



Brampton Excelsiors Lacrosse Club

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting on Monday January 9th, 2023

Call to Order: 7:03 pm

Present: Matt Bowman, Brent McCauley, Chris Lowe, Ron Evans, Kelly Pereira, Glenn McClelland, Wes Jackson, Bob Boddam, Dan Teat, Dave Succamore (via Zoom), Clint Nickerson (via Zoom), Keivan Campbell (via Zoom), Rick Garcia (via Zoom), Jason Fancett (via Zoom), Brock Boyle (via Zoom)

Absent: Dean McLeod

Observed a moment of silence for the BELC members lost over the last year.

Directors:

- Miscalculated the number of elected Directors prior to the AGM, as such, one too many Directors were elected, bringing the total to 16 (Governing Documents allow for only 15). This must be addressed before any votes are cast.
- Matt takes full responsibility for the mistake, in lieu of that, had planned to step down.
- Dan had volunteered to step down instead, stay on as GM.
- Glenn brings up Dean's condition, Board agrees he is currently incapacitated from performing duties in accordance with Section C 2:04. Glenn will contact Dean and leave the choice of returning or stepping back up to him. Number of Directors will be addressed at a later point if Dean decides to stay on the Board.

Adoption of Agenda:

Motion to Adopt the Agenda

Motion: Brent

Second: Chris

CARRIED

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the previous meeting's minutes.

Motion: Ron

Second: Brent

CARRIED

President's Remarks:

- Start of the Season is still a few months away, but the drafts are in just a couple of weeks.



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- This is the time to start paving the way for a successful season, we need to build on the momentum from last year.
- MSL finally made announcement confirming Excelsiors' participation this year.
- We supported Oakville's request for a second year hiatus in order to keep spots open for more players coming into the league.
- Some roster issues resulting from deals made by Owen Sound. Many have been resolved, still fighting to get Austin Hasen back. Upcoming meeting with OLA to resolve other issues.
- Attended meeting with City officials, confirmed Memorial will remain turf year round. City is working well with us. Need to ensure we have priority when Vic Park is finished (still 2-2.5 years away).
- Need to start positioning ourselves with the community. Lots of local players on all rosters.
- Our Oldest living member, Potsy Burrows passes away this past week. Posts have been made on the website and social media, will ensure flowers are sent on behalf of the club.

Motion to put patches on all jerseys this year in memory of Potsy.

Motion: Brent

Second: Chris

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Brent will look into getting the patches made, and cost.

Motion to pre-approve budget up to \$1000 for patches.

Motion: Wes

Second: Glenn

CARRIED

Election of Vice-President

- Dean has been temporarily declared unable to perform duties. May choose to step back into the role when he returns, but we need a VP until such a time.
- Question raised if the VP has to be a Director. Matt confirms that the Governing Documents only allow for the Secretary or Treasurer to be appointed from outside the Board. VP must be an Elected Director (C 2:02 b+e)
- Dan and Matt both nominated, both decline the position.
- Keith nominated, accepts nomination.

Motion to elect Keith Slinger as Vice-President

Motion: Ron

Second: Dan

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Appointment of Privacy Officer

- Keith will step down from the position as he assumes role of VP.
- Position is required by both BELC Governing Documents and OLA.
- Kelly volunteers for the position.

Motion to approve Kelly Pereira as Privacy Officer

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Motion: Matt

Second: Keith

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Leagues:

Majors:

- Roster has been divided with Owen Sound, mostly based on geography.
- Working on getting some players who have said they don't want to play in OS back in Brampton.
- Oakville is sitting out another season. In talks hoping to secure some player who may still want to play MSL.
- Starting to organize schedule. Games will be mostly Thursday, with some Sundays.
- PLL still not allowing players to play in MSL. Will probably be missing Jeff Teat, Clarke Petterson, Warren Jeffrey, possibly Thomas McConvey.

