# Goalball UK Competition Committee – Minutes

Thursday 19th May 2022, 6.30pm (Conference Call)

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

## Welcome & Apologies

Dani Dillion and Kate Coghlan sent apologies.

DM opened the meeting at 6.30pm.

## Return to Play Update

2.1 Competition Measures Update

AB confirmed the current measures remain in place; all measures will be reviewed at the end of the season.

## 2022/23 Competition Framework Development

TD provided an update on planning for the 2022/23 season. TD confirmed progress is being made with securing venues for planned competition dates. However, there are challenges regarding finding accessible and suitable venues that are available and at an appropriate cost. Having three major international events in the 2022/23 season (European B Championship, November 2022, World Championships, December 2022, and IBSA World Games, August 2023) mean there are pinch points with back-to-back weekends in the calendar.

TD confirmed all teams and officials will receive a competition update including the competition calendar (confirmed to date) for the 2022/23 season in June. Team entries for the Intermediate and Super League will go live with the update.

The committee will undertake a rules and regulations review in July ahead of the 2022/23 season.

## Issues requiring CC discussion and action

4.1 Goalscorer Statistics

The following communication was sent to teams to summarise the committee's discussion and decision:

Hi All,

Re: 2021/22 League Goalscoring Statistics.

Teams will be aware that across the season several teams either failed to attend individual competition weekends, or withdrew completely from the league part way through. One of the consequences of this is to raise the question of how to best record the achievements of individual goal scorers.

The Clubs and Competitions Committee reviewed this matter in depth, and especially tried to find ways that reflected the fact that some players did not have the opportunity to play in all planned fixtures due to the withdrawal of other clubs.

Many formulas were tried, such as allocating notional goals in walk-overs and an averaging method across actual games played. However, after much thought, none of the alternatives we explored produced a satisfactory method and often generated other types of unfairness.

We also noted that alternative ways of calculating the scoring did not change the main rankings to a significant degree.

Because of this, the committee has concluded that the approach that creates the most equitable outcome is to let the previously published lists stand, recording the goals scored by individuals across the season.

Kind regards,

Goalball UK Competition Committee

4.2 Patching Exemption Application Update

AB confirmed the final version is complete and approved by the committee and will be issued to teams in the build-up to the 2022/23 season.

4.3 Player Safety and Moving Clubs Guidance Update

AB confirmed both documents are still in draft and will shared with the committee for approval in June / July 2022. Both documents will be published to teams in the build-up to the 2022/23 season.

4.4 Feedback Email

The committee received email communication from a player covering feedback on many competition areas. The committee agreed AB would request a meeting with the individual to talk through their feedback.

## Competition Plans 2021/22

5.1 National Finals Plans

TD presented the proposed schedule which was approved by the committee.

TD confirmed financial travel support (£75) was available for teams to access affordable hotels outside the area for the competition. TD also highlighted the normal entry fee of £30 per team has been waived for the teams attending.

5.2 Goalfix Cup 2022 - Seeding for Pools

The committee agreed to seed the teams using the 2021/22 Super League standings.

## Updates

6.1 Terms of Reference and Terms of Office

DLS confirmed a review of the Terms of Reference had taken place and the following had been agreed regarding appointed members (excluding Goalball UK staff members):

* Dina Murdie (Chairperson) – appointed November 2019
* Dani Dillion (Officials Rep) – appointed November 2019
* Dyfrig Lewis-Smith (Goalball UK Board Member) - appointed November 2019
* Kate Coghlan (Goalball UK Board Member) – appointed July 2021
* Sammie Korosi (Player Rep) – appointed January 2020
* Sarah Leiter (Player Rep) – appointed January 2020
* Paul Holloway (Coaches Rep) – appointed January 2020

6.2 End of Season Award Plans; Player, Keith Lound, and Club

TD confirmed the process of making nominations will go live in June with the committee voting remotely ahead of the end of season event where the awards will be presented.

6.3 Referee Course Update

DM announced plans for the next referee course in February 2023 following the successfully delivery of the revamped course in February 2022. DM also confirmed the support for new and current referees was being reviewed by Goalball UK with the aim of making changes for the 2022/23 season.

## AOB

DLS confirmed the Transgender Inclusion Policy review was continuing to take place.

## Date of next meeting

7th July 2022 via Zoom

Document Ends.