



WCBA AGM 2014 Chairperson's Report

Basketball has had to survive many dark and difficult years. Especially here in the Western Cape, where we are rather isolated, and yet we continued to try provide as many basketball opportunities, on different levels, for our members. For this continuous, outstanding effort, we receive very little support or recognition from Basketball South Africa, DCAS, and even our own membership.

I would like to thank the members of the WCBA committee, as well as those who serve on their district committees. We have had to stay the course through the "dark years". When it was only our passion for the sport that has kept everything going.

Since we were nominated and elected in August 2012, there have been many members who had to resign from their positions on the WCBA Executive. Our district committees were so thinly spread that we could not find suitable candidates to replace these. As a result, we have never been able to operate as a fully compiled committee. Despite this, we have been able to continue to provide basketball opportunities for our members – seeing our coaches have an opportunity to be accredited, as well as our players have an opportunity to participate in the BSA IPT's. This has been achieved through the outstanding commitment and passion of our members.

We have also made some progress in developing our process of Provincial inclusivity. The selection of our representative teams has become probably the most inclusive process in all of our Provinces. The continued growth of basketball pockets in all our districts, presents the very welcomed challenge of having to include more and more districts in our programme of inclusivity. While this is ultimately our greatest challenge, it is also our greatest strength. This inclusivity is now being reflected on our WCBA Committee, where we are now able to have meaningful input and representation by all the basketball role-players – including Wheelchair, Schools, Institutions and Masters.

At present, basketball is moving into a new phase of growth. After many years of ploughing away, we are now experiencing the much awaited economic growth of our code. There is a renewed interest from government departments as well as business interest. This is indeed an exciting period for basketball. However, the time has now come for our administrators to step forward. While there was an initial objection to BSA's policy of having coaches coach and administrators focus on admin, the common sense in this can be seen.

I believe that for WCBA to fully utilize and optimize the opportunities that lie ahead, we need our administrators to step forward and lead the way. Coaches and players are needed to be focused on their areas of strength. I do trust that our districts will apply themselves to identifying the best administrators in their districts as candidates for nomination to the WCBA Committee.

I thank everyone for their unconditional support, and wish the new members every success as they accept the responsibility of taking our sport forward.

Craig Daniels
WCBA Chairperson

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