until later in the year. MH felt the timelines in the proposal would be tight given the impending restart of indoor junior basketball in mid-April.
- **SW** noted the proposal could be a catalyst for clubs to resume activities.
- **CH** suggested in some areas clubs might want to work together to run an event.
- **MH** suggested events should ideally be 4v4 or 3v3 full-court mini-basket, with a possible last-resort option of 3x3 to provide clubs with flexibility surrounding their delivery albeit the latter format may prove complex for new players. **PC** echoed these points.
- **DP** noted events should aim to engage equal number of boys and girls.
- **MH** suggested events should be aimed to ages 7-11, and ideally venues would have lowered hoops.
- **MH** felt the proposal would be a good opportunity for clubs / associations to engage with schools by speaking at assemblies to promote the event.
- **GW** suggested an event pack be produced including suggested warm-up exercises and skills.
- **EA** could we consider running in September. A discussion took place and it was suggested to leave the timing of each event open to clubs.
- **SW** suggested the event as proposed may not be suitable to support officiating CPD due to the relative inexperience of the participants.
- **DP** agreed to further develop the discussion paper and recirculate the details.

#### 5. Update from County Associations

Herts (**GH**)

- No new from the Herts Premier League (HPL), albeit there is the possibility of some form of competition over the summer.
- Funding for the planned redevelopment of an outdoor court in Stevenage has been granted and work is ongoing.
- Russell Hoops are looking to setup a junior league for the 2021/22 season.

**Beds (EA)**

- The association have begun discussions surrounding summer leagues.

**Cambs (PC)**

- The association have begun discussions surrounding junior local league competition, focussing on grass roots junior players.

**Norfolk (MW)**

- No news

**Suffolk (N/A)**

- No news

**Essex (PN)**

- The new Essex Basketball Association website is live and a Discord server has been created to enhance communication between members of the basketball community.

**6. AOB:**

- No items were raised.

**7. Next Meeting:**

- The next meeting will be held at 7:30pm on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May via online meeting.

**Meeting Close**

**DP** thanked those present for attending the meeting.

The meeting closed at 21:10

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/2021