

South East Regional Management Committee AGM

Meeting Minutes

Sunday 29th June 2019

Present:	Cristina Stanciuca Adam Davies Warren Bobb	Nik Bedwell Kevin Hibbs Barney Blake	Nathalie Gager (notes) Lynn Marsh Steve Bucknall
Apologies	Len Busch Nicky Shaw Taner Adu	Paul Hogkinson Andy Worcester Jason Henley	Gianni Lotti Chris Withers Phil Milbourne

1. Welcome and Apologies

All members present were introduced.

Steve Bucknall, standing in on behalf of Taner Adu, from BE.

2. Minutes of AGM 2018

Accounts available for the South East Region (see attached).

It is clear that we need to start anew for 2019. Any money that the region has, has been funded by BE and must be accounted for. No profit is made and there is no deficit from the U11 tournament.

Any funds collected at the Aspire programme go straight back to BE, as they book and pay for courts.

3. Officer Reports

Nik Bedwell, Referee/Table/Stats Co-ordinator has been speaking with Who's the Ref (WFR), a software & app which is already extensively used in other international sports associations. Simon Unsworth is very interested in using this system for the development of officials and referees. This can be used by a wide customer-base: clubs, referees, BE etc. It just needs to be initially populated with referee, officials and club details and will pay for itself once it is up and running. The cost negotiated would be of £500 for the first year, which Sussex Association has agreed to fund. Thereafter, the national licence cost would be of £10K. Assigner is currently worth £5K p/a but is not as flexible and reliable.

Cristina noted that the region is still looking for a Communications and volunteers co-ordinator who would also be able to do media coverage.

The Chair for the Regional Association is appointed by BE, this year being Cristina Stanciuca. All other positions are on nomination and election only.

Gianni Lotti - Treasurer

Nik Bedwell - Referee/Table/Stats Co-ordinator

Paul Hogkinson - Safeguarding officer

Phil Milbourne - Merchandise Officer

Newly elected:

- Barney Blake was elected Secretary for the Region
- Nathalie Gager was elected Event & Sponsorship Co-ordinator and League & Competition Support.

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6th July 2019 – Regional Council Meeting

This meeting will focus on the direction for next year, in particular develop participation across the board, increasing the number of satellite clubs, especially for girls.

More information is to follow and will be publicized on Social Media and across all clubs.

We are going through a period of transition at BE at the moment, and communications are starting to come down through the regions.

The need/requirement for U11 and U17 tournaments were questioned and will need to be investigated.

The constitution published in 2018 will be pushed back to Taner Adu as it no longer fits the model we are currently working with.

Ask 10 regions are all very different, and are run differently. It is not “one size fits all” and this is something that will be discussed at the next Regional Council Meeting. We have to develop Basketball in all regions, using Aspire to align itself to the counties.

When the South East region broke down, Surrey decided to continue with its own U11, U13, U15 and U17 annual tournaments. But this is expensive and attendance has decreased. We could use the dates for a Regional Tournament in the future. Surrey Scorchers would be happy to get involved in the organization of such events. It was noted that young players have tremendous pride in representing their county, which should be encouraged at all levels of competition.

The principles and purpose of Aspire are not always well understood as a grassroots programme and a lot of young players do not get involved as a result. In September 2018, all children at regional level received an invitation to Aspire and all clubs got an invitation to nominate young players. The first session was a trial, with 22 x U13 girls and 25 x U15 girls present.

Next year, the inter-county tournament is to be run by the Regions. We need to determine the format of the games or tournament for each age group as they can be a costly affair.

The hiring of a Communications Officer is crucial for the good running and advertising of such events. We need to ensure that everything is communicated well and widely, such as the recent Funding for Assistance Programme. This person would need to have all the contacts and understanding of the programme and region.

Most county associations have a registrar and administrator, who would be perfect points of contact to trickly the information down to club level.

We need an affiliated league policy, but all members are not necessarily members. Cristina will feed back after the 6th July meeting.

4. County Representatives

Surrey and Sussex associations were represented.

Kent consists of 2 leagues (East and West).

During the last BE council meeting in February 2019, case study was presented on girls basketball, which was well received. *Her Game Her Rules* event was rolled out but only involving WBBL teams, and the region was not made aware of this. The new logo was also released.

It was discussed that members should receive a report following the meeting as it was felt that this was “behind closed doors”. Taner Adu is in charge of the South-East, South and London regions at BE and Nik met him with Cristina in London recently. He is working on answering a lot of questions from our region.

Taner should visit Surrey, Hampshire, Sussex and Kent associations regularly as a representative. Previous officer only visited once in 7 years. The Surrey Association asked for counties to have representatives at BE level. There is still a vigorous, long-winded procedure to be registered as representatives.

Action: Taner needs to be invited to Country AGM’s

Regional Team Reports U13/15

Action: Cristina to complete information in attendance and results for each tournament.

It was agreed that communications across the region could be improved.

Kevin Hibbs has already been involved at regional level previously, and does not want a position but kindly said that he would be very happy to be supportive and attend committee meetings, offering advice when required.

Although the presence of Steve Bucknall was very gratefully received, it was noted that Taner needs to attend Regional Committee meetings in the future.

With regards to the Junior NBA League, Cristina needs another 3 nominations of schools to reach the target of 30 school. Communications need to be more official, including the NBA

logo, to make it more attractive to teachers not heavily involved in the sport. This information should be going to schools that are not yet involved. Steve's understanding. Is that clubs should be reaching out to local schools. It is a way for clubs to bring out new players to a sport that they may not otherwise be familiar with. Parents can otherwise find it difficult to find local clubs.

Nik mentioned that he should have a database to send that information to the schools imminently, with the aim of reaching the County Council Officers and/or Chief Executives.

Action: Cristina to mention this to Taner, so a letter can be drafted with BE and NBA logos for impact. This can then be fed to National League teams.

BUCS:

BE are asking universities to support with courts etc for developmental leagues and 8 regions have had interest, but sadly not the South East yet. Adam Davies has asked Universities but it is a big commitment for them, and still an obstacle.

We need to create a hub for talent and looking for a partnership that could generate a minimum of 100 hours of court-time per year.

5. Closing remarks

After the meeting on 6th July, we will have more direction and will follow up with the present members.

U17 girls tournament may have to happen at the end of August, when we have interest from a team from Africa and Wales.