**BBF AGM 2015**

**Minutes**

**Agenda**

1 AGM Registration and Board Election Ballot 10.00-10.30

2 AGM opens 10.30

• Welcome from the President and Chair (Earl Dix)

• Roll-call of voting members present (Matt Crawshaw)

• Apologies (Earl Dix)

• Declaration of non-financial voting members (Dan Lally)

• Confirmation of associations (Matt Crawshaw)

• Appointment of tally keepers (Earl Dix)

• Matters arising and approval of November 2014 AGM Minutes (Earl Dix)

3 Financial matters 11.00

• 2015 Financial Statements and 2016 Budget Financial Motions

(Dan Lally)

4 Proposals and motions (Earl Dix) 11.30

5 BBF Ltd Update (Gerry Perez) 12.00

6 Election results (Matt Crawshaw) 12.45

LUNCH 13.00-13.45

7 Coaches development update (Rob Rance) 14:00

8 Umpire development update (Chris Deacon) 14.15

9 The GB Way (Liam Carroll and Glen Robertson) 14.45

COMFORT BREAK 15.15-15.30

10 Club development workshop 15.30

11 Congress closes 17.30

Closing comments (Earl Dix)

Outline plan for evening social (Grill Stock, Leicester 18.30)

**Meeting Opened 10:37am**

**Attendees**

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| **Name** | **Club/Organization** | **Name** | **Club/Organization** |
| Ross Arieta | Southampton Mustangs | James Moran | Birmingham Bandits |
| Anita Atkinson | Cartmel | Rich Brown | Exeter Spitfires |
| Rich Green | Sheffield Bladerunners | Paul Rance | Northants |
| Joel Nicolaz | Sheffield Bladerunners | Nick Russell | Northants |
| Rob Perry | Sheffield Bladerunners | Martin Maloney | Northants |
| David Shaer | Essex Arrows | Steven Crane | Exeter Spitfires |
| Steve Simmons | Essex Arrows | Sari Karppinen | Exeter Spitfires |
| Ducnan Hoyle | Birmingham Bandits | Nic Arrive | London Mets |
| Cam McHarvy | ?? | Jeremy Neads | Bracknell |
| Joe Gore | Milton Keynes | Daniel Lally | BBF Board |
| John Eaton | BBF Board | Johny C | Manchester |
| Ian Marchment | Manchester | John Baxendale | Bolton |
| Michael Rawsthorne | Bolton | Glen Bott | Northants |
| Peter Bohn | London Sports | Matt Crawshaw | Leicester / BBF Board |
| Mitchell Berghmans | London Mets | Mark Caress | Herts |
| Aspi Dimitrov | Herts | Glen Roberston | Brentwood |
| Lam Carroll | GB Baseball | Zack Graefser | GB Baseball |
| V Murray | Richmond | Luis Arrevillagas | BSUK |
| Erik Hanson | London Mets | David Mote | Tonbridge |
| Jo Ratcliffe | GB Baseball | David Ratcliffe | Kent Mariners |
| David D | Richmond | Kevin Macadam | Life Member |
| Lisa Janson | Hull Scorpions | Michael Francis | MK Baseball |
| David Criss | Harrogate Tigers | Will Lintern | BSUK |
| David Martinboez | Liverpool Trojans | Ian Blease | Liverpool Trojans |
| Gerry Perez | BBF Board | Stuart Walton | Stourbridge Titans |
| Vincent O’Brien | Brighton | Chris Deacon | Daws Hill / LYBL / BBF |
| Rob Rance | BBF Board |  |  |

**Apologies**

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| Redbacks |  |
| Ben Davis | BBF Board Members |
| Halton |  |
| Old Timers |  |

Earl Dix Opened meeting with a special Acknowledgement to Cal Dimitrov. Earl went on to thank the members of the board and BSUK for their work and efforts in the 2015 season.

Open thanks and welcome for team GB and thank you to GB Officials Marty Cullen and Rob Rance for their time on the Board. Special mention to Chris Deacon for his efforts and time since joining the BBF Board. Earl continued to address the floor with high level updates on 2015, structural review and anti-doping. Final special thanks to Matt Crawshaw for setting up the AGM.

