



# WOKING BLACKHAWKS BASKETBALL CLUB

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**Minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual general Meeting of the Woking Blackhawks Basketball Club**  
held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at 8.00pm in the meeting room behind Winston Churchill Sports Centre.

Attendees:- Martin and Jenny Marshall, Iain Taylor, Michelle Taylor, Tim Hearn, Chris Pedley, David Betts, Mark Bennet, Victoria Kingstone, Costas Rakitzis

Apologizes: - Keith Farmer, Phil Parry, Helen Price, David Kingstone, Damian Knode, Phil Parry

1. Iain opened the meeting and welcomed everybody, introductions
2. The minutes of the 2012 AGM were accepted by the meeting as a true record .
3. Chairman Report – See attached report from Iain. In addition David Kingstone was congratulated on his election to the Board of the British Wheelchair Basketball Association
4. Secretaries Report – See attached attached notes from Martin
5. Treasurers Report – Tim reported that this year is the first time that the wheelchairs finances have been included. aTotal income was £62,054.3, total expenditure of £48,172.45 producing an surplus of £13,881.85 . The surplus was due to the grants from Woking Council and the Small grants award, without which there would be a operating loss of £2,550.15

Copies of the financial summaries are attached

6. The following nominations for officers were proposed and accepted by the meeting -  
Chairman – Iain Taylor  
Secretary – Martin Marshall  
Treasurer – Tim Hearn  
Senior Head Coach – Damian Knode  
Ladies and Junior Girls Head Coach – Vacant  
Junior Boys Head Coach – Costas Rakitzis  
Wheelchair Officer – David Kingstone

In addition Keith Farmer was nominated as safeguarding Officer

7. Committee membership was confirmed as being open to all coaches and Team Managers.

Michelle Taylor accepted the position of Press Officer

8. An auditor will continue to be sought.
9. It was agreed that registration fees will be reviewed at the first committee meeting.
10. A.O.B
  - Tish and Vicky were congratulated on their appointment to Table officiate at the Olympics and Para Olympics. Also Vicky now being a qualified Table Official trainer
  - Costas proposed that the Club should develop a vision/strategy for the future.
  - Costas also enquired about the possibility of further grants from the Council. It was explained that the grant was a one-off, further grants could be applied for however there was an extended time scale of nearly a year.
11. The meeting closed at 9:15 with Iain thanking everybody for attending and inviting people to stay for a 'drink and nibble'



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## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – SEASON 2012/2013

This season has seen a number of highs and lows and can only be described as challenging. From a positive standpoint, the big plus has to be the agreement that we have struck with Woking College where Blackhawks becomes the principle tenant of the fabulous sports facility that has been built. Considering that the initial interest was as a result of a casual conversation with the Deputy Principle of the college at last season's Surrey playoffs, the amount of work that has subsequently gone into securing the arrangement, through endless meetings, the securing of funding from both Woking Borough Council and English Basketball, has been immense. The full arrangement commences at the beginning of September and the Executive of the Club is hopeful that benefits will accrue through us now having a home base, and also through our relationship with the College teams as well. My thanks particularly go to Martin Marshall for the preparation of the various bid documents and the time that he has given to the cause.

From a playing perspective, obviously the season was going to be a challenge with the Flyers stepping up in class with their entry into the National League. If only the availability of their strongest squad could have been guaranteed throughout the season, not only for matches but for training as well, I am sure that the results would have been better. Their home form was good, but away from home was very inconsistent. Going forward there will be a need to strengthen the squad if they are to challenge seriously for honours. As far as the Wessex League Teams were concerned, the Chasers season never got going and with a lack of administrative backup, squads were often only advised of fixtures on the day before the match. Their cause was not helped with the resignation of the Head Junior Coach, which in turn led to two key players becoming unavailable. Again players did not have the commitment to train as a team and results suffered as a result. The Hunters, in Division 2, after a bad start to the season came good and forced their way into the playoffs before succumbing to Aztecs.

The Ladies proved to be the saving grace of the season with the First Team securing third in the League, whilst the Towers won Division 2. Meanwhile the Wheelchair Basketball section went from strength to strength with great results throughout their four squads, whilst they also had two players selected for the GB squads.

In the Juniors, whilst silverware was sadly lacking, the teams played with a great deal of enthusiasm despite the National League teams coming up against teams far stronger than themselves. It was sad that we had to withdraw two of our teams from the National League due to lack of numbers. The development squads are doing just that and it was a pleasure to table for the junior squads. Whilst the Administration of the Bracknell CVL remains a challenge, it is intended to continue in that competition for the coming season. If only the Bracknell CVL could follow the organisation of the Surrey counterpart CVL. Following the resignation of Steve Dean as Head Junior Coach, I am pleased to welcome back Costas in that role for the coming season. He has already put his mark on the Junior squads with the introduction of new fitness initiatives that will hopefully bring results next season as well as developing the life skills of individuals as part of their development.

I would also like to mention a couple of key fund raising efforts towards Motor Neurone Disease charities by the U16 Junior squads who raised over £800 pounds towards the Alice Tuckworth Hospice whilst Michelle raised a similar amount towards the MNDA by undertaking a skydive, cake sales and raffle.

Sadly, Phil Parry is stepping down as a member of the Executive so we will need to ensure that we appoint someone to replace him on the Committee to represent the views of the Ladies.

Before I finish, I would like to congratulate both Tish and Vicky on being selected to Table at last year's Olympics. Also to David Kingstone, who is unable to be with us tonight on his election to the Board of the British Wheelchair Basketball Association. A great advert to Blackhawks.



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Our challenge going forward is to pitch our Club at the right level. Your Executive is looking closely at our development plan to ensure that this will happen. We need to continue to look at ways of securing funding either through grants or sponsorship, the latter being extremely difficult in the current economic climate. We also need to put more emphasis on promoting the Club through the local press and local schools to ensure that we can maintain growth for the Club, without having to put more burden on costs to players. Another key goal is to complete the full integration of the Wheelchair section into the Blackhawks. Hopefully the Woking College arrangement will help with this goal. And finally, we need to increase our volunteer pool especially where there are gaps at Team Manager level. The need to increase the number of TO's and referees within the Club is also a priority to ease the burden on the TM's and those individuals who are Tabling once or twice, or even more, each week during the season.

Congratulations go to the U23 Team which won the annual Warrior's U23 tournament, although the Flers were unable to repeat their success from the previous season in the Senior tournament. At the Surrey Sports Award, whilst there were a couple of highly commended Club mentions, the Woking Girls Squad picked up the best Junior Team Award, whilst the Club as a whole was awarded the Trotman Trophy which recognises Clubs or individuals who have made an impact or significant contribution to the promotion of sport in the local over area over a number of years. It is a trophy that is deserved and is as a result of the commitment put in by a number of individuals over the years.

To conclude, I would like to thank the many volunteers that make the Club what it is today. The Coaches and Team Managers have done a fantastic job during the season. But I would like to pass on my personal thanks to our Secretary, Martin Marshall, and to Jenny for keeping the registrations up to date and her time in tabling so many games during the season. Keith Farmer continues to contribute significantly to the Club through maintaining the key safeguarding process within the Club. Our accounts remain healthy and this is down to the hard work of Tim Hearn our Treasurer. If I have missed off anyone, then I apologise now. Anyway, here's to season 2013/2014.

Iain Taylor, Chairman



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## Secretaries Report 2012 - 2013

### Membership

	2012-13	% inc	Season					Playing Members						
			2011-12	2010-11	2009-10	2008-9		2012-13	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10	2008-9		
<b>Female</b>	<b>57</b>	-	71	75	80	62	<b>Ladies</b>							
Non Players	9	13%	8	5	7	7	Senior	27	29	25	27	24		
Ladies	27	-7%	29	25	27	24	Junior	21		45	46	31		
Under 14	14	-	20	27	26	16		48	29	70	73	55		
Under 16	5	-	11	12	5	15	<b>Men</b>							
Under 18	2	-	3	6	15		Senior	42	46	51	54	43		
		55%					Junior	102	91	90	86	89		
								144	135	141	140	132		
<b>Male</b>	<b>144</b>	-3%	148	151	151	142	<b>Senior</b>							
Chasers	12	33%	9	9	14	15	Men	42	46	51	54	43		
Flyers	15	88%	8	14	14	13	Ladies	27	29	25	27	24		
Hunters	15	25%	12	14	15	15		69	75	76	81	67		
Strikers			17	14	11		<b>Junior</b>							
Non Players	16	45%	11	10	11	10	Boys	102	91	90	86	89		
Under 12	32	19%	27	37	27	25	Girls	21	34	45	46	31		
Under 14	24	-	33	20	18	23		123	125	135	132	120		
Under 16	15	-	17	18	24	27								
Under 18	15	7%	14	15	17	14								
Other Volunteers	23		11	10										
<b>Total EB Membership</b>	<b>224</b>		<b>230</b>	241	231	204								

- Overall Club membership reduced by 6 members
- The above numbers do not include 24 registered Wheelchair Players

Thanks to Jenny for keeping track of the membership database

**Club Mark Reaccreditation** – 4 Star Club Mark Accreditation was reconfirmed – thanks to Keith



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**Woking Borough Council Community Grant** – received grant of £15,000. £7,500 was used for the Senior mens entry into the England Basketball Div 4 the Remaining £7,500 was able to be used (with the agreement of Woking Borough Council) in the Partnership with Woking College

**Small Grants Awards** – an award of £8,932 was made from the small grants programme for use in various items in relation to the Woking College agreement.

