# Goalball UK Competition Committee – Minutes

Thursday 26th March 2024, 6.30pm (Conference Call)

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

## Welcome & Apologies

DLS opened the meeting at 6.30pm.

## Issues requiring CC discussion and action

2.1 Intermediate South, Matchday 4 weekend fixture plans

AB presented the planned format for Matchday 4 and the remaining league fixtures following the postponement of games at Matchday 1. The committee confirmed this was the most appropriate way to conclude the league considering the time available at Matchday 4.

2.2 Player Rating Request

Following a written request, the committee agreed to change a player’s rating. The club will be informed, and the player will be re-assessed at their next competition.

2.3 Train Strikes

AB confirmed Goalball UK are aware of the most recent train strike announcement. The varied disruption across multiple dates and multiple providers, means it is not feasible to re-schedule events linked to train strikes. The responsibility will be on teams and players to make alternative travel arrangements to attend events.

2.4 Intermediate North League

The committee discussed the on-going viability of a team following their withdrawal at Matchday 2, 23rd March. The appropriate meetings and follow up will take place with the team.

## Competition Framework Development

3.1 2024-25 Competition Development Update

TD confirmed plans are progressing well and we are on track to publish a first draft of the 2024-25 calendar by mid-April. There are still several venues and dates to be confirmed in 2025, Goalball UK will publish calendar updates as and when venues and dates are confirmed.

3.2 2024-25 Entry Timelines

TD confirmed entries for the Intermediate Leagues and Super League will open in May with a deadline in early July. Regional and Cup Competitions tournament entries will be issued prior to each event.

3.3 Rules Update

AB confirmed the list of rules updates for discussion is currently being drafted and welcomed input ahead of the next meeting.

3.4 Player Ratings Meeting

AB confirmed the annual player rating review meeting will take place in April, before the list is presented to the committee for verification. Following the committee’s verification, clubs will be informed of any changes and invited to discuss individual players as required.

## Updates

4.1 Goalfix Cup

TD confirmed plans are progressing well regarding the venue, workforce, sport presentation, and equipment etc. We currently have 7 domestic teams entered. We are currently seeking one international club team to attend to fulfil the 8th spot.

Further promotion and tickets will go live in April and May.

4.2 Awards Timeline and Presentation

Nominations for the Player of the Season and Keith Lound - Service to Sport award will open week commencing 1st May and to close 26th May. Both awards will be announced and presented at the Goalfix Cup.

## AOB

5.1 Goalball UK Referee Course

AB & DM confirmed the next Goalball UK Referee course is now targeted for early 2025. This is due to the planned incoming rule changes from IBSA for 2025-28 which will come into effect in January 2025. This will mean the new referees will be trained under the new IBSA rules.

## Date of next meeting

7th May 2024, 6.30pm via Teams

Document Ends.