

Minutes of GBBA AGM held on 26th June 2025

Venue:	Tewkesbury Rugby Club
Present:	Dave Whiting Andy Steckbeck Pascal Harris Matt Meek Cass Castello (arrived late) Team Representatives: Gloucester Old Spots - Pascal Harris Gloucester Saxons - Bobby Mayo Gloucester Warriors - Gin Druskis Leadonites - Matt Chalkley (and Rog Hoyle) Malvern Mavericks - no show Stroud Sharks 1 - Paul Hayward Stroud Sharks 2 - Tim Pindar Stroud Sharks 3 - no show Worcester Bears - Matt Meek Worcester Cyclones - Emma Gardner (and Gaz Harris) YMCA Eagles - Dave Whiting YMCA Falcons - no show YMCA Hawks - Dre Rucinkas
Apologies	Dave Merrick Phil Battrick Mitch Arinze
Previous minutes	Nothing to discuss
Treasurer's Report	Cass handed out the treasurer's report and apologised for a slight mistake. Paul Christensen fund has been closed. Gaz & Tim questioned the amount of money that had been spent on the trophy, could the GBBA save money by not giving medals to everyone, or sourcing cheaper medals and trophy?
League Secretary's Report Dave & Cass	YMCA have an issue with court time, struggling to fit fixtures in with four teams playing at the same

	venue on a home night, possibly reduce the number of teams at the YMCA or look for alternate venue.
	Issues from last year - The committee did not set the cup fixtures up quickly enough. Need to set dates for the cup earlier. 2026/2027 league entries to be sent out and returned in time for the AGM to allow everyone to know how many teams are going to be in the league.
Referee Secretary's Report Andy	Try to make sure we have 2 referees for each game, this was very successful last year, and we only had a couple of games with only 1 referee. Last year's change in payments to straight to account from league seems to have worked. We possibly need to outsource referees from other nearby leagues if this is possible. As an incentive to clubs maybe we could reduce the cost of putting referees through the course or maybe cover the cost ourselves. Possibly offer a rebate at the end of the season if referees cover a set number of games. General consensus is that there is no interest from players in attending courses.
Finals Day	Dave stood in for Phil as he couldn't make it, Pascal and Cass were unable to attend. Matt was critical of the handicap system saying that his team really should not have made it to the final but because of the handicap, they did. Trophies costing too much money was mentioned again and we could try to reduce the cost. Perhaps the committee need to shop around and get a shield that we get engraved every year?

	The shoot out competition seemed to be quite popular, with Gin from Warriors winning the inaugural shoot out contest. A successful day but the GBBA need to encourage more people to come as the day is not well supported outside of the teams involved.
League & Cup Competitions for 2025/2026	The committee had received a proposal from Stroud of 3 divisions, 1 division which we split at Christmas into a 1st & 2nd division, then we have 2 divisions from the start using last season's league positions. The meeting discussed having 2 home games and 2 away games for each team before Christmas then 2 home and away after Christmas which would give us around 20/24 games. Some people thought this was quite a lot to fit in before Christmas and afterwards especially if we are having a cup competition. The meeting also discussed having 3 games but that would mean that some people would be playing away more often. No real decision was made on this and needs more discussion at the next meeting and is a priority to be discussed. The meeting voted on the 3 different league formats that were proposed. On the first vote the 3 divisions suggestion was voted out. On the second vote the meeting decided on 2 divisions with promotion next season, using this year's league positions. The meeting also decided that the GBBA will keep the same format for a minimum of 2 years, team numbers permitting

	The GBL may have a new team coming from Hartpury and there was a discussion with regard to what they would be like and what division they should be in. Following this discussion it was agreed that they would be put in the 2nd division. Cup Competition - Emma suggested a one-day competition possibly in February maybe at Hartpury. This would be a tournament format with a reduced court time with all teams being invited. The committee decided to discuss this further at a later meeting, but everyone thought this was a good idea. If we have a one-day competition, with all teams present, this would encourage the community feeling. The meeting decided that the league entries would be finalised by mid-July with a plan of getting fixtures out in August this would allow teams to plan and check if their venues have any planned closures. Entries in by AGM.
League Rule Changes	Cass gave out a sheet to everyone with the proposed GBBA rule changes. All these were accepted. We also spoke about the penalties for technical and unsportsmanlike fouls. Technical Fouls will continue to carry a points total of 3. Unsportsmanlike Fouls will carry a points total of 2. Referees - We asked that the referees let Andy know if any of the above fouls are recorded as this makes it easier for us to open disciplinary hearing if players reach the points tally that triggers this.

Basketball England Grants Application	Cass to investigate if there is anything that the GBBA or individual clubs can apply for.
Any other business	Dre mentioned Referees co travel said it is not fair that if you travel in the same car, it is still taking you the same amount of time to travel but you can't claim the travel expense, you could be giving up 3 hours of your time if traffic is bad and not being reimbursed for it. The meeting decided that the committee need to look at this further as we are trying to encourage more people to become referees and this may put them off. Chair decided to vote on this, and result was that the proposal was rejected. However, it was agreed that the committee need to get more information on mileage costs ready for the next meeting and offer a certain percentage of the allowance to the 2nd referee. Andy nominated Emma as disciplinary officer. Pascal seconded. Gaz would like to join the committee possibly as social media or youth development.