**Woking College** – extensive negotiations were entered into with Woking Sixth Form College for use of their new court. These negotiations were successful and the court is now being used.

**Wessex Basketball Association** - Acted as Open Divisions Manager for the Wessex Basketball Association.

Blackhawks represent Wessex at the Warriors Tournament in the Senior Men and Under 23 tournament.

**Local Awards** The Club was awarded the Trotman Trophy by Sport Woking for services to Sport within the Borough. Chris Betts was awarded Surrey Youth Games Ambassadors award

**Web Site** Continues to be a vital communication tool within and externally to the Club, there was a problem with keeping all pages up to date which needs to be addressed. The Facebook page is continuing to be developed and is proving to be another valuable communication tool.

**Communication** – series a few club emails/newsletters have been circulated however a dedicated newsletter editor needs to be found/appointed to improve communication.

**Press Coverage** – Woking News and Mail continued to publish weekly reports on the Flyers games and other articles when supplied. A dedicated press officer needs to be found and appointed.

Woking College Partnership – extensive negotiations were entered into to secure the use of the new court at Woking College.

Martin Marshall – Club Secretary



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## Treasurer Report – Financial Summary FY2013

Income Summary	In	Out				
<b>Central Income (ie not from squads)</b>	<b>£25,151.83</b>					
<b>Income from Squads</b>	<b>£36,902.47</b>					
Flyers/Hunters M Marshall	£5,183.50					
G Sammonu10/ U12	£5,206.50					
H Price Towers	£3,850.00					
M Bennett U16	£6,623.97					
Dbetts N mandafounis U16Boys	£1,924.00					
P Parry Girls	£3,449.00					
M Taylor Ladies	£1,596.00					
C Pedley U14	£3,132.00					
D Bagwell U18	£3,759.50					
Hunters/Chasers Nick M Paul S	£2,178.00					
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£62,054.30</b>					
<b>Expenditure Summary</b>						
<b>Central Expenditure (ie not from squads)</b>		<b>£37,365.66</b>				
<b>Squad Expenditure</b>		<b>£10,806.79</b>				
Flyers/Hunters M Marshall		£3,169.76				
G Sammonu10/ U12		£1,442.00				
H Price Towers		£535.14				
M Bennett U16		£1,662.50				
Dbetts N mandafounis U16Boys		£932.00				
P Parry Girls		£453.00				
M Taylor Ladies		£529.30				
C Pedley U14		£835.00				
D Bagwell U18		£825.74				
Hunters/Chasers Nick M Paul S		£422.35				
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>£48,172.45</b>				
<b>Operating Surplus</b>	<b>£13,881.85</b>		<b>22.37%</b>			
<b>Income/Expenditure category summary</b>						
	<b>Inc. Central</b>	<b>Inc.Squad</b>	<b>Total Inc.</b>	<b>Exp. Central</b>	<b>Exp. Squad</b>	<b>Total Exp</b>
<b>Sub-totals</b>	<b>£25,151.83</b>	<b>£36,962.47</b>	<b>£62,114.30</b>	<b>£37,365.66</b>	<b>£10,806.79</b>	<b>£48,172.45</b>
Awards	£400.00	£0.00	£400.00	£891.74	£0.00	£891.74
Equipment/kit costs	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£10,170.77	£47.00	£10,217.77
Miscellaneous Income/Costs	£24,232.33	£1,122.97	£25,355.30	£212.51	£1,601.19	£1,813.70
Governing Bodies income/Costs (league entries, player regs, income from EB)	£465.50	£0.00	£465.50	£3,277.40	£0.00	£3,277.40
Shooting Shirt income/costs	£54.00	£376.00	£430.00	£246.42	£0.00	£246.42
Training/Education costs	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Venue costs	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£22,566.82	£4,089.30	£26,656.12
Referees costs	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£5,069.30	£5,069.30
Subs income	£0.00	£29,037.50	£29,037.50	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Membership income	£0.00	£6,426.00	£6,426.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00

Exceptional items:		
Receipts	In	Out
NL Grant WBC	£15,000.00	
ESC Lottery Fun	£8,932.00	
Expenses		
Woking College Capital		£7,500.00
<b>Exceptional net income</b>		<b>£16,432.00</b>
Without out this our operating surplus would be		
		£13,881.85
	less	£16,432.00
		<b>-£2,550.15</b>

Liquidity	Cash	
Main	£17,178.99	Bank
Mallards	£7,974.24	Bank
Squads	£1,424.07	Floats
<b>Total</b>	<b>£26,577.30</b>	