Warwickshire Basketball Association

Minutes of AGM held on 9th July 2026 at Jaguar Sports & Social Club, Fenton Road, Allesley Coventry CV5 9PS

Apologies

Garry Kearsley, Kerri Matthews, Jason Aldred, Birmingham Rebels, Sam Workman Wayne Jones

Present:



Committee Members:

Tony Bates, Alex Birch, Niki Cross, Lloyd Taylor, Brian Wood.

Clubs:

Clubs who wish to enter the Senior or Youth leagues and have not sent a representative are indicated in italics and may be fined .

Club/Group	Representatives
Arden Griffins	Jack Forrest
Bedworth Ghosts	Abdul Tchanile
Birmingham Rebels	Apologies
Bromsgrove Bears	Apologies
Coventry Tornadoes	Simon Blake Paul Adams
Daventry Vikings	Josh Hunt
JM Grizzlies	Paul Roberts
Nuneaton Predators	Adam Stevens
Redditch Regents C	Rob Forman
Rugby Arrows	Raj Kang Sam Singh
Solihull Griffins	Anishta Gill Sunny Gill

Club/Group	Representatives
Tamworth Tigers	Dave Underwood Stuart Harvey
Tile Hill Trojans	Mike Maddox Phil John Angie Dickson Andy Dickson Trevor Robinson
Warwickshire Hawks	Louise Whitely
Westwood Rhinos	Greg Halder
Yardley Defenders	David Malcolm Curtis Griffiths Ben Brownhill Ryan King Aaron Shelley
Guests	Geoff Garwood Matas Novelskas Sam Watley Harry Woods Erin Woodward

Minutes:

The minutes of the 2025 annual general meeting were approved

Annual Report:

The Annual Report and current/proposed Constitution were provided via the website page https://www.warwickshirebasketball.co.uk/notices-and-meeting-minutes/ to all clubs prior to the event. Copies were available at the meeting. The officers highlighted items in their reports. Tony Bates announce an Officials Conference will be held again this year on 12 September, venue to be confirmed as either Xcel or Jaguar Sports and Social Club

A question was asked about the diminishing bank account. It was explained that Annual Entry fees had been reduced following Covid to 50% of the previous season and held at that rate for 5 years. This year the fees have been raised for both Senior and Youth League teams to cover costs and the there was an intent to raise them again next season back to pre-Covid levels.

The Chair explained that Warwickshire Basketball Association were applying for Level 1 Accreditation with Basketball England. As part of this the Constitution had been revisited, particularly the boundary definition and some rationalisation with the rules. It was proposed by B Wood the revised Constitution should be accepted (2nd M Maddox) and was unanimously agreed

Election of Officers

Any other committee volunteers should contact Brian. Multiple applications for the Treasurer post have been received and will be considered by the Committee after further details have been received.

The Chairman was re-elected (proposed P John, 2nd T Robinson, and unanimously approved,

The rest of the elected members were confirmed en bloc Proposed M Maddox, 2nd Phil John.

The existing Appeals committee were confirmed for the following year proposed N Cross , 2nd Andy Dickson) All other roles were confirmed for another year (proposed by Phil John, 2nd Andy Dickson and unanimously approved.

Role		Nominees
Chairman	Elected	Brian Wood
Vice Chairman	Elected	Vacancy
General Secretary	Elected	Niki Cross (also covering League statistics)
Treasurer	Elected	Vacancy
Senior League Secretary	Elected	Brian Wood (also covering website updates)
Youth League Secretary	Elected	Alex Birch (assistant Lloyd Taylor)
Officiating Secretary	Elected	Tony Bates
Development (Early Years)	Appointed	Paul Adams
Development (Women)	Appointed	Vacancy
Safeguarding	Appointed	Kerri Matthews
Media	Appointed	Vacancy (Brian Wood/Niki Cross)
Committee Members	Appointed	Lloyd Taylor
Appeals Committee	Elected	Dave Underwood, Jack Forrest, Phil John

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 19.58.