1. Approval of 2014 meeting
   1. Minutes Approved
2. Roll-Call
   1. 106 Total votes in the room
3. Birmingham Non-Financial Voting Member
4. Appointment Of Tally Keepers (Ross Arieta / Paul Rance)
5. **Emergency Motion Dan Lally Position of Treasurer**
   1. **For 106 Against 0 Abstentions 0**
6. Secretary
   1. **Erik Henson 73**
   2. Lisa Janson 32
   3. NOA 0
7. Coaches Commissioner
   1. **Gavin Marshall 78**
   2. NOA 27
8. National Teams Program Official
   1. **Liam Carroll 88**
   2. NOA 14
9. Northern Adult Commissioner
   1. **Kevin Macadam 8**
   2. NOA 0
10. Northern Youth Commissioner
    1. **John Eaton 7**
    2. NOA 0
11. Financial Matters
    1. Dan Lally Overview of 2015 Budget Vs Actuals
    2. **F1 Appointment of Auditors**
       1. **For 106 Against 0 Abstentions 0**
    3. 2015/16 Budget
       1. **Adult Fees**
          1. Ross @ Southampton – Impact if the budget is voted down / Officially we would have to revert back to the previous budget and structure
          2. Matt @ Leicester – Explained the vote should be in 2 parts, budget vs fees
             1. Ian @ Manchester – challenged that response in that the budget is set by the fees structure proposed is where the budget is set from
          3. Ian @ Hull – Suggested on voting on fee’s 1st then to vote on the budget
          4. David @ Essex Arrows – suggested reviewing a single playing fee
          5. Erik @ London Mets – Spoke of the drastic increase for the clubs with more than 2 teams. Dan suggested he didn’t think the increase was as high as Erik mentioned of over 200%
          6. Ian @ Liverpool – Also agreed he didn’t think the increase was as high as people were suggesting
          7. Kevin @ Hull – Suggested a gradual rise rather than a spike
       2. **Youth Fees**
          1. David @ Essex – Why if you only pay £15 you’re not entitled to a vote, Dan explained how the current constitution was ambiguous in its definition of how votes were allocated
          2. Peter @ London Sports – Is this raising less or more revenue, Dan said it was a very similar income to 2015 and how the youth YNBC’s is supported by the Adult section and the plan is to get the youth to cover their own costs
          3. Matt @ BBF – went into further details around the breakdown of the levels of fee’s being proposed
          4. Peter @ London Sports – was interested in seeing more detail on what the change actually meant, also asked why you would CAP the amount of voting rights for the youth. Dan @ BBF explained the new look of voting is more like it was a few years ago and wanted to clean up the constitution
          5. Kevin @ Hull – Explained that there is 106 votes and 3 clubs carry over 50% of the current votes and could collaborate to drive an Agenda. And asked that LYBL and London Sports Abstain from the vote
          6. Gerry @ London Sports – asked the floor why a program that was driving participant baseball should they not get there votes. Suggested that if the votes are removed then London Sports might have to consider their removal from BBF Affiliation.
          7. Kevin @ Hull – Explained the current process is just not democratic
          8. Ian @ Manchester – This is the BBF AGM, are the LYBL and London Sports part of the BBF why do we recognize all of their participants
          9. Chris @ LYBL – explained some of the history behind this and how a few years ago a motion was raised to change the voting system and how it was voted down by the larger clubs to prove the current process is undemocratic. Also explained how BBF Limited and Structural Review is likely to change everything that is agreed today. Also pointed out whatever is agreed today would not come into play until next year’s AGM.
          10. Earl addressed the floor to refocus the floor on what they were voting on
          11. Will @ Tonbridge – Explained there is no difference between Little League and the BBF they are all one organization they are just tournaments within the BBF
          12. Aspi @ Herts – Asked can we vote for the fee’s but pull out the voting part of the motion.
          13. Matt @ BBF – proposed to take the motions as is and vote as per the constitution and if they are voted down, we then propose a new motion that and the motion was seconded by Gerry @ London Sports
          14. F2 and F3 combined for a single vote, if its voted down we then propose that we re-vote based on the financials within F2 and F3 but remove the voting change
          15. **F2/F3 Combined Vote For 41 Against 60 Abstentions 5**
              1. **Voted down, Floor to vote on Fee’s and Budget as presented without change to voting system**
              2. **For 75 Against 30 Abstentions 1**
          16. 2016 Insurances
              1. Dan explained again this is a pass through cost and clubs were more than welcome to go out and gain their own cover
              2. **F4 For 98 Against 3 Abstentions 5**
          17. 2016 Fees
              1. Dan explained to the floor the new Bank Account and to please use them
12. **Motions**
    1. M1 Player movement Single A – Dave Mote Tonbridge
       1. Ross @ Southampton – who goes where around Post Season, explained it was aimed for regular season only
       2. Chris @ Daws Hill – Why would one roster be larger than the other
       3. **For 63 Against 0 Abstentions 43**
    2. M2 Player Movement (all Divisions)
       1. **For 64 Against 2 Abstentions 40**
    3. Player Movements (Students)
       1. Chris @ Dawes Hill suggested the player can only play in post season for their original team.
       2. Matt @ Leicester just explained the motion in more detail
       3. Ian @ Liverpool suggested some alteration in the wording to remove NUS and utilize the .ac email address and their student ID number
       4. Rob Rance suggested a re-wording of the motion and needed to be tighter. Kevin M
       5. **Motion Withdrawn, to be reviewed by the BBF Board on how to implement**
13. **AGM Closes 12:40pm**