Jr. A:

- Draft is on January 22nd, currently only have 19th overall pick.
- 50 eligible players total currently coming to camp.
- Runs will be joint camp for A's and B's, start in February.
- 18 returning Jr. A players.
- Very busy leading up to draft.

Jr. B:

- Brock Boyle named new head coach. Names have been put in for Assistant coaches, will be decided by January 21st.
- Schedule is complete, season starts at home on May 21st.
- Brock is a local guy, on the Board, brings a new vision and is in it for the long run.
- Team will be young, only a couple of 21 year olds.

Men's Field:

- Not much to report at this time of year.
- Starting to figure out jerseys and equipment.

Masters:

- Matt has gotten comment from a number of members that they want BELC to run a Masters program. It has been included in the Governing Documents, but is not required.
- Concerns from last year repeated about liabilities, insurance and representation.



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- Could cause overbooking of floor time.
- Winter program is more of a pick up/casual league.
- Board would be open to hearing proposal for a program from someone willing to run it.

Treasurer's Report:

- All outstanding bills have been paid.
- Working very well with all GMs.
- Founders money has been distributed between all accounts.
- Teams will begin reporting working capital monthly.
- Received cheque books from Ziggy as well as some outstanding cheques and the money from the Bingo account, still other issues which have not been resolved.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Motion: Matt

Second: Bob

CARRIED

Committees:

Nomination Committee:

- Usually does not have to be formed until May. Special circumstances around this year's induction of new members requires voting to be held within 5 months of AGM (April 1st).
- Committee will be tasked with receiving nominations for both Life Membership and Directors, reviewing them to ensure compliance with Governing Documents, then presenting them for voting.
- Matt has reached out to Bob Burke to ask if he would like to Chair. Bob agreed, asked for Dean McLeod and Barry Richardson to be on the committee with him.

Motion to approve Bob Burke as Chairperson of the Nomination Committee, with Dean McLeod and Barry Richardson as committee members.

Motion: Matt

Second: Ron

CARRIED

Fundraising Committee:

- Ron has been in contact with a company who files grant applications, and solicits sponsorships for NPOs.
- Chris potentially has a Jr. parent who can secure large sponsorships.
- Suggested we have committee review potential companies for this job and work alongside them.
- Glenn nominates Ron as Chair.



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Motion to approve Ron Evans as Chairperson of Fundraising Committee.

- Matt contacted John Sanderson to ask if he would be interested in position, did not hear back.
- Club needs to get out of the mentality of sponsoring individual teams. A system to sponsor the entire BELC should be considered.
- Need to look at weighing the distributions of funds based on the needs of each team.
- Ron asks for clarification of duties, and picking committee members. Accepts nomination.

Motion: Glenn

Second: Dan

CARRIED

Awards Banquet:

- B's have already done awards. Do not recommend Mandarin as venue.\
- It may be better to present awards at games for each team, ensure players are there to receive them.
- Not all awards are presented just to players, a compromise could be to do both. Acknowledge all award winners at banquet, only formally present non-player awards.
- More consideration will be given to format and venues.

Golf Tournament:

- Keith has booked July 8th at Glen Eagle, 1:30 shotgun start.
- Prices have gone up a little since last year.
- Getting an earlier start on organization this year, should make the whole tournament better.
- Will either be a sit down meal, or meal at the turn. Buffet last year did not work well.
- Consider making adjustments to silent auction. Other option could be a ticket raffle.
- Matt would like to auction off one of the Border City jerseys.

New Business:

Programs:

- A member has brought the concern of program books to Matt's attention. Wants to ensure they are continued.
- This is a big undertaking, need to get started on it now. Matt is beginning to put together ideas, asked everyone to give some consideration for next meeting.
- Ideas include feature on past jerseys, Member profiles,
- Wes asks everyone on the Board to submit, or have taken, a headshot for the programs.
- Brent still has some of the resources used in previous years, contact with printer, will forward information to Matt.



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Motion to adjourn.

Motion: Glenn

Second: Ron

CARRIED

Adjournment: 8:30 pm

Next scheduled meeting is Monday, February 6th 2023