Forum

The forum is where league issues and proposals not relevant to the formal AGM are discussed. Following the AGM, the committee will act on the outcomes of the discussion.

2 clubs wishing to enter the league next season Bedworth Ghosts and Rugby Rage introduced themselves. Bedworth intend to play at Nicholas Chamberlain School and wish to join as a new organisation. Rugby wish to rejoin but have yet to determine a venue. Warwickshire Hawks will enter a new team, playing on Sunday

E-scoring

The Play HQ provided system has been trialled by some Youth clubs this season and was used for the Handicap Cup Finals. Despite it becoming mandatory for National League, WBA intend for it to be optional for ALL games in the coming season (Senior and Youth League). Several members confirmed ease of use and benefits of seeing stats immediately after games. It was stressed that, whether a club intends to use e-scoring or not, they **MUST** fill in their teams on Play HQ/HOOPs before **EVERY** game. If players do not attend, they can be removed after the game. Clubs should prepare for this system to become mandatory in the future, as new Table Officials will only be trained in the E-scoring method, not paper.

Handicap Cup Review

Correspondence had been received suggesting that a review of the format was required. It was generally agreed that splitting into separate divisions was preferred but the handicaps were an issue, especially over 2 legs. The committee agreed to discuss this for next season.

Game Disqualifications

It is recognised that West Mids. and WBA treat game disqualifications (GD) differently. West Mids. issue a 1 match ban but WBA do not, only issuing bans based on accumulated U/T numbers, regardless of GDs. As the rules regarding the interpretation of these fouls is changing for 26/7, the committee agreed to review this before the start of the season. This does not affect bans for full disqualifications (D) which remain in place.

Checking Licences

All clubs were reminded that they should appoint Team Managers and that both TMs and Coaches should be able to provide Team Licences with Photos when requested by Crew Chiefs/referees. This will be aided by the provision of team lists (see above) before the game. Floor officials will be instructed to request licences before all games as the system manages bans.

Website Options

Members were asked whether they used the Website. The majority did. It was explained that BE Level 1 accreditation entitled WBA to a website page for the league. This was free for a year and then would require a fee of £245 per year. The advantage of this was that Play HQ leagues and results would be linked directly to the Website and the site would be modernised. The downside was that the cost would require additional fees to Clubs from 27/8 onwards. There was a general feeling that this would be a worthwhile move and costs per annum per club would be minimal. Members were also asked whether they found Bear Facts useful. It was agreed the overview of Games, Referee appointments (though subject to change post publication) and the news were useful. It was agreed that it should continue for another year in its current form with the possibility of changing to monthly in the future just for news. Match reports were greatly appreciated, and Mike Maddox was asked to continue. .

Awards

Due to work commitments the Individual Awards were issued first and before the forum:

Scoring Awards

Division One Top Scorer	Sam Watley
Division One 3 point Top Scorer	Paul Roberts
Division One Free Shooting	Sam Workman (accepted by Jack Forrest)





Division Two Top Scorer	Callum Martin (accepted by Simon Blake)
Division Two 3 point Top Scorer	Wayne Jones (accepted by Lloyd Talor)
Division Two Free Shooting	Matas Novelskas





Individual Awards

Table Officiating	Erin Woodward
Refereeing	Geoff Garwood
Individual	Greg Halder
Young Player	Harry Woods






Senior League

Division 1 champions – Coventry Tornadoes I

Division 2 champions – Tamworth Tigers 2





Division 1 Playoff Champions – Coventry Tornadoes 1



Bob Castledine Handicap Cup (Div 1) – Birmingham Rebels (not available)

Handicap Shield (Div 2) – Yardley Defenders



Youth League

U11 Trophy	**Coventry Tornadoes**
Ian A'Kempis Cup (for U13)	**Warwickshire Hawks**
John Mumford Cup (for U15)	**Coventry Tornadoes**
Under 17 Cup	**Coventry Tornadoes**






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