# Goalball UK Competition Committee – Minutes

Wednesday 3rd February 2021, 6pm-7pm (Conference Call)

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

## Welcome & Apologies

DM opened the meeting at 6.05pm.

DM thanked the committee and staff at Goalball UK for their ongoing efforts to keep people engaged during the lockdowns.

## Updates

2.1 Transgender Policy

DLS presented the new policy approved by the Goalball UK board. The new policy will be introduced to clubs and the wider Goalball UK community in the coming months.

2.2 Disciplinary / Complaints Policy

AB confirmed work is ongoing to introduce a new disciplinary and complaints policy as part of the rules review. The new policy will also apply to other policies within Goalball UK as well as covering the procedure for complaints regarding the domestic league rules.

## Competition Plans

TD presented proposed plans 2021/22 and 2022/23. The plans were developed based on the feedback following consultation in January 2020.

The committee recognised the plans are heavily dependent on the easing of restrictions moving forward. The committee also recognised that any plan needed to be flexible with the likelihood of further disruption. Potential issues identified:

* Player and volunteer ambition to return
* Venue access for club training and competitions
* Participant number restrictions
* Local and national lockdowns
* Travel restrictions

The committee agreed that when the plans are presented to clubs these issues must be made clear.

It was accepted that it is better to have a plan to present to clubs that can be scaled back and adapted, rather than having no planned structure looking ahead to 2021/22.

The competition plans will be shared with clubs leads and undergo further consultation in February 2021. TD will report back to the committee following the consultation.

## End of Season Awards

4.1 Timeline

The committee agreed the awards would take place 3rd July (virtually) or in person if possible. Plans are in place to still have the, Goalfix Player of the Season, Keith Lound, and Goalfix Club of the Season awards. More information about the awards and nominations will be sent to the goalball community in due course.

4.2 Goalfix Club of the Season – new award

The committee agreed the question areas for the club nomination form. More information about the process will be sent to clubs in line with the awards timeline.

## Issues received to the CC

None received since last meeting.

## Next Meeting

Next meeting 7th April. Other meetings are to be scheduled as required based on government guidelines and 2021/22 season planning.

## AOB

DLS advised that, after a corporate review, it was found that the competitions committee was required to have a second board member on it. Work is ongoing to identify an appropriate person, and this should be complete by the time of the next meeting.

TD confirmed clubs will be consulted regarding their interest in unique club shops for their teamwear. This is part of a wider Goalball UK negotiation for a new kit supplier.

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