



Brampton Excelsiors Lacrosse Club

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting on Monday February 6th, 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, Rick Garcia, Clint Nickerson (via Zoom), Keivan Campbell (via Zoom), Jason Fancett (via Zoom), Brock Boyle (via Zoom)

Absent: None

Dean:

- Glenn spoke with Dean following the last meeting. Very understanding, agreed he will take time to recover. Status with Board and number of Directors will be address if/when Dean feels he is ready to come back.

Adoption of Agenda:

Motion to Adopt the Agenda

Motion: Brent

Second: Ron

CARRIED

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the previous meeting's minutes.

Motion: Keith

Second: Chris

CARRIED

President's Remarks:

- MSL Governors received email from Joe Norton, threatening legal action over use of Brampton logo.
- Norton has the BE logo registered as a Canadian trademark. Ziggy had registered BE encircled by "Brampton Excelsiors Lacrosse Club" prior to that.
- MSL is not concerned about threat. Joe has been removed from all MSL communications.
- Executive Committee held meeting last week to discuss the issue and form an action plan.
- Even if upheld as legal, Joe's contract very specifically does not include any logos or trademarks used by other BELC teams. BE logo has been in constant use by all teams, obviously would be excluded.



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- Joe also trying to register several other trademarks including “Brampton Excelsiors” and “Excesilors lacrosse”.
- Matt researched Trademarks Act, highly likely if this were to go to court we would win and could get Joe’s registration expunged due to previous use, similarities to another registered TM held by us, and Joe never having the right to file for the TM in the first place.
- Matt contacted several law firms to obtain quotes in preparation. Only heard back from a couple.
- Wes further clarifies that under the Trademark Act, Joe would not even be able to enforce this against us, as it protects anyone who had used the TM previous to it being filed.
- Wes suggests we take no immediate action due to the potentially high costs of litigation for something Joe can’t enforce. Notes however that we do need to defend our trademark to protect it in the future.
- Dan asks Matt to forward TM information, he will pass onto MSL to reassure Governors and keep the league moving towards the start of the season.

Leagues:

Majors:

- Got five good players in the draft. Dan feels our second overall pick was the best player in the draft, likely went unpicked due to not playing last season.
- Was mainly looking for offence in this draft.
- Still working on schedule. May face delays due to internal league issue. Should be resolved by next week.
- Coaching staff will be Dan Teat, Brian Beisel, Chris Driscole, and possibly DJ Clevely.

Jr. A:

- Held draft same day as majors.
- Acquired a pick the day of the draft for a total of two.
- League has a new major sponsor bringing in \$100 000 over three years.
- Chris is chairing committee to look at bringing Nepean into Jr. A. Travel is a big issue for the league. Nepean would have to agree to scheduling criteria.
- Issue of Dan Bowyer holding Jr. A equipment brought up. Different options discussed, decision will be deferred to next meeting.
- Dietrich told Dan MSL teams can only have one affiliate. Matt will double check OLA by-laws, but is certain they allow a second affiliate from outside the same city.



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Jr. B:

- Schedule is completed.
- Hosting an exhibition tournament on April 1st.
- Taking part in another tournament in Nations on April 15th.
- Team will be very young, a couple players may miss the start of the season.

Men's Field:

- Nothing to report.

Masters:

- Matt spoke with Kevin Board regarding Masters program. All agreed that they have no interest currently being under BELC. Will present a proposal in the future if that changes.

Treasurer's Report:

- \$30 000 in General Account.
- Still have old account open at National Bank. Very small monthly fee, being kept open in case of emergency with about \$500.
- Full accounts report will be included in the minutes (see Appendix A).
- No update on Minto Cup money.
- Approx. \$3000 from BELC Women's Field program still available for BMLA if they run one. Derek Blasutti wants to, has not been confirmed yet.

Committees:

Nomination Committee:

- Bob had only received a couple Life Member nominations when last Glenn spoke to him.
- We want to try and get 25-30 new members to make up for years of none, and to inject new blood into the membership.
- Deadline for Life Member nominations will be the end of February.
- Meeting date to vote on new members is still TBD. Has to be held by April 1st, as per the Governing Documents.

Fundraising Committee:

- Waiting for a written proposal from Do Good group.



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- Looking at personal sponsors/donators, at low cost. Names will be put on a pull-down banner to be displayed at front door for all games. Similar to stick sponsor program.
- Same type of banner can be made for business sponsors.
- Glenn would like to get signs (“Proud sponsor of the Brampton Excelsiors”) made to give to business sponsors to be displayed in their windows.
- All sponsors could be invited to a special event before or after a game. City has said they can sponsor this event.
- Repeat/long term sponsors should be noted.
- Ron will work with Matt on program sponsors.
- Funds will come in through main account, then be divided between teams.
- We should have a banner/sign also listing Life Members.

