



Brampton Excelsiors Lacrosse Club

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting on Monday, February 7th, 2022

Call to Order: 7:07 pm

Present: Matt Bowman, Chris Lowe, Keith Slinger, Wes Jackson, Dave Succamore, Dean McLeod, Ron Evans, Brock Boyle, Bob Boddam, Glenn McClelland, Clint Nickerson (via Zoom), Brent McCauley (via Zoom)

Absent: Dan Teat

Approval of Previous Minutes: Approved, no changes.

President's Remarks:

- Spoke with Mark Grimes (Jr. A commissioner) regarding new team management. Was told previous GM still claiming to represent the team, took part in a recent meeting and voted. Mark was sent documentation of the change in BELC leadership, he notified the rest of the Jr. A council. Chris has been recognized as Jr. A GM by the league.
- Current board, as elected by the membership on December 7th formally recognized by the OLA as of January 24th (notified on the 28th). Letter also stated there are other issues to be discussed, but no follow up as of yet. Various members have made contact for congratulations as well as interest in support/sponsorship.
- Went to the bank with Ron Evans to get accounts changed over. Could not be done as is, required corporate papers, but a note was made in the file to flag any further transactions made by previous group. Banker informed Ron and Glenn that the listed signers for the account will be contacted. Looking into consolidating all team/league accounts at a single location under a main BELC account. Important to get something opened soon so the club can handle finances until original accounts are turned over.
- Matt and Ron looked into updating corporate papers (notice of change). Ran into difficulties in finding required information. Wes informed the board that in situations where information is missing, notice of change can be filed without it however the missing information should be contained in the minute book.
- Contacted PDC, spoke with Luie Sopov and asked for the minute book to be turned over. Glenn was informed it would be made available to be picked up as soon as the lawyer makes a copy for their records. Has yet to hear back and will be following up tomorrow. Wes noted that minutes should be regularly sent to the club's lawyer to be filed, Matt will be ensuring this happens.
- Former group was once again contacted with a request to turn over club property. Trevor Small replied "We will be examining our options and until the process is complete we will not be



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releasing anything, to anyone.” Trevor still using title of BELC president on email. BELC twitter, website and Jr. A twitter still being used by former group. Will follow up with Jim Smith regarding further legal action

- Also contact Gary Groob, arranged a phone call. Good conversation, Gary would like to work with the board to promote Brampton lacrosse.

Major Excelsiors in the Constitution:

- Since the OLA has ruled that the BELC owns the Major Excelsiors, they must be in the constitution for the club to run them.

Motion to go in camera.

Motion: Matt Second: Dean CARRIED

OUT OF CAMERA

- Matt: “Due to misinterpretation of the 2018 AGM amendments, I mistakenly removed “Brampton Excelsior Major” from the BELC constitution when I updated it following this year’s AGM. Upon review, it is clear that only “(Senior A)” should have been removed and that “Brampton Excelsior Major” should have remained in the document. This will be reflected in the constitution going forward.

Motion to accept the Secretary’s statement.

Motion: Glenn Second: Ron CARRIED

OLA Code of Conduct Violation:

- Dean reports he, as an OLA life member, filed a code of conduct violation against two former BELC directors (one being a life member) for disseminating a confidential OLA Board of Directors memo through a mass email to BELC members.
- Hearing was last Monday evening, both individuals denied being responsible, claiming at least five people had access to that email account. Dean noted the grievance was filed against them, as their names were signed on the message.
- No verdict has been announced yet, though it is expected in the next few days.

League/Team Reports:

Majors:

- Doug Luey still not acknowledging Brampton Excelsiors or Ruling of the OLA regarding the sale/move. Glenn waiting for further correspondence from OLA in accordance with earlier mention notification of recognition.
- CLA requires inter-provincial protection list to be filed soon. Luey expected to not accept it or not file it, but it will be sent in regardless.

Jr. A:

- Draft is Feb 27th, 3:00 pm. To be held virtually.
- OLA considering hosting the Minto as a league instead of an individual club. Variety of locations being considered.



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- Coaching staff will be finalized by next week.
- 14 Jr. Eligible players participating currently in Jr. ALL, on Brampton team coached by Brock Boyle, Dylan Evans and Keith Slinger.
- Was informed by league of outstanding financial obligation of the team. Will be dealt with ASAP.
- Already a good start working closely with Jr. B's for more balanced and cooperative programs

Jr. B:

- First run was held yesterday, 25 players in attendance.
- Practicing every other week in lead up to the start of the season.
- Pre season tournament being organized for April.
- Season schedule has been confirmed.
- Coaches confirmed, will remain the same; Todd Wilfong, Evan Whillans, Greg Phillips.
- Clint will continue as assistant GM.
- City funding for Founders expected to be approved in the next two weeks.
- Sponsorship campaigns already underway.

Masters:

- Clint contacted Sean Orr for information. No cooperation from previous group, they intend to run masters program without BELC in a tournament league.
- No mention of weekday "house-league" program.
- Chris reports floor time is booked under Trevor Small at Memorial.
- Concerns regarding insurance and wrongful association with BELC in the event of any incidents.
- Suggest soliciting membership for interest in continuation of Masters program. Possibility of allowing program to be run outside of BELC with proper safeguards for the club. Matt will draft a letter to be sent to members to gauge feedback.

Men's/Women's Field:

- Difficult to assign GMs due to lack of familiarity and assistance. Derek Blassutti contributed very detailed letter to help guide Women's GM, but no one confident enough to take on the role.
- Consider soliciting assistance from the public through social media or running programs in tandem with minor programs through BMLA.
- Options will be considered until next meeting, but registration has already been started by OLA.

BMLA Report:

- BE Academy has had a great turnout and feedback so far, especially considering competition with hockey during the winter.
- HardCor also running with a lot of involvement from Brampton players, coaches and BMLA.
- Kids getting a huge advantage over other centres which don't have floor access in winter. Bigger advantage for players moving into age groups with different rules (ie: 30 second clock, larger nets ect...).
- A lot of appreciated assistance from volunteers.
- Future of BML looking very bright!



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Golf Tournament:

- Aim to hold a single BELC tournament instead of individual tournaments for each team. Easier to manage and hope for better turn out.
- June 11th agreed to be preferable date.
- Keith to inquire into availability at Caledon Golf Club.
- Brent noted that members of previous board have already booked dates. May cause conflict, may be a non issue if cancelled.

Bingo:

- Bingo licence has been cancelled due to redevelopment of the building.
- Unsure if company will open a new location. New company may need to be found.
- Creates an opportunity to better organize the bingo as a club-wide initiative and distribute funds more fairly.

Formation of Committees:

150th Anniversary:

- Committee should still be active, never disbanded.
- Contact Chair John Sanderson, make sure preparations or resumed for belated celebration due to COVID.

Constitutional Committee:

- Matt named as Chair.
- Dave and Dean volunteered for committee, accepted.
- Matt named Tony Bennett, Bob Bartlett and Kathryn Lockyer as people who will be asked to join, accepted. Will confirm upon their acceptance.
- Directed to conduct an in-depth review of the current BELC constitution and form a comprehensive list of suggested changes to be presented to the membership for approval at a special general meeting.

Remaining Committee:

- Formation of Advisory, Fundraising and Security Committees tabled until next meeting.

New Business:

- None.

Motion to adjourn.

Motion: Bob

Second: Keith

CARRIED

Adjournment: 9:35 pm.