



Brampton Excelsiors Lacrosse Club

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting on Monday September 11, 2023

Call to Order: 7:13 pm

Present: Matt Bowman, Brent McCauley, Chris Lowe, Ron Evans, Glenn McClelland, Keith Slinger, Kelly Pereira, Wes Jackson, Bob Boddam, Dan Teat (Zoom), Brock Boyle (Zoom), Jason Fancett (Zoom), Clint Nickerson (Zoom)

Absent : Rick Garcia, Dave Succamore, Keivan Campbell

Approval of Agenda :

Motion to adopt the agenda.

Motion: Wes

Second: Ron

CARRIED

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the previous meeting's minutes

Motion: Keith

Second: Kelly

CARRIED

President's Remarks:

- Meeting starting late to due city error in scheduling our meeting room. Had to be relocated.
- Not much has happened since the end of the season
- Was invited to attend BMLA banquet.
- Recognized accomplishments of minor players, many of whom will be play junior and major for us in the future.

Team Reports:

Major:

- Missed the playoffs by one game.
- Missing a few key players for the last couple of games, likely would have made a difference.
- Bigger and better things to come. The team has huge potential for growth and improvement.
- Leadership core was strong.
- Staff will be meeting in the next couple of weeks to start planning for next season.
- Some of our young players got good exposure.



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- Next year we should have back players who went out West or to Sr. B.
- The team was competitive, with the exception of a couple of games, most were kept very close including two which were lost with under 2 seconds to play.
- There was a steep learning curve for the staff taking on new responsibilities.
- We are planning an affiliation with Orangeville Jr. A for next season. Cannot be finalized until after the draft.
- We are currently the only MSL team with no Sr. B affiliate. Looking into options for next year.

Jr. A:

- AGM is coming up shortly.
- Will be deciding if Nepean joins the league or not, the travel cost involved is still contentious.
- Draft will be held in January, we currently have two picks.
- Four players graduated, 16 returning.
- Will be meeting with staff in the next two weeks to discuss plans for next year.

Jr. B:

- Missed playoffs.
- Brock will be stepping down as Head Coach to focus on coaching minor.
- Justin Huggins will be the new Head Coach, Brent will approve his bench staff.
- Barrie is applying for a new team.
- Cost of travel is a huge issue for the league.
- Need to start working on sponsorship ASAP.
- Brock notes that he is not stepping down to focus on Minor, but because he feels he was not given the tools to succeed with the team.
- Changes need to be made at the top of the team.
- Discussion on the viability of the team and recruitment of players follows.
- Jr. B has a league wide issues with number of players. Many teams struggling to fill rosters.

Field:

- Season started last weekend.
- A few U17 players have joined to round out the roster, as well as some players from other centres.
- 2-0 start to the seasons leaves us alone in first place.
- The U17 players have a lower registration fee due to the workings of the leagues.

Treasurer's Report:

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- Matt distributed account reports to the Board earlier (included in Appendices A and B).
- End of September is the year end for the BELC.
- Still waiting on the money form the 2022 Minto. Keith will contact Fiona to follow up.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report.

Motion: Chris

Second: Kelly

CARRIED

Hope Factory:

- Ron attended meeting with the company, no one else was available.
- Concerned about the return on investment.
- Start up cost discussed at last meeting will also have a \$750/month fee on top.
- May be better suited for the BMLA, suggested Chris look into it.

Committees:

Fundraising:

- Matt has asked John Sanderson if he will chair the committee, has not heard back.
- In the interest of getting the committee started, Matt will stand as interim chair until someone to take the position permanently can be found.

Motion to elect Matt as interim Chair of the Fundraising Committee.

Motion: Glenn

Second: Wes

CARRIED

- Wes volunteers to sit on the committee, would also like to see the formation of a Promotional Committee in the near future.
- Bingo currently lists Jr. A Excelsiors as a partner on their website, should be run through the BMLA with volunteers from BELC helping out to comply with under-18 regulations.

AGM

- Constitution requires AGM to be held on the 3rd or 4th Monday of October unless there are extenuating circumstances. These dates are the 16th or 23rd.
- Glenn will be gone both of those dates.
- Board agrees the AGM should not be held without the President in attendance.

Motion to recognize extenuating circumstances in accordance with C 3:03, d.

Motion: Wes

Second: Matt

CARRIED

- AGM will be held on the 5th Monday instead (Oct. 30). Matt will book the room and send notice to the membership.

Banquet and Awards:

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- Concerns of getting players to a banquet have not been solved.
- Does not seem feasible to gather everyone at once.
- May be best to hold a “senior’s day” to bring back players receiving awards.
- Can be filmed and posted on social media.
- Executive Committee still has to present 2022 Mush Thompson and Bruce Wanless awards.

New Business:

- Ron suggests each team hires a gameday manager for next year.
- We need more events at games. Best attended Majors games were Indigenous Heritage Day, and BGCP fundraiser. Events bring more people.
- Beer was not sold due to the cost of the licences, however could be used as an incentive as opposed to a money maker.
- Matt notes a go-between would make his job easier as GM are often busy right before games, making organizing ceremonies and events difficult.
- Sheridan and/or Algoma may have interns available in sports and event management.

- Brent notes that Life Member Chuck Williams recently passed away.

- Social media post was put out. Will make sure to recognize at the AGM and first game next season.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn.

Motion: Ron

Second: Kelly

CARRIED

- Meeting adjourned at 8:57.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, October 2nd at 7:00 pm.



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Appendix A – July 31st Accounts Report

General Bank Account

Bank Balance - \$27,583.31
Accounts Payable - \$11,305.70
Accounts Receivable - \$0.00
Working Capital - \$16,277.61

National Bank

Balance - \$557.91

Junior A Bank Account

Bank Balance - \$27,755.63
Accounts Payable – Undetermined
Accounts Receivable - \$20,335.66
Working Capital - \$48,091.29 (Pending payables info)

Junior B Bank Account

Bank Balance - \$5,836.95
Accounts Payable - \$3,000.00
Accounts Receivable - \$0.00
Working Capital - \$2,836.95

Major Excelsiors Bank Account

Bank Balance - \$39,009.27
Accounts Payable - \$15,510.23
Accounts Receivable - \$0.00
Working Capital - \$23,499.04

Men's Field Bank Account

Bank Balance - \$2,209.09
Accounts Payable - \$0.00
Accounts Receivable - \$0.00
Working Capital - \$2,209.09

Totals (All entities)

Working Capital - \$93,471.89



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Appendix B – August 31st Accounts Report

General Bank Account

Bank Balance - \$27,843.68
Accounts Payable - \$11,605.70
Accounts Receivable - \$0.00
Working Capital - \$16,237.98

National Bank

Balance - \$551.92

Junior A Bank Account

Bank Balance - \$48,071.51
Accounts Payable - Undetermined
Accounts Receivable - \$300.00
Working Capital - \$48,371.51 (Pending payables info)

Junior B Bank Account

Bank Balance - \$2,832.00
Accounts Payable - \$0.00
Accounts Receivable - \$0.00
Working Capital - \$2,832.00

Major Excelsiors Bank Account

Bank Balance - \$23,466.04
Accounts Payable - Undetermined
Accounts Receivable - \$2,527.00
Working Capital - \$25,993.04 (Pending payables info)

Men's Field Bank Account

Bank Balance - \$5,736.59
Accounts Payable - Undetermined
Accounts Receivable - \$0.00
Working Capital - \$5,736.59 (Pending payables info)

Totals (All entities)

Working Capital - \$99,723.04