



Brampton Excelsiors Lacrosse Club

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting on Monday, April 4, 2022

Call to Order: 7:09 pm

Present: Matt Bowman, Dean McLeod, Bob Boddam, Glen McClelland, Bent McCauley (Zoom), Wes Jackson (Zoom), Dan Teat (Zoom), Chris Lowe (Zoom), Dave Succamore (Zoom), Ron Evans (Zoom)

Guests: Jason Fancett

Regrets: Brock Boyle, Keith Slinger

Absent: Clint Nickerson

Previous Minutes:

- Minor grammatical errors corrected

Motion to approve the previous meeting's minutes.

Motion: Ron

Second: Dave

CARRIED

President's Remarks:

- A protest was filed following Owen Sound's inclusion (and Brampton's exclusion) in the MSL draft. Prior to this, multiple correspondences had been sent to Commissioner Doug Luey stating the team's protected players and requesting more information. There was no response to any of them.
- Glenn, Dean, Dan and Matt attended two meetings with Chuck Miller (Executive Director), Greg Hummel (President) and Sean O'Callaghan (VP Junior/Major) of the OLA. OLA reps stated they had been directed by the board to resolve the Major Excelsiors situation.
- Surprised to find out they wanted to seek a second legal opinion regarding the sale and move of the team, Chck stating his opinion that the previous legal advice was not reliable. He refused to acknowledge the BELC as the owners of the team, despite the OLA memo clearly stating the league would not recognize the sale.
- Documents they claimed to not have (such as the BELC constitution and articles from the Corporations Act) were sent to them following the first meeting with the promise they would review them, and come back in one week with answers and solution. Did not hear anything back after a week, had to contact them to set up a second meeting.
- The second meeting was fruitless. It was obvious the OLA representative had not reviewed the documentation, had not read the previous legal opinion solicited by the OLA, the memo summarizing the defeated motion to approve the sale, or spoken with any of the other OLA



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Directors. The only progress made between meetings was Chuck Miller setting up a meeting with a new lawyer.

- In discussions, BELC reps stated repeatedly that the only thing to resolve is enforcing the decision made by the OLA Board of Directors, there should be no need for a second opinion or trying to overturn the previous decision. Glenn challenged their interpretation of the directive given, and questioned Chuck's authority to spend the money on a new legal opinion without approval by the board. Chuck agreed that he would include a package of evidence from the BELC in what he would take to the lawyer.
- OLA reps refused to take action against Luey or MSL until they felt the issue is resolved.
- Following the meeting, Glenn emailed OLA board, sharing concerns about the actions being taken as well as the time and money being wasted. Stressed the need to enforce the standing vote and requested more information on the directive given, asking if Miller was authorized to solicit a legal opinion.
- Miller responded, now stating he would not take the agreed upon package of evidence from the BELC.
- Marion Ladouceur (Immediate Past President of OLA) responded seemingly unhappy about a second legal opinion.
- Dean spoke with Ian Garrison (VP Officiating), who stated there was no directive allowing for another opinion to be obtained.
- Glenn will provide Executive Committee with copies all messages in coming days, apologized for lack of notification prior to this meeting.
- Ron mentioned he has contacted Ontario Ministry of Sport regarding the situation, waiting to hear back.
- Dan has spoken to a few MSL governors, who have told him Luey is provided them with incomplete/false information to maintain league support.

Men's Field General Manager Nomination:

- Jason Fancett invited to the meeting as the only nominee for Men's Field GM
- Played Jr. In Brampton as well as coaching and reffing. Spent time with Caledon, but excited to be coming back.
- Has been involved at various times with World Lacrosse, BML and Team Ontario

Motion to accept Jason Fancett as General Manager of Men's Field.

Motion: Matt

Second: Dean

CARRIED

- Matt to notify OLA and update records



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Minutes Book Report:

- Matt conducted in-depth review of Minutes Book and compiled a report including recommendations for further action. Report had previously been sent to all Directors, will be made available to membership upon acceptance.
- No concerns or questions brought up.

Motion to accept the Minutes Book Report and carry out all recommendations.

Motion: Wes

Second: Dave

CARRIED

League/Team Reports:

Jr. A:

- Schedule is published.
- Home opener is May 27th, season opener is May 18th.
- Just held second run of the season. Good turnout, but many players still away at school.
- Good group, all excited to get going.
- Doug Arthur has been hired as KW Brave's GM. Confident we will not see any property turned over, will have to assume we are starting from scratch.
- Glenn and Dean got to notify Paddy O'Toole of his Brampton Sports Hall of Fame induction to be held May 3rd. Team and organization are proud.

Jr. B:

- Held exhibition tournament on April 2nd at Memorial. Four teams participated. Brampton went 1-1-1.
- Team looking good, some still at school.
- Relations between Jr. A's and B's is the best it's been since Brent became GM. Already benefitting both teams.
- Open the season on April 21st, home opener on April 30th.
- Alumni game will run from 2:00-4:00 prior to the home opener.
- City has approved \$40 000 for Founders.

Women's Field:

- Matt has been unable to find a GM for the program through social media, emails to former players and BELC members.
- OWFL recommended April as cut off date so as to ensure our players have a chance to go to other centres before registration closes.



