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The Hobart Chargers Basketball Club have resolved going forward for the 2011 season that both the Chargers and Lady Chargers boards will combine to become one board in control of both teams.

At the end of the month the club will hold review sessions to make decisions going forward on playing rosters, game night, sponsorship and promotion as well as junior development for both teams.

As a separate entity the Lady Chargers have struggled both on and off the court in their first year in SEABL. The SEABL womens competition is extremely tough with most teams having several WNBL players in their line up. This move is seen as a way forward for the women to become a competitive team in SEABL. The Lady Chargers have received great support from the corporate sector and the club will be meeting with sponsors in the near future to discuss season 2011.

Both Boards of the club are very excited about the future of mens and womens basketball in Hobart, The SEABL program gives a clear pathway for boys and girls who aspire to the Boomers and Opals teams representing their country.

President Steve Old said "As many people would be aware, the men's program has been very successful over many years, but it is now time that we put the same solid structures in place for the women's program.

"Young girls and ladies in Tasmania, particularly Hobart have the right and deserve the opportunity to have goals to play elite level basketball, and we believe this decision fully supports and promotes that" Mr Old said.

“Women’s sport is often forgotten and plays a back seat to men’s sport but by making this decision we want to put basketball at the head of the line in terms of participation and opportunity for female athletes” Mr Old said.

“There are still many issues that need to be worked through and resolved but everyone involved is extremely excited about where the Club is heading and the opportunities that this merger will bring for basketball in the community” Mr Old said.

For more information please call Steve Old, President of Hobart Chargers on 0418 363 566.