

Metro Basketball Association - AGM
7:00 PM, Monday, August 24th, 2023
ZOOM Online Meeting

Minutes

In attendance: Deon Wilson, Mike Cairns, Mike Moores, Andrea Johnston, Brett Haley, Chris Lurette, Chris Burke, Jim Gannon, Robin Venoitte, John Hope, Tim Bachiu, Sandie Hebb, Curtis Gabriel, Russ MacKinnon, Danny DePalma.

1. **Call to Order** – Called to order by Andrea as VP as Stewart could not be present.
2. Andrea welcomed the group
3. Chris confirmed **roll call and Quorum** was successfully reached
4. **Approval of the Agenda**- Move by Mike Cairns 2nd by Mike Moores, Motion carried
5. **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting** – The minutes from the previous AGM have not been located therefore they were not approved at this meeting.
6. **Business arising from the minutes** – None as they are missing
7. **President’s Report** – Stewart was not present for the meeting therefore, no presidents report.
8. **Financial Report** - Chris Lurette Reviewed the financials. These were sent out in advance of the meeting and a quick review was done to highlight the larger items.
 - a. Balance Sheet was reviewed \$87,000 in the bank as of the statement date. There is one payable remaining from one club which they have agreed will be paid prior to the season starting. No other notable items.
 - b. Chris reviewed the Income Statement and highlighted the main differences between the budgeted vs Actuals. Last season saw a shortfall in gym cost due to losing a few cheaper school rentals and some wasted time due to late cancellations as well as playoffs where we didn’t have as many gyms needed but were on hold. Officials development -\$10,000 was another shortfall but it had been planned due to the previous year surplus we had on the books. The referees were under budget. The end result was a 34,000 deficit but the previous year was a surplus of 35,000. This surplus had been planned into the expenses this year. We discussed possibly investing some of the money from the bank account which could now provide a better return for the next 12-24 months while the interest rates are higher. Chris will look into this as a possibility with BMO. We have to ensure the bylaws allow for this.
 - c. **Motion** - to accept the financial statements as presented. moved by Mike Moores 2nd by Mike Cairns, **Motion Carried**.
9. **League Manager’s Report** (Chris Lurette)
 - a. We had a record number of teams and a growing number of divisions which made things increasingly difficult to administer the weekly balancing and getting the schedules out in time at the start of the season. 418 teams this last season playing in 57 divisions. Strong growth and good sign for basketball.

- b. We also had issues finding volunteers to host the playoffs using the tournament format. Chris is therefore recommending that we return to the three week playoff format to avoid this issue.
- c. Officials development program where clinics were held for all referees. Conduct on court is still an issue at times but things noticeably improved. With less referees and many new ones the challenges will continue for some time and we hope the progress will continue with referee development.
- d. Safe Sport compliance will continue to evolve. The board has not officially dealt with the requirement for teams that do not fall under the BNS program. Criminal record check is a big part but coaches education is another significant portion.
- e. Fees are going up this season to the previously communicated amount.

10. Committee Updates/Selection

- a. Rules Committee- Mike Cairns read through the following Motions for the new rules the board put forward. All three motions were moved and seconded and all three motions were **Passed**.

Motion: That the following sub section is added to section 18.9 in the Rules of Play:

Verbal Abuse of a Game or League Official – any person who verbally abuses a game or league official shall be suspended for 1 game (not to be combined with the penalty for game ejection)

A second infraction will result in a suspension of 3 games.

Motion: that the following section be added to the Rules of Play:

Standings – league standings will be calculated using win% and include only games played between teams in the same division.

Motion: That the following section be added to the Rules of Play:

Player Jerseys – all players must wear the jersey of the club they are registered with jersey. (This will come into effect in Fall 2024)

All jerseys must contain a jersey number between 0 and 99.

- b. Personnel Committee- Nothing to report
- c. Discipline Committee- Adhoc
- d. Bylaw/Constitution Committee- Nothing to report but we do need to review with reference to club membership.

11. Election of officers – Mike Cairns reviewed this sections of the meeting

- a. President – this position will be vacated by Stewart Malloy and we are looking for nominations. John Hope was nominated as president. John Hope was the only nominated candidate. John Hope accepted the nomination and was acclaimed to President.
- b. Vice President – Andrea would like to step down as VP. Curtis Gabriel nominated himself to this position, No other nominations, Therefore Curtis was acclaimed to VP.

- c. Treasurer – Shane Mailman, no indication from him therefore it was assumed he would continue in this role.
- d. Secretary – John Hope is now President therefore looking for people offering. Mike Moores stepped forward, no other members stepped forward therefore Mike was acclaimed to Secretary.
- e. Members at large, **Deion Wilson** will remain, Ryan White is stepping away, **Robin Venoitte** will remain, **Paula Nolan, Nicki Murphy**, Mike Moores moved to secretary, Brett Haley stepping away, Curtis Gabriel moved to VP, Chris Cameron not returning, **Christine Buckley, Mike Cairns** returned. NEW members who stepped forward; **Chris Burke, Jed Mullen** (nominated by Robin)

End of election of officers.

12. No other items have arisen.

13. Adjournment- Moved to Adjourn Mike C, 2nd Chris Burke, carried.