

BBNZ Board meeting update

24 October 2023

Tēnā koutou katoa

The Board met for an extended all day catch up in person on Thursday the 12th October 2023. This update provides you with an overview of what was discussed at the board meeting that we hope you will find this useful to share with your association GMs.

It has been a busy few months with NBL and Tauhi leagues underway, age group tournaments successfully completed and a busy international schedule.

Whilst the Tall Blacks were unable to move out of their pool, their positive results in the bottom round means they have a spot secured alongside the Tall Ferns for the 2024 Olympic Qualifying tournament in June next year.

And there's a lot to get excited about with our international age grade reps doing great things on the world stage. Congratulations to the U16 boys who just missed out on the gold to Australia in the Asian Games finals, but earned themselves a spot in the 2024 World Cup next year. And our U17 boys and girls dominated to their silver medal performance at the Oceania Games in PNG recently.

A summary of the main topics for discussion for the meeting were:

BBNZ Strategic Plan

We spent a good amount of time refining the BBNZ Strategic Plan that has been worked through with Dillon and the SLT. This strategic plan will be shared with the basketball community in the coming months, and once adopted will guide BBNZ and all decision making through until 2028. This plan has been a fantastic process to work through, especially in this era of optimism and growth in our sport we are in.

Structural Review

The Stakeholder Partnerships Manager role has been advertised and closed on October 12th. We are currently shortlisting, and interviews will commence on October 24th, with the intent an appointment will be made this side of Christmas.

Finances

Our financial position remains strong and in surplus, due in part to interest gains on our positive cashflow, additional grant funding, and timing of vacant role fulfilment. Pleasingly, our sponsorship income is up by \$64K, an area that has been a priority focus to help remove our reliance on TAB funding as our main source of commercial revenue.

We also agreed that a operating grant payment will be paid to all associations this financial year in relation to the TAB resolution funding we received. Details of the amount will be confirmed and shared with you soon and payment will be made in December 2023.

Data

A digital and data roadmap paper was shared to update the board on the progress that is underway, that has been developed collectively with BBNZ SLT to understand the future state that will modernise our sport. The intent remains long-term that we can capture our participants fully to give us the best opportunity to connect and understand them and provide a full picture of the state / health of basketball to our key funders and potential commercial partners.

Women and Girls

Highlights from the community basketball team were presented from the past two months and provided the board with a comprehensive update on the fantastic work that is happening in the Girls Got Game programme.

FIBA Update

We welcomed Burton Shipley, former FIBA Vice President and FIBA Oceania President, who joined us to share his insights into the governance world of basketball and in an effort to provide closer support and advocacy of New Zealand to the global body. He shared insights into basketball's strategic objectives which include:

- Empowering national federations
- Women in basketball
- Enlarge the FIBA family
- Continue to build 3x3
- Shape international club competition
- Sustainable financial growth
- Excellent FIBA competitions
- Develop youth basketball

New Zealand continues to over-represent within FIBA, having 5 kiwi's voted in at this year's congress to sit on various commissions including finance, medical, legal, player voice and competitions.

Governance Mark

Julie Hood from Sport NZ joined the Board meeting by Zoom to share their governance presentation giving us a top level overview into the role and primary responsibility we have as a Board. This resource and kōrero is another requirement towards our Board receiving the Governance Mark awarded by Sport NZ.

Next meeting

Thursday 7 December 2023 (online)

Ngā mihi nui

Rob, Belinda, Amanda, Anna, Glen, Lisa, Megan, Toko and Ariana