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- Met with Tony Bennett, Paul Gilkinson and Derek Blasutti, all hoping to find a resolution to the situation so that Brampton can continue women's and girl's programs
- Formed a plan to run house league program in lieu of rep program focussed on building a strong base to support the rep program in following years.
- Hope to run one night a week for 8 weeks. Low registration cost so as to be very affordable but still offer incentive to come out every week.
- Important to get former players out to help coach and serve as role models.
- Going to look into partnership/sponsorship deal to supply a stick to everyone who registers.
- Would like this to be a joint venture between BELC and BMLA.
- Recommend merging the women's program back into the BMLA next year for ease of management and registration. We are the only centre in Ontario to split girl's and women's between two groups.

Motion to suspend the rep Women's Field program for the 2022 season and grant one year releases to all players.

Motion: Matt

Second: Brent

CARRIED

- Matt to inform OWFL.

Golf Tournament:

- Glenn spoke with Keith earlier this week.
- There has been a turnover in ownership of Glen Eagle, new management wants to change plans.
- They want to delay the start until the afternoon and raise the cost.
- This would leave extremely small profit margin for the BELC and concern regarding drinking with later start time.
- Keith is pushing to keep the plan which was in place, waiting for further updates.
- Keith proposes Naming the tournament after both Teat and Ward so as to honour both of them. Tournament trophy would be named for Jeff Teat, other awards named for Hugh Ward.

Committees:

Constitutional Committee:

- Progress has been slow. Re-evaluating plan of action and going to try a different approach which should be more efficient. Instead of looking at each section (constitution, by-laws, policy) individually, will review the entire document then split it up after.



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- Everyone agrees on the general direction the rules need to move in; transparency, compliance and power in the hands of the membership.
- Will be identifying 4-5 key issues throughout which will be brought to the board for input. Will mainly have to do with board functions and procedures.
- Wes suggests evaluating how quorum for board meetings is defined and consider basing it on a core group (Officers) who must be there, while Directors at Large should be, but are not required for quorum. Matt will bring the idea back to the committee.

Fundraising:

- Wes is unfortunately too busy with work to chair the committee. Ron states the same.
- Glenn suggests following up with John Sanderson to gauge his availability and interest in taking on the role.
- Matt to follow up with John.

Advisory:

- Glenn spoke with Mark Evans. Suggested the idea of combining advisory committee and alumni association to encourage input from alumni and avoid becoming congested with too many committees.
- Chair of committee will be welcome to attend and speak (not vote) at board meetings.
- Dean has spoken with Bob Cleavelly about Orangeville alumni association. Obtained some details, hoping to still get more.
- Committee/association would be good way to engage social media and possibly produce Excelsiors newsletter.

Security:

- Bob has contacted a team of people who have confirmed.
- Will ensure side doors are covered during games.
- Discussion on potential uniforms to be provided. Want to look professional but avoid "security" label.
- Bob will email list to Matt who will complete Auxiliary Committee form to be filed.

New Business:

Jr. A Property:

- Ron asked about further details regarding Jr. A property now that Doug has moved on.



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- Chris stated he was told it had been turned over to Dan Bowyer and that there was upwards of \$10 000 in the accounts.
- Ron wants to request invoices from Doug company for all products provided to Jr. A's.
- Brent wants to find out specifically about bingo money, Jr. B's should be entitled to portion of that.
- We should be able to contact the city for information on some of the spending as it is required for any financial support provided.
- Letter will be sent requesting invoices and for property to be turned over.

Legal Counsel:

- Dean has submitted constitutional amendment for consideration to remove PDC as official law firm of BELC.

Motion to amend the proposed amendment to read "*The Board of Directors will, on an annual basis approve a law firm and auditor to represent the BELC if required.*".

Motion: Glenn Second: Wes CARRIED

Motion to accept the amendment as amended.

Motion: Matt Second: Brent CARRIED

- Constitutional committee will be notified and amendment will be included for ratification by membership.

Motion to authorize the President to engage a law firm for the remainder of the term.

Motion: Wes Second: Ron CARRIED

- Glenn to contact Jim Smith of RZCD for details.

Director Filings:

- Government filing of directors still needs to be updated. Matt, Ron and Wes will look further into this.

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Matt Second: Brent CARRIED

Adjournment: 9:00 pm



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BELC CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT FORM

Date: March 31 2022

Proposed by: Dean McLeod

Seconded at AGM by: Matt Bowman

Signature of member in good standing _____

Section and /or Article to be Amended: Appendix K, page 3, paragraph 2

Section and /or Article to be Added (Not currently in Constitution):

Presently Reads:

"If required the official law firm of the Brampton Excelsior Lacrosse Club shall be the law firm of Prouse, Dash & Crouch, LLP, 50 Queen Street West, Brampton, Ontario, L6X 4H3 Phone: 905.451.6610"

Proposed change to Read (exact wording of proposed article):

"The Board of Directors will, on an annual basis appoint a law firm to represent the BELC if required."

Reason for suggesting change:

To allow for the change of legal counsel when needed.

_____ **Accepted** _____ **Declined** _____ **Withdrawn**