



## 1<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES - 2010

Held on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2010 at 4:30pm  
in library room, DCAL Centre, 49 Gordon Square, London WC1 OPD

### 1. OPENING

Interim President declares the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting opens at 4:35pm and welcomes members, observers and introduce the current board.

The Interim President introduces Lyndon Borrow for “Minute-taker” of this meeting. No objection received from members / observers and is therefore accepted.

### 2. PREAMBLE

Those Present:                      Ramas Rentelis                      -                      Interim President  
   Lyndon Borrow                      -                      Interim Treasurer / Secretary  
   Moty Allshever                      -                      Interim Committee / Executive Member

Observers & members:      Jaans Laumete                      Mustafa Ozbay  
   Maira Laumete                      Daniel Bochynski  
   Ruta Vysniauskaite                      Alfonshs Vysnihuskhs  
   Daiva Alisauskaite                      Leslie Philip  
   Dariusz Wisniewsl                      Birute Sivgzdinyte  
   Vadim Rechetnikov                      Karolis Jaskus  
   Dariosz Kaczmariski                      Rolana Molevicmte  
   Doguscan Ulastir                      Miro Civin  
   Duygw Ulastir                      Bello Aminu

Apologies for absence:      Aeron Mazija                      Jamie Chang

### 3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Not applicable due to being the first ever AGM.

### 4. REPORTS

#### 4.1 President's Report

Ramas Rentelis presented his report with PowerPoint slides. Summary are as follows:

- Deaf basketball meeting in 2006 with UKDS and other organisations.

- Formed DBUK in 2008 and established London Lions Deaf Basketball Club for men.
- London Lions players several tournaments in different European countries.
- DBUK sent U20 Great Britain Deaf Men basketball team to European Deaf Basketball Championships in Poland.
- London Lionesses Women team established.
- DBUK organised and hosted the 1<sup>st</sup> DIBF EuroCup in London.
- ProWest Active and Brent Council supported London Lions Deaf Basketball club with 4 months free training court hire at Preston Manor School and youth developments – visiting schools and clinics to encourage deaf children with interest in basketball..
- DBUK will continue to work closely with England Basketball to maintain their support.
- Ongoing fundraising for international basketball support and miscellaneous.
- DBUK will maintain developments and support in establishing more deaf basketball clubs across the UK for both men and women.
- Thanked everyone who has supported voluntarily to DBUK – without them it would not have been possible to operate.
- Interim President answered some questions from members and observers on the floor.

#### 4.2 Secretary & Treasurer's Report

Lyndon Borrow only presented briefly as most information was already mentioned in President's report.

Since this is a first Annual General Meeting, the annual financial report was informal, not resourcefully complete however Lyndon has confirmed the financial balance of DBUK funds is **£1,154.43** (One thousand, one hundred and fifty-four pounds and forty-three pence).

There was detailed discussion with regards to new DBUK Membership and exchange of questions, answers and debates with members and observers. A lot of discussion was regards to agreeing to the sum/cost of membership for the benefits of interested members.

It was decided with votes in favour among the members is to have a new membership system –as outlined on below:

ADULTS / GENERAL	- <b>£50.00</b> per year
SCHOOL/UNIVERSITY STUDENT	- <b>£25.00</b> per year
TRAINING FEE FOR GB / LONDON LIONS	- <b>£2.00</b> for each member
	- <b>£4.00</b> for each non-member

\* No special discount for pensioners / unemployed etc as agreed.

Membership system to be made official and effect immediately after this 1<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting. All members have voted in favour and passed.

## 5. ELECTIONS

### 5.1 President

Nomination received: - Ramas Rentelis

Ramas was elected unopposed as President with approval from members.

### 5.2 Secretary

Nomination received: - None.

Nomination from floor suggest: - Lyndon Borrow

Acceptance: - Lyndon has reluctantly accepted nomination and request that it will be only for temporary until a new available Secretary is found.

Lyndon was elected unopposed as Secretary (temporary) with approval form members.

### 5.3 Treasurer

Nomination received: - None.

Nomination from floor suggest: - Vadim Rechetnikov  
- Dariosz Kaczmarski

Acceptance: - Vadim and Dariosz have accepted nominations and jointly want to have both as Co-Treasurers.

Vadim and Dariosz was elected unopposed as Co - Treasurers with approval form members.

### 5.4 Committee

Nomination received: - None

Nomination from floor suggest: - Moty Allshever  
- Daiva Alisauskaite  
- Ruta Vysniauskaite  
- Maira Laumete  
- Birute Sivgzdinyte  
- Rolana Molevicmte  
- Miro Civin  
- Daniel Bochynski  
- Bello Aminu

Acceptance: - All listed above have accepted nominations.

Moty, Daiva, Ruta, Maira, Birute, Rolana, Miro, Daniel and Bello was elected unopposed as Committee with approval form members.

## 6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

### **6.1 U21 World Championships – Lublin, Poland – June 2010**

A brief discussion about Head Coach – Moty Allshever's development strategy and plans for U21 Great Britain deaf men team in the next coming months. Will be working hard to secure some sponsors and donations to support the team.

Moty has informed the members that there will be friendly match to practice for the U21 World Championships – an invitation from Israel Deaf Sports Organisation with accommodation and ground transportation provided for U21 Great Britain versus Israel basketball game in Tel Avivi, Israel on 12 – 17 May 2010.

DBUK and members have wished U21 Great Britain team the very best of luck and will be supporting all the way.

### **6.2 London Lions Deaf Basketball Club**

London Lions has experienced a pleasuring development and growth including women team. The basketball training was held at Old Street in London and now at Preston Manor High School near Wembley, north-west of London with financial assistance by Brent Council for 6 months.

London Lions men team have competed in the London Amateur Basketball League for 2009 season and will be doing again in 2010.

London Lions men and women teams have competed basketball clubs tournaments in abroad such as Germany and Croatia. Will continue including attending to 2<sup>nd</sup> DIBF EuroCup in end of this year.

There was discussion regarding London Lions Deaf Basketball club will soon need to become independent with break away from DBUK but remains as affiliate member with their own President, Treasurer, Secretary and committee as well as own bank account, constitution, etc.. DBUK have supported and nurtured London Lions Deaf Basketball Club for growth and its time for DBUK to move on to help establishing other basketball clubs across the UK and providing developments programs to kids and schools.

### **6.3 Issues with training court location**

Several members and players of London Lions Deaf Basketball Club and Great Britain team have expressed concerns about the current basketball training venue at Preston Manor High School near Wembley which is difficult as too far to travel for many players. Discussion about what are the possibilities and preferred court to use. Debating over the cost of hiring the court and the availability which has been awkward for organisers. It was agreed that we will keep options open and to continue searching for suitable location or venue to have trainings where feasible.

#### **6.4 DBUK website – www.dbuk.org**

Members have expressed concerns about DBUK website that needs to be updated more frequently with news and information. They wanted to have clear calendar of events – showing all dates of basketball events, championships and general. It was agreed to add 'Calendar of Events' on the website using extract a part of Google Calendar system. The Webmaster will try to have this arranged when time permits.

The President thanked everybody for attending to the DBUK first ever Annual General Meeting and wished everyone involved in DBUK to work hard with success in the next 12 months.

The President declared the meeting is closed as at 6:38pm.

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Minutes signed on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

**Ramas Rentelis**  
President



**Lyndon J. Borrow**  
Secretary & Minutes-taker