

Minutes from June 21, 2010

METRO BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the
Metro Basketball Association Annual General Meeting
Sports Nova Scotia, Halifax, June 21, 2010

Present:

Linda Cleveland-Thompson (Norwood) (President)
Bill Mac Eachern (Secretary)
Niels Keyser (Fall River) (Vice-President)
Todd Mombourquette (Manager)
Rebekah Skeete (Community Y)
Jim McFadgen (Prospect Road)
Charlie Scott (Bedford)
Kevin Nettle (Steelers)
Jim Gannon (Fairview/CP)
Ed McHugh (Past-President)
Cathy Mallan (East Dartmouth B&GC)
Stephen Russell (Celtics)
Grant Romkey (Cole Harbour)
Margaret Barry (Cole Harbour)
Peter Gaskin (Osprey)
Paula Minnikin (Osprey)
Carol Finch (Mainland South)
Gary Kirby (Mainland South)
Todd Umlah (Mainland South)
Pam Ross (Martyrs)
Scott White (Sackville)
Mike Comeau (Sackville)
Keith Higgins (Slam)
Aaron Adams (Bedford Academy)
Jonathon Bell (Bedford Academy)
Karen Provo (North Preston)
Neville Provo (North Preston)
Colleen Smith (North Preston)
Ottillie Hayes (Steelers)

In attendance:

Liam Blanchard (BNS)
Chris Lurette

Regrets:

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by L. Cleveland-Thompson, Chair.

2. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

Secretary B. Mac Eachern called the roll and declared that a quorum was present. A total of 17 of 25 clubs were represented, with 74 of a possible 89 club votes available. Executive members who were not in attendance to represent their clubs held an additional 3 votes to

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bring the total number of votes available to be cast to 77. A polled majority would require 39 votes.

3. Opening Remarks from the Chair

The Chair welcomed all in attendance. She stated that we should limit discussions to the topics being addressed as we have scheduled a presentation by Goalline Sports Administration web service to follow immediately after adjournment.

4. Approval of the Agenda

10AGM01 Motion: That the agenda be approved as presented.

Moved by C. Scott; seconded by E. McHugh.

Motion Carried

5. Approval of Minutes from the Previous Meeting

10AGM02 Motion: That the minutes of the June 8, 2009 meeting be approved as presented.

Moved by N. Keyser; seconded by K. Nettle.

Motion Carried

6. Treasurer's Report

The Financial Report as prepared by Treasurer C. Lucas was presented in his absence by League Manager T. Mombourquette. The balance at the end of the fiscal year was \$32,302.48 and the balance available to start the 2009-2010 season was projected to be approximately \$17,800. In response to questions Mr. Mombourquette stated that there was an increase cost of over \$18,000 in administrative costs due to the use of Spotters at games and paying higher rates for experienced Scorekeepers in order to retain them from year to year. He also stated that the over \$14,000 in cheques which had not yet been cashed were written to referees and scorekeepers.

10AGM03 Motion: That the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented.

Moved by R. Skeete; seconded by K. Higgins.

Motion Carried

7. League Manager's Report

T. Mombourquette presented the League Manager's Report. E. McHugh stated in response to the report that the tiered pay scale for scorekeepers appeared to work very well as we did retain a fair number of older scorekeepers and there were great improvements overall. He went on to state that the use of Spotter also worked very well.

10AGM04 Motion: That the League Manager's Report be accepted as presented.

Moved by C. Scott; seconded by R. Skeete.

Motion Carried

8. President's Report

10AGM05 Motion: That the President's Report be accepted as presented.

Moved by R. Skeete; seconded by C. Scott.

Motion Carried

9. Standing Committee Reports

- Rules Committee – Committee Chair B. Mac Eachern stated that there had been 5 proposals brought forth to the committee and that the committee was recommending adoption of 4 of them. Each were brought forth under separate motions.

10AGM06 Motion: To amend Rule 11.3 of the Metro Basketball Association Rules of Play by striking the clause “8 Players by half time” and substituting the clause “8 players by the start of play in the second half”.

Moved by B. Mac Eachern; seconded by P. Minnikin.

Motion Carried

10AGM07 Motion: To amend Rule 9.4 of the Metro Basketball Association Rules of Play to read: “Subject to Rule 9.3, in the Bantam, Midget, Juvenile and Junior divisions, only enough players can be called up to make a total number of 7 players for a game”.

Moved by B. Mac Eachern; seconded by P. Minnikin.

Motion Carried

10AGM08 Motion: To amend Rule 8 of the Metro Basketball Association Rules of Play to read: “Each team shall be permitted a total of 5 time outs, 2 of which may be taken in the first half and 3 of which may be taken in the second half”.

Moved by B. Mac Eachern; seconded by C. Scott.

