

**WEST YORKSHIRE SPORT
BASKETBALL ACTION GROUP
Minutes of Meeting Held on 31st May 2006
At The Galpharm Stadium, Huddersfield**

PRESENT

Steve Archer (SA)	West Yorkshire Sport
Lucy Birkenshaw (LB)	West Yorkshire Sport
Stuart Culliford (SC)	Bradford Dragons
Donna McCourt (DM)	England Basketball
Sue Meir (SM)	Leeds CC

1. APOLOGIES

Isaac Ocheing (Bradford Maroons), Jim Beattie (Kirklees MC Sports Development), Ruth Pawson (Kirklees Active Leisure), Martin Earnshaw (Bradford MC)

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING - MATTERS ARISING

LB announced that due to her new job role within the West Yorkshire Sport CSP restructure, she is no longer the lead contact for the West Yorkshire BB Development Group. LB introduced Steve Archer to the group, Steve is now the lead contact for the group. Steve's contact details are:

Tel: 01484 234087 / 07813018048
Email: stephen.archer@wysport.co.uk

LB announced to the group that the £6K Federation of Yorkshire Sport grant has now been confirmed & written into this year's plan.

3. YEAR 4 PLAN

LB explained that with monies overspent in 2005/2006 & monies from this year already spent on the West Yorkshire BB games, the original costings for this year's plan of £7,807.55 had now been revised, and the actual amount of finance for this year's plan now stood at £3,305.20. The group discussed ways in which to address this issue & the following options were offered:

- The group could develop a project from which a bid for monies could be put to EB
- DM stated that the group could apply to EB for funding towards running the league
- DM stated that the group could apply to EB for funding to support adult participation in terms of registering new players
- Possible to apply to RMC for funding towards the planned Level 1 coaching course. LB also explained that funding for this course could be available from a project the Learning Skills

Council propose to run, however this project is aimed at people aged 19+. **SA to look into this.**

- DM stated that the RMC are giving £250 per team for the West Yorkshire Squad training, not £250 in full, as stated in the plan.
- There is the possibility of downsizing the West Yorkshire BB Games to one day, thus halving costs.
- With regards to the £2,000 allocated money for officer support from WYS, DM felt it may be possible to apply to EB for up to £1,000 in return for supporting clubs and running the league.
- SC felt that if cuts had to be made, the most feasible cuts would be in the T-shirts for the games & the £500 for adult participation (a project bid could potentially fund this).

In general these points need discussing by the whole of the group, as the plan belongs to the group, and decisions made will shape the next year in terms of activity & development.

4. WEST YORKSHIRE BASKETBALL GAMES FEEDBACK

Thanks were given to Stuart Culliford for the coordination & organisation of the games. LB stated that a good amount of positive feedback has been received from participants.

In total there were 4 boys teams & 3 girls teams entered the games.

For the first time since the games began Wakefield were represented with both boys & girls teams

There were difficulties with age groupings with the girls, the group needs to decide on correct age for girls for next year

DM suggested that perhaps the girls competition leading up to the games could be run through the schools, this needs discussing by the group & feasibility of this needs addressing with the school PDMs/SSCOs

SM provided the following feedback on behalf of Leeds' participants & coaches:

- The facility was felt to be below par for such an event, with issues over whether all staff were CRB checked & one or two health & safety issues
- Participants felt it would be better if the workshop groups were smaller
- Coaches would have liked a better briefing prior to the day on the expectations placed upon them. Coaches also felt that within the Saturday workshops more 'realistic game time' situations would be more beneficial to players & assist selectors in talent identification

- In future it would be better to have 2 squad selectors identified, in the case of one being unavailable through illness or injury
- A better introduction, giving a feeling of 'worth' & achievement to all participants, highlighting their efforts in reaching this stage

5. WEST YORKSHIRE BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Once again thanks were given to SC for organising & coordinating the games.

Group A worked very well, however there were issues with Group B due to an unfortunate misunderstanding over the format, Group B only met once.

The finals day took place in May, congratulations to the eventual winners, Bradford Dragons

SC reiterated that it is difficult to plan the League games around other League's games, DM stated that the last weekend of every month is set free for APC training & WY League games could be planned around this.

The group need to decide upon the age group for next year, i.e. will it be U16s again

Feedback from all involved is required

DM suggested forming a committee to run next years league, to take the onus from one person being responsible for the organisation & running

6. COACH EDUCATION

SC is looking to organise a Table Officials Level 2 course on Thursday 27th July at Nab Wood SC. This would be a daytime course, could all involved please promote this

ALL

The Level 1 coaching course scheduled for Saturday 1st/8th & 15th July has so far only 5 people booked on it, could all please promote.

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7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

SC informed the group that Bradford MDC are going to run Basketball Barmy and are contributing 25K. The format has changed and is running from Wednesday 12th July until Sunday the 16th July. Basketball Barmy will take place at Keighley Leisure Centre, Manningham Sports Centre and Richard Dunn Sports Centre.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday will focus on schools sessions. A skills session will take place 5 – 7 at Manningham Sports Centre. A youth festival is taking place in Bradford over that weekend with sessions taking place at Manningham.

On the back of this, both the Maroons & Dragons are planning to run OBI sessions, and the local authority are also planning delivery of sessions. Information will be given out at Basketball Barmy

Eurocamp is taking place at Nab Wood Sports Centre during 24 – 28th July 2006 with Laszlo Nemeth as Head Coach, and many more high profile coaches involved. There are 80 places on the camp at £90 per individual, already 80 are booked on. There are plans to extend numbers to 100 if demand is there.

Contact SC for more information

DM reported that Yorkshire has seen a significant increase in local league memberships, up from 252 to 832 in the last year

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 19th July, 7.00pm at the Galpharm Stadium, Huddersfield