**Goalball UK Competition Committee – Minutes**

**Thursday 16th July 2020, Conference Call**

**6.30pm – 8.30pm**

In attendance Dani Dillion (DD), Dyfrig Lewis-Smith (DLS), Sarah Leiter (SL), Paul Holloway (PH), Tom Dobson (TD) and Alex Bunney (AB).

1. **Welcome & Apologies**

Apologies: Dina Murdie (DM) and Sammie Korosi (SK)

Meeting opened at 6.30pm. AB in Chair in absence of DM.

1. **National League Rules Review 2020/21 continued from 25.06.20**

Further rules were reviewed. Several rules will need further review when competitions are planned under COVID-19 measures.

Conduct and Disciplinary (sections 6-9 under the current rules) are now in the process of being reviewed by the committee.

Any new rules will be issued in advance of competition re-starting.

1. **Updates**

3.1 Return to Play

Goalball UK staff will continue to work from home until at least September.

The committee acknowledge the 25th July opening of sports halls is positive news for the potential return of club training.

There has been a positive response to the COVID-19 survey with many people showing interest to return but with significant measures and guidance.

Goalball UK staff and board are preparing return to play guidance to submit to DCMS and Public Health England for sign off. This guidance is essential being issued to any club led or Goalball UK led activity re-starting.

3.2 Player Level Guidance (TD)

TD confirmed draft has undergone significant work since the previous meeting. Due to be shared with the CC for further input in July 2020.

3.3 Club Affiliation (TD)

TD confirmed further work has taken place since the last meeting to reshape the affiliation packages and minimum standards framework for clubs. TD to share information with the CC for review in due course.

3.4 Transgender Policy (DLS)

DLS highlighted further progress had been made with the policy. The document is now being reviewed internally and externally with persons with knowledge of the sector. Full draft due to go to the Goalball UK board in August.

1. **Issues received to the CC**

None to date from last meeting

1. **Confirm next meeting/s (TD)**

Late August / early September. TD to suggest date to the committee members.

1. **AOB**

SL highlighted Cambridge Dons have begun using an app called [Spond](https://spond.com/) to manage bookings at the club. Now hoping to work with the company to make the app more accessible. SL to feedback regarding progress, it could be a viable option for clubs to manage pre bookings with the requirements of NHS Test & Trace.