Golf Tournament:

- Keith has confirmed 1:30 shotgun start, July 8th.
- Option to solve lunch problem would be to have the meal before the start of the tournament. Allow people to start bidding on silent auction at this point. Come back afterwards for awards and closing of the silent auction.
- Course staff would make sure everyone is out on the course in time for the start.
- Should be able to get signs made for each hole at no cost.

Awards Banquet:

Motion to accept proposed amendment to PP 4:01, c. (See Appendix B)

- Brent in favour of naming an award after Potsy, however he does not feel this is the appropriate one.
- Discussion that an award honouring Potsy should be given to someone outside the Board who has done a lot for the Excelsiors. Matt clarified that this is the function of the Mush Thompson Award.
- Matt explains that he suggested this because Potsy went far above and beyond what was expected of him, enlisted in the war, drove players to games, refereed pro-bono, volunteered with the Legion. The President’s Award recognized a Director who has done the same.

Motion: Matt

Second: None

DEFEATED

- BELC should have a plaque on display listing all BELC Presidents. Will have to be looked into when getting this year’s awards done.
- Glenn suggests each team look at hosting a dinner for players after the end of their respective seasons.



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- New Life Members can be recognized prior to the first game of the season.

Potsy Patch

- Bent got estimates and mock up image.
- \$7/patch, high quality sew on.
- Discussion on design, agreed it should be simplified.
- Concerns of extra workload/costs of sewing on all patches.
- We can get high quality iron-ons which done be done with the help of Mike Hasen.
- Patches will only be put on home jerseys.
- Change design to simple "PB" and get iron-on patches instead.
- Brent will report next meeting.

New Business:

- Ron has been contacted by a former NHLer regarding merchandise.
- We need to start looking at merchandise to sell.
- Discussion on possible suppliers. Want to go local if we can.
- Will revisit at next meeting, brainstorm ideas for items.

Motion to adjourn

Motion: Matt

Second: Chris

CARRIED

Adjournment: 9:12 pm

Next scheduled meeting is Monday, March 6th 2023



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Appendix A

General Bank Account

Bank Balance - \$30,818.84
Accounts Payable - \$18,144.17
Accounts Receivable - \$0.00
Working Capital - \$12,674.67

National Bank

Balance - \$593.85

Junior A Bank Account

Bank Balance - \$24,621.75
Accounts Payable - \$1,500.00
Accounts Receivable - \$10,759.29
Working Capital - \$33,381.04

Junior B Bank Account

Bank Balance - \$17,138.13
Accounts Payable - \$444.78
Accounts Receivable - \$0.00
Working Capital - \$16,693.35

Major Excelsiors Bank Account

Bank Balance - \$4,240.15
Accounts Payable - \$0.00
Accounts Receivable - \$7,694.47
Working Capital - \$11,934.62

Men's Field Bank Account

Bank Balance - \$798.97
Accounts Payable - \$0.00
Accounts Receivable - \$1,440.12 (BMLA to confirm)
Working Capital - \$2,239.09

Totals (All entities)

Working Capital - \$77,516.62



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Appendix B

BELC Amendment Form

This form will be used to suggest amendments to be made to the BELC Governing Documents. Suggestions for amendments made be made by any BELC member in good standing. Completed forms may be submitted to the President or Secretary. Any amendments to be considered at an AGM must be submitted no later than September 1st of that year. Any amendment to be considered at a meeting of the Board of Directors must be submitted no fewer than ten (10) days prior to the scheduled meeting. Additional pages may be attached if needed.

All amendments to be considered will be submitted and voted on in accordance with **C 3:03 (p)** and **(q)** of the BELC Governing Documents.

Section to be Changed: PP 4:01, c

Existing New

Current Wording (Exact): The President's Award will be awarded by the President to a Director who has gone above and beyond their duties that year to the benefit of Brampton lacrosse.

Suggested Wording (Exact): The 'Potsy' Burrows Award will be awarded by the President to a Director who has gone above and beyond their duties that year to the benefit of Brampton lacrosse.

Reason For Change: Rename the President's Award in honour of George 'Potsy' Burrows.

Submitted by (please print): Matt Bowman

Sign: Matt Bowman

Passed: Defeated:

Date: January 28th 2023

Withdrawn: