**Goalball UK Competition Committee Meeting – Minutes
10/11/2017**

1. **Introductions**

Introductions made by all members of CC:

Dina Murdie (Chair, Con Call), Becky Ashworth, Chris Davies, Kathryn Fielding (Con Call), Faye Dale (Con Call), Billy Whitcombe (Con Call), Warren Wilson (Con Call), Sarah Leiter (Con Call) & Laura Perry (Guest Speaker, Con Call). Apologies of absence from Amelia Robertson & Dawn Newbury.

1. **Goalball UK Point System 2017**
2. Perception and feedback

-All members express positive feedback given to them regarding new points system. There is fluidity throughout the levels

- During the first round of tournaments rule 4.1 was put in place stating that if a team fielded an illegal team (above the maximum point allow on court at a time) they would receive a warning from the Tournament director, their team will be modified to be made legal and no further action would be taken. It was proposed that because now that all teams have seen and understood the points system that failure to field a legal team should result in a ‘Delay of Game’ penalty and the team modified to make legal. This was put to the vote and was unanimous. CD will update the rules and distribute between teams.

 ii) Players Level Reassessment

-Committee discuss through all novice and intermediate players following the first round of tournaments in each perspective league and identified those players that need to move up a level and those players that need to be reviewed after another tournament. CD to communicate with clubs with players that have progressed to the next level.

1. **Tournament Structure so far**
* The Committee is asked to bring forward any feedback and comments regards the new Intermediate Tournament Structure. Overall it has been received very well. The introduction of two hall venues which makes the possibility of longer games easier and therefore bridging the gap between Intermediate and Elite. The point was raised that consistent venues for one region makes it easier and safer for participants with lower level sight to navigate.
* The issue is raised that two halls means that there need to be more volunteers and helpers to ensure the tournament runs smoothly. It is decided that members of the committee and GUK staff need to encourage spectators, family members and friends to help when possible. At the start of tournaments, it is suggested that there should be a talk to encourage and inform people what things they can do to help and how. CD to print out instruction cards to help people understand how to do different roles such as goal judging.
1. **GB Women’s goals not counting in Intermediate (raised by Fen Tigers and GB Women)**
-This point is raised by Laura Perry stating that because GB Women can play at both Intermediate and Elite levels they have the opportunity to get the top scorers in two leagues. At intermediate level the top female scorers are very often an established GB player which doesn’t give other female players an opportunity. LP’s suggestion is that the top goal scorers should be award in categories of numbers. For example, in Novice Region A there would Level 1 Male, Level 1 Female, Level 2 Male, Level 2 Female top scorer awards. The committee recognises that this would be good way to recognise and award players that would not always be awarded, and give player more things to works towards and motivate them. Although there are worries it was decided that it is a good idea with potential, therefore the GUK Development team will come up with some ideas to be suggested at the next Competition Committee meeting where LP will be invited again.
2. **Rules**
Covered in point 2i, CD to update rules and distribute amongst clubs.
3. **Composite Teams**
With edition of 2 hall tournaments, to have the ideal amount of teams for a good tournament CD will open an Composite team opportunity as long as it does not detriment the tournament or level of play.
4. **Players playing for different Clubs over various levels**It was agreed that this has work successfully this season and has not impacted tournaments.
5. **Junior Competition**
With the increased number of Junior players now participating in Goalball works will now be made to try and create a junior competition. FD will make contact with clubs with Junior players.
6. **AOB**

Player of the day at Novice Tournaments - this will be occurring at every novice tournament for the foreseeable future.

The date of the next CC Meeting will be the week commencing 29th January 2018