**Goalball UK Competition Committee – Minutes**

**Thursday 25th June 2020, Conference Call**

**6.30pm – 8.30pm**

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

1. **Welcome & Apologies**

* DM welcomed the committee and opened the meeting at 6.30pm

1. **Player of the Season and Keith Lound Awards**

- TD confirmed over 40 nominations for 12 different players and 10 different volunteers

- Following shortlisting the committee voted for the winners of both the Player of the Season and Keith Lound Awards.

- Announcement of the winners will take place on a pre-recorded Goalball UK video and website article Saturday 4th July, the original planned date for the now cancelled end of season tournament.

1. **Updates**

3.1 Return to Play

- AB confirmed Goalball UK staff continue to work from home

- AB thanked committee members for their input into the initial return to play feedback

- Goalball UK are still working closely with the sector to produce guidance for clubs and players when leisure centres open. At the time of meeting 25.5.2020 to our frustration there is no clear timeline in place for this to happen.

- Competition update as we head into the summer;

* The current situation dictates it is still a challenge to plan long term for tournaments and fixtures.
* Return will be on a more localised structure with a series of re-engagement competition opportunities across all levels of play before working towards league formats.
* Goalball UK and the CC will keep people up to date over the summer as the situation and our plans develop.

3.2 Player Level Guidance

- TD presented the first working draft. The committee approved the document was moving in the right direction. The guidance will now undergo further development before being shared again with the committee and performance coaches. Target to publish to clubs by 31st August 2020.

3.3 Committee Communication

- AB presented a suggested communication plan that was approved by the committee. With final approval from Mark Winder CEO, this will now be hosted on the Goalball UK website.

- Committee members suggested the newsletter could offer more of a round up and verification approach of news on social media, not everyone is on these platforms. AB to feedback to Goalball UK marketing group.

3.4 Transgender Policy

- DLS provided an update that policy was progressing and will be shared with persons with knowledge of the sector to ensure tone and content is appropriate. Developed draft should be available for wider discussion by the end of July.

3.5 Club and Competition affiliation

- TD updated the committee on plans for the re-launch of the minimum standards framework for clubs for 2020/21

- There will be three levels of affiliation for clubs to be insured by Goalball UK;

* Training only package suitable for those that are not able to attend competitions or just starting up
* Competition only to suit clubs that want to enter competitions and those teams that don’t train as a group or have constitutions etc.
* Joint package of Training & Competition to suit clubs that train and compete

Costs to be finalised.

1. **National League Rules Review 2020/21**

* Review of rules has taken place by Goalball UK staff and recommendations have been presented to the committee for approval. Process of approval ongoing.

1. **Issues received to the CC**

* None to date from last meeting

1. **Confirm next meetings (TD)**

16th July 2020, 6.30pm – 8.30pm

1. **AOB**

* Committee agreed to award most valuable player (MVP) at individual tournaments as well as top goal scorers.
* The committee will consider looking to add new awards for the 2020/21 season. TD to present options at the next meeting.