**Goalball UK Competition Committee Meeting - Minutes**

**28.10.16**

1. **Introductions**

Introductions made by all members of CC:

Dina Murdie (Chair), Becky Ashworth, Chris Davies, Kathryn Fielding, Faye Dale, Dawn Newbery (Con Call), Billy Whitcombe (Con Call), Warren Wilson (Con Call) and Sarah Leiter (Con Call). Special introductions made by new members of CC. Apologies of absence from Phil Green.

1. **Terms of reference**

BA to send all terms after CC meeting.

1. **Roles and purpose**

Introductions of all new and current members with outline of role and purpose of CC.

1. **Rules**

Over sea players
-Matter brought forward by SL to gain clarification of rule 9 – Non-UK resident players. Discussion on whether this rule needs re-evaluating and whether it is still applicable. Decision made by CC that the rule should remain.
-BA to send feedback back to SL to distribute accordingly.

Player grading
- Discussion about players who have played at Novice and Intermediate and concluded for first novice tournament this was OK as without these players clubs wouldn’t be able to fulfil entry to tournament.
- CC discuss through all novice and intermediate players following the first tournament in each perspective league and identified those players that need to move up a level and those players that need to be reviewed after another tournament. BA to communicate with clubs with players that have progressed to the next level.

Teams and Regions
-Issue of tournament distance in relation to Club location brought up by WW on behalf of Fen Tigers. The tournament in question is the Novice B in Worcester. The CC are reminded that this is an issue that has occurred and has been brought up in every season. Due to the clubs being so stretched out every team at some point will have to travel a significant distance to a tournament. A suggestion is that we can see if it is possible to use some of NCWs on site accommodation for some of the teams.
-One suggestion from a member is that if there are spaces remaining in one region, teams in the other region may enter a Composite team. It was agreed by CC that this will be able to happen at the discretion of Goalball UK and composite teams will be awarded medals but won’t have an impact on the league points for that region.
-KF reminds the CC of the importance of the Regional Tournaments that Clubs organise themselves with the assistance of Goalball UK.

Any other
-The National League Table scoring system was discussed. In its current form the scoring system sees the points differ from different playing levels. For example winners of an Elite tournament get 12 points, Intermediate get 10 and Novice get 8. It is proposed that this is not fair as some of the most dedicated clubs only have one level that they play in. This is agreed by a majority. It is proposed that all the same points are awarded to all levels of play. The new points system sees 1st get 10 points, 2nd get 8 points, 3rd get 6 points, 4th get 4 points and 5th get 2 points. All other teams will be awarded with 1 point.

1. **AOB**

Designated Club Volunteer
During the last CC meeting (19/04/2016) the issue of the lack of officials was discussed. It was concluded that every team that enters should have a designated volunteers to help with the running of the tournament (tasks include goal judging and helping on the table where appropriate). Therefore on all entry forms in the future a new ‘Designated Club Volunteer’ section be added to the Tournament Team Entry form.

Player of the day at Novice Tournaments
This will be occurring at every novice tournament for the foreseeable future.

Rule 4.1.b
DN suggested that this rule should be more enforced when someone is playing at an inappropriate level. Players will be warned if their shot is too powerful for the level of play, followed by an unsportsmanlike conduct if they continue at full power and will be sent off the court for the rest of the game if they continue to throw too powerful. This players playing level will be reviewed after competition.

Committee Members
- Goalball UK will make raise the awareness of all new and current committee members to ensure all players / coaches / officials know who to speak with when they would like to raise an enquiry.
- Amelia Robertson from Lancashire Lions will join the CC as Young Person Rep.