Motion Carried

10AGM09 Motion: To repeal Rule 4.5 of the Metro Basketball Association Rules of Play and to amend Rule 4.4 to read: “In Bantam, Midget, Juvenile and Junior age classes, if a team is ahead by 25 points or more, the leading team shall no longer be permitted to employ full or half court pressure defense of any kind”.

Moved by B. Mac Eachern; seconded by K. Higgins.

Motion Carried

10AGM09a Amendment to the Motion: That the words “or half” be dropped from the proposed amendment to Rule 4.4 so that it reads: “In Bantam, Midget, Juvenile and Junior age classes, if a team is ahead by 25 points or more, the leading team shall no longer be permitted to employ full court pressure defense of any kind”.

Moved by E. McHugh; seconded by N. Keyser.

Amendment Carried

Amended Motion Carried

- Constitution and By-Laws Committee - No report to present as the committee did not meet.

10. Canada Games Break

T. Mombourquette reported on the effects that the Canada Games and associated school closures will have on our 2010-11 season. He presented the proposed dates for the regular season and playoffs and stated that the games will also affect Provincials, club hosted tournaments such as the Bedford Classic, and create issues with referee scheduling.

Consensus was that this was an unusual circumstance and we would do the best we can to work around it.

C. Scott stated that the Bedford Classic will base its schedule on the MBA schedule and run later than normal. L Blanchard stated that Provincials will also be pushed back.

11. Fee Structure for 2010-2011 Season

League Manager T. Mombourquette stated that fees are to remain the same at \$1550 per team.

12. Juvenile and Junior Age Classes

T. Mombourquette explained that we had run a pilot program on combining the Juvenile and Junior age classes. It has not proved to be a successful as hoped with high caliber players some of whom are former high school players, playing for Junior teams against Juvenile teams who are mainly made up of players who could not at present make their high school rosters. The result was very lopsided games.

10AGM10 Motion: That the Juvenile and Junior age classes be split into separate divisions.

Moved by K. Higgins; seconded by C. Scott.

Motion Carried

A brief discussion took place on the matter of NSSAF rules permitting Division 2 high school and Junior Varsity teams to play in the MBA. A consensus that this is an NSSAF matter first and that we would deal with it if and when an application by a school team to join the league was made.

13. Executive Election

The following slate of candidates was put forward to make up the MBA Executive:

President	-	N. Keyser
Vice-President	-	M. Maessen
Treasurer	-	C. Lucas
Secretary	-	B. Mac Eachern
Past President	-	L. Cleveland-Thompson
Directors	-	R. Skeete
	-	K. Nettle
	-	O. Hayes
	-	K. Provo

B. Mac Eachern noted that M. Maessen was not present to accept nomination but had expressed an interest. Should he decline the position another director would have to be nominated to be the Vice-President.

10AGM11 Motion: That the slate of candidates for the MBA Executive be accepted as presented.

Moved by K. Higgins; seconded by C. Scott.

Motion Carried

14. Other Items as May Arise

- E. McHugh and G. Kirby put forth the idea that the history of minor basketball in Metro should be captured before it is no longer possible and asked that the Executive follow up on this idea. P. Minnikin suggested striking an ad-hoc committee for the purpose.

10AGM12 Motion: That an ad-hoc committee be struck to investigate possibility of researching the history of minor basketball in the Metro area and that the committee should report back at the next AGM.

Moved by P. Minnikin; seconded by E. McHugh.

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The following volunteered to be members of the committee: E. McHugh, G. Kirby, J. Gannon and T. Mombourquette.

- L. Blanchard of Basketball Nova Scotia gave a brief overview of the present activities of BNS, thanked the MBA for its cooperation during the year and invited all members to attend the BNS AGM on October 3rd.
- B. Mac Eachern described Article 5 of the MBA Constitution in that it outlined the various ways in which membership may be attained. Given his years of service to minor basketball, it was his opinion that the MBA should recognize Mr. Ed McHugh awarding a Life Membership in the MBA.

10AGM13

Motion: In recognition of his long and dedicated service to minor basketball in the Metro area that Mr. Ed McHugh be awarded a Life Membership in the Metro Basketball Association.

Moved by B. Mac Eachern; seconded by C. Scott.

Motion Carried

A number of members spoke to congratulate Mr. McHugh and also expressed the feeling that a Life Membership should also be awarded to Mr. Jim Gannon.

10AGM14

Motion: In recognition of his long and dedicated service to minor basketball in the Metro area that Mr. Jim Gannon be awarded a Life Membership in the Metro Basketball Association.

Moved by G. Kirby; seconded by N. Keyser.

Motion Carried

P. Minnikin offered the opinion that honours such as Life Memberships should not just be left to individuals to bring forward at the AGM but should be dealt with by a committee.

10AGM15

Motion: That an ad-hoc committee be formed to recommend candidates for Life Memberships.

Moved by P. Minnikin; seconded by K. Higgins.

Motion Carried

15. Adjournment

10AGM16

Motion: Move to adjourn.

Moved by R. Skeete; seconded by K. Higgins.

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.