

President's Report September 2024

Our mission and vision is to implement sustainable national basketball programmes and events for administration, coaches and players resulting in high quality basketball at the national, regional, and global levels that will produce Olympic standard athletes and coaches that are nation builders.

Our motto is "Changing Lives Through Basketball, Island By Island"

1. GRATITUDE

The BBF gives thanks for His Blessings and favour, and for the wide support of the Bahamian public at home and abroad... and just as importantly, the ...

VALUED SUPPORT ...of

- Corporate Bahamas
- Government Stakeholders
- Donor Support
- NBA Players' invaluable patriotism and support

2. OUR "OPPORTUNITY"

"To embrace the elephant in the room"

- We have an archipelagic Country of 1038 islands rocks and cays, where we have 9 associations at varying levels of development in their governing structure, and league maturity
- Ill-matched International Federation support.

3. OUR PEOPLE

- Phenomenal Talent Pool – Bahamian Athleticism
- Grassroots Coaches Dedication
- Federation Team
- Federation Stakeholders

4. OUR “HOW”

- Change Management Strategy (Continuous Improvement internal process and organizational behavior)
- Federation Robust Realtime Player Tracking/ Interface
- New Blue Ribbon Coaches Selection Process
- Referee & Table Officials’ Training
- Coaching Clinics
- Governing & Fiscal Responsibility
- Tax Efficient Structuring [501(C)3]

5. OUR “WHY”

- National Competition
- Family Island Development
- League Development
- Youth Development
- Education Opportunity
- Character Building
- Healthy Lifestyles
- Engender Sportsmanship and Fair Play
- International Competition at the Senior & Junior Male and Females

We remain grateful for this responsibility which we do not take lightly.

FUTURE PLANS

- 1.) Continued development of Family islands
- 2.) 3X3 Basketball implementation
- 3.) Grassroots Program
- 4.) Host Nationals in Eleuthera
- 5.) Explore Primary School & High School technical support
- 6.) Donor Cultivation Donor Relations leveraging the Federation's 501(C)3 entity.

BBF HIGHLIGHTS

Coaching Selection Committee

Process completed
youth and Sr women coaches

FAMILY ISLAND & YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Exuma

In kind gift from BD Global
Training camp
Coaches Clinic
Donations

Abaco

In-kind BD Global renovation on
Spring City Park

Defibrillators (\$40,000 in value)

Donated to **BBF Foundation** by BD Global

South Andros

Bahamas Nationals Competition-

NP, Eleuthera, North Andros

South Andros, Central Andros

This is something that we will seek to encourage as a Federation being mindful to desist from being Nassau-Centric.

SENIOR MEN'S BASKETBALL NATIONAL TEAM

Participated in America Cup

Training Camp in Houston

Olympic Qualifier in Spain

TRAINING OF REFEREES AND TABLE OFFICIALS

This was a goal enunciated in the initial term of office which was imperative as it sought to raise the level of play at all levels by in fact raising the skill capacity of BBF Referees and Table Officials. This augurs well for positioning such Bahamian to represent the Bahamas at other international events and competitions

The way forward is to continue to support the Continued Training effort as it is endemic to the continued upward trajectory of the sport of basketball throughout the Commonwealth of the Bahamas

SUMMER OF THUNDER

We had a successful SOT, we had 8 registered visiting teams.

The BBF embraces this opportunity to sing the praises of those pioneering past executives that laid the framework for this annual international event which attracts collegiate interest from far and wide in North America.

This tournament has taken on a new level of interest that finds greater interest of international scouts and athletic directors of major and mid-sized universities. This augurs well for opening the door for greater opportunities for our very own young up and coming Bahamian talent who play in the SOT are sought after by these international institutions of higher learning.

The benefits are three-fold where the local player has the opportunity to get valued scholarship assistance, a good education, and also growing the ranks of male and female players who also have the burden of shining a light upon our nation, such that it inspires our upcoming youth while also adding yet even more benefits to our Nation's tourism brand not only in North America and Europe, but throughout the world.

The BBF takes is a strategic imperative that must be nurtured even further

IMPROVE FINANCIAL STRUCTURING & EMPLOY PRUDENT FISCAL MANAGEMENT

We continue to employ best in class Fiscal Management practices as a source of improving our brand which is tantamount to us being able

to take that next step. Our reputational risks are too great to allow unsavory actors and activity to stall our newfound momentum and support noted over this past year.

We over the past 12 months have been working internally on our systems, or fiscal management, because we take our job as fiduciaries very seriously and we are not shy about quietly acknowledging that our reputation can always be continuously improved.

We have employed some valued Lean tactics in continuous process improvement, as we so to speak “look-at-ourselves”.

BBF Multiyear deal with Atlantis

We are happy to report that we will be renegotiating another multiyear deal with Atlantis Resort for their world-renowned Battle of Atlantis Collegiate Basketball tournament branded as “The Battle 4 Atlantis.”

BBF Partnership with BD Global

BD Global sponsored the building of a full blacktop basketball court in Spring City, Abaco.

The also facilitated a Basketball camp for Ove 40 young local participants. Transylvania University basketball team collaborated in this effort that also included trading local coaches’ referees, Coaches and Table Officials training

Partnership with Hennessy

BBF partnered with Hennessy as they unveil it's new "In The Paint" court at the Tom Grant Sports Complex with special guest and brand ambassador Joakim Noah

Precious Future Partnerships

We are exploring future partnerships key international stakeholders to take advantage of our 501 C3 status

BBF in Gratitude

This past year has been a challenging one for us, but we remain thankful for those opportunities to grow, and to showcase the sport of basketball not only locally, but to the world, where we were but 8 points away from qualifying for the Olympic Games in Paris France this past summer.

Again, I embrace this opportunity to thank my hard-working executive team, our valued donors, our valued NBA players and their affiliates, the Government of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, FIBA, national teams, the coaches, referees and table officials the teams, the associations and all the BBF stakeholders, without whose help and support none of this past year's success would have been possible.

The sport of basketball is in a good place. This upcoming year will be telling as to where we possibly can go in developing our sport even more with the coming of age of the women's Programmes, the youth Programmes and our vision for Family Island development.