

**METRO BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION**

Minutes of the  
Metro Basketball Association Annual General Meeting  
Canada Games Center, Halifax, June 19, 2012

**Present:**

Niels Keyser (Fall River) (President)  
Marcel Maessen (Dartmouth Lakers) (Vice-President)  
Bill Mac Eachern (Secretary)  
Todd Mombourquette (Manager)  
Jim Gannon (Fairview/CP)  
Scott Borden (Fairview/CP)  
Grant Romkey (Cole Harbour)  
Kevin Nettle (Steelers)  
Ottillie Hayes (Steelers)  
Kim Kennedy (Steelers)  
Andrew Miller (Steelers)  
Angeline Gillis (Sackville)  
Brent MacDonald (Bedford)  
Doug Oxner (Bedford)  
Steve Mullane (Bedford)  
Bill MacDonald (St.MB Slam)  
Richard MacLellan (St.MB Slam)  
David Montford (Can. Martyrs)  
Dave Napier (Can. Maryrs)  
Pam Ross (Can. Martyrs)  
David Kachan (Osprey)

**In attendance:**

Chris Lurette (MBA)

**Regrets:**

Rebekah Skeete (Comm. Y)  
Terry Dixon (Comm. Y)

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by N. Keyser, 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 10 of 24 clubs were represented, with 59 of a possible 87 club votes available. Executive members who were not in attendance to represent their clubs held an additional 3 votes to bring the total number of votes available to be cast to 62. A polled majority would require 32 votes.

**3. Opening Remarks from the Chair**

The Chair welcomed all in attendance and expressed his hope that the meeting portion of the evening would proceed quickly so that an open discussion on the future of the MBA could be held following the meeting.

**4. Approval of the Agenda**

**12AGM01** Motion: That the agenda be approved as presented.

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Moved by A. Miller; seconded by Brent MacDonald.

Motion Carried

### **5. Approval of Minutes from the Previous Meeting**

**12AGM02** Motion: That the minutes of the June 21, 2011 meeting be approved as presented.

Moved by G. Romkey; seconded by O. Hayes.

Motion Carried

### **6. Financial Report**

The Financial Report was prepared by League Manager T. Mombourquette in the absence of Treasurer C. Lucas. President N. Keyser presented the report. The balance at the end of the fiscal year was \$35290.08 and the balance available to start the 2012-2013 season was projected to be approximately \$33,700 approximately \$10,000 higher than last season. This was not considered to be excessive as we may be facing increases in costs for gym time and referees. The goal is to maintain team costs at the same level as the past season and at this time clubs should expect that this will be the case.

S. Borden stated that we still do not know what the portion of the fees which are directed to BNS and Basketball Canada provides to the teams. A discussion ensued on the fee of \$20.00 per player focusing primarily on insurance coverage. There was still some doubt as to whether this provided good value for the money.

A. Miller asked if the insurance covered executives of the basketball clubs as many now are former coaches. It was stated that the insurance is issued on a club level and should encompass members of the club executives as well. O. Hayes added that gym rentals now require proof of insurance which are forwarded by the clubs to Halifax Rec and then to HRSB.

The chair cautioned that we were moving away from the agenda with this discussion and asked for a motion to accept the Financial Report.

**12AGM03** Motion: That the Financial Report be accepted as presented.

Moved by Brent MacDonald; seconded by S. Borden.

Motion Carried

**12AGM04** Motion: Move to obtain a financial breakdown from Basketball Nova Scotia for the MBA's evaluation.

Moved by S. Borden; seconded by Brent MacDonald.

Motion Carried

### **7. League Manager's Report**

T. Mombourquette presented the League Manager's Report. In the report he commented on the numbers of team, players and team personnel registered, the rate of defaulted games (5.7%), gym usage, the continued success of the Spotters program in which over 30% of the games were visited and the lack of major issues concerning standings and scheduling using the ITSportsnet web service. He stated that there were a number of initiatives which he would like to see progress and hoped that some could be addressed during the open forum after the meeting.

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Questions were raised as to the distribution of gyms used by the league. There were 15 regularly used gyms of which 6 were in Halifax, 6 were in Dartmouth and 3 were in surrounding areas. Mr. Mombourquette replied that to a large degree the decisions on what gyms to use are dictated by the cost of each facility. He went on to state that The Canada Games Center was cost effective but there were lots of complaints about the setup within the facility. It was a very hectic start to the season there, using 5 courts at once and they were willing to work with us but the game times were a problem and there were a lot of defaults due to the early start times.

Bill MacDonald felt that additional registration costs would be worth it to many parents from the Slam in order to have gyms closer to home as opposed to paying for gas. Mr. Mombourquette responded by outlining how gyms are allotted to the divisions and that it is then the coordinators jobs to schedule games. Some do a good job of taking geography into account while others do not. With the increase in costs there has been a need to centralize and utilize gyms for which we can have a full day's schedule. This is usually not available in facilities in the outlying areas. Mr. MacDonald stated that the Slam would be willing to sit down and discuss the matter in more detail with the MBA and possibly financially support moving games to areas closer to home. Representatives from Bedford and Sackville offered support for this idea.

**12AGM05** Motion: That the League Manager's Report be accepted as presented.

Moved by A. Gillis; seconded by A. Miller.

Motion Carried

### **8. President's Report**

N. Keyser presented the President's Report. In the report he commented on the success of the league in a number of ways, players participation, numbers of teams, organization, financially, and in its' management. In his report he also stated that he would not be re-offering to serve as President.

He went on to state that we receive a lot of suggestions and recommendations during the season but little support once the season ends. People are needed to step forward on the MBA executive level.

Brent MacDonald expressed his thanks for the work Mr. Keyser had done during his two year tenure and asked, using 20/20 hindsight, what he would recommend that clubs do to improve the MBA. Mr. Keyser responded that they could provide additional representation to the Executive and league meetings. T. Mombourquette added his agreement.

**12AGM06** Motion: That the President's Report be accepted as presented.

Moved by M. Maessen; seconded by K. Nettle.

Motion Carried

### **9. Standing Committee Reports**

- Rules Committee – Committee Chair B. Mac Eachern stated that there had been 3 new proposals brought forth to the committee and that the committee was recommending adoption of all 3.

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The first proposal dealt with changing Rule 11 (Mini and Jr. Mini Variations) so that it reads consistently with the Bantam Variations (Rule 10) and hopefully eliminates any confusion.

**12AGM07** Motion: Move to amend Rules 11.7 and 11.8 of the Metro Basketball Association Rules of Play to read:

“11.7 Man to Man Defense – Man to man defense is required. There shall be no half court trapping presses or zone defenses of any kind.

11.8 Double Teaming - Double teaming is permitted as a help defense but not in a sustained manner such as a trap. When an offensive player has beaten their defender another defender may step in to help momentarily but then must immediately return to guard their own offensive player.”

Moved by B. Mac Eachern; seconded by S. Borden.

There was general agreement with the intention of the rule change to clarify the defensive rules for bantam and younger age classes, however there were concerns over the wording. After some debate the following amendment was proposed to the motion as it dealt with Rule 11.8:

**12AGM07A** Amendment: Move to amend the motion as presented so that Rules 11.8 of the Metro Basketball Association Rules of Play would read:

“11.8 No Double Teaming - Double teaming is not permitted. Help defense is permitted but not in a sustained manner such as a trap. When an offensive player has beaten their defender another defender may step in to help momentarily but then must immediately return to guard their own offensive player or switch players to return to man to man.”

Moved by A. Miller; seconded by K. Nettle.

Amendment Carried.

Motion Carried as amended.

The second proposal dealt with changing Rule 9 on call-ups. A contradiction existed in the rule which led to confusion as to just what was permitted.

**12AGM08** Motion: Move to amend Rule 9.1 of the Metro Basketball Association Rules of Play to read: “Subject to Rules 9.2 to 9.5, players may be called up when a coach knows or suspects that they may be in a forfeiture position for an upcoming game”.

Moved by B. Mac Eachern; seconded by G. Romkey.

Motion Carried.

The third proposal dealt with the number of players a team would be required to register for a Mini or Jr. Mini team. The proposal was based on a perceived need to nullify the number of defaults in these age classes, especially by teams carrying less than 10 players.

**12AGM09** Motion: Move to amend Rule 11.3 of the Metro Basketball Association Rules of Play by striking the clause “A team shall consist of not less than eight (8) players” and substituting the clause “A team shall consist of not less than ten (10) players”.

Moved by B. Mac Eachern; