



# Brampton Excelsiors Lacrosse Club

## Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting on Monday August 12th, 2024

**Call to Order:** 7:05 pm

**Present:** Matt Bowman, Kelly Pereira, Bob Boddam, Keith Slinger, Brent McCauley, Ron Evans, Jodi Phair, Glenn McClelland, Chris Lowe, Keivan Campbell (via Zoom), Jason Fancett (via Zoom), Rick Garcia (via Zoom)

**Absent:** Dan Teat

**Regrets:** Clint Nickerson, Wes Jackson

### **Approval of Agenda:**

**Motion to adopt the agenda.**

**Motion:** Jodi

**Second:** Matt

**CARRIED**

### **Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion to approve the previous meeting's minutes.**

**Motion:** Jodi

**Second:** Kelly

**CARRIED**

### **President's Remarks:**

- Season is over.
- We did not hold a July meeting.
- Golf tournament ran smoothly, well done to Kelly and others who helped organize.
- Received money from the city. Still having meetings, legal is requesting more and more documents from Ron. Will prepare us for next year's application.
- Attended a cricket match with a couple other Board members and Excelsiors fans to promote lacrosse. Talked with a few people, made some connections. Good first step in reaching out to new demographics.

### **Team Reports:**

**Major:**

- Lost three straight to Brooklin in first round of playoffs.
- Keith and Glenn are setting up a meeting with eh coaches to go over plans for next year.



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- Back end was solid. Great defense and goaltending. Need to strongly pad front end to be competitive.
- Good selection of Jr. A grads we can protect for offence also have the first overall pick.
- Need to draft smarter, players who are likely to actually play for us.
- Will be pushing players who have been released to return next season. Would make the team very competitive.
- MSL will be discussing plan to balance teams going forward. All teams agree the current model is not sustainable.

## **Jr. A:**

- Lost in first round of playoffs.
- 12 graduating players this year.
- Two picks in 2025 draft, an abundance of picks in following years.

## **Jr. B:**

- Ran fundraiser hosting Masters tournament on the weekend.

## **Field:**

- Nothing to report.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

- Received money from the city.
- Portion of money is earmarked for promotion, some plans already in place.
- Chris and Ron are ordering blow up shooting tent. Finalizing choice but need to figure out shipping as the company only ships to the US.
- Keith may have connection to get it to Canada.

## **Motion to accept the treasurer's report.**

**Motion: Keith**

**Second: Chris**

**CARRIED**

## **Committees:**

### **Fundraising:**

- Had concerns near the beginning of the season that we would not come close to fundraising goal. Ended at roughly \$180 000/\$200 000. Much better than expected.
- In good position for next year, lots of contacts made and prices in place.
- Need to look at better balance of sponsors. A's and B's did well, Majors still lacking funding.



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- Merchandise sold very well. Did not fully recoup cost, but did not expect to in a single season.
- Jodi will be taking over merchandising from Kelley next year. Lots of ideas to expand and diversify merch.
- Golf tournament went well. Low attendance but people enjoyed it and we made a couple thousand dollars.
- Received a good amount of feedback to improve for next year.
- Matt will work with Kelley to form subcommittee for golf going forward.
- Glenn suggests having a casual mixer/part over winter to get membership together. Include games and liquor to raise money. All in favour of pursuing the idea.
- Matt will be holding Fundraising meeting soon to review the year and plan for next year.

## **AGM and Nomination Committee:**

- AGM to be held third or fourth Monday of October. Matt would like to get date set now to provide ample notice and planning time.
- Board agrees to October 21<sup>st</sup>. Matt will post notice.
- Nomination Committee should have been formed in May, needs to be done now.
- Jodi volunteers to join committee. Glenn will speak with Bob Burke to see if he and Barry Richardson will work on it again.

## **New Business:**

- Matt would like to get a storage locker for the club. Inconvenient only having access to memorial when staff is there, no room that all teams have access to, too much stuff being stored at people's homes.
- Waiting for an estimate from the city. Expecting it to be costly. Suggested to look into private storage rentals. Matt will follow up.
- Keith talked with Fionna. Money from 2022 Minto is finally being sent.
- Ron would like a contact sheet for the Board. Matt will update and send it out.

## **Adjournment:**

**Motion to adjourn.**

**Motion: Matt**

**Second: Jodi**

**CARRIED**

- Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

**Next meeting scheduled for Monday, September 9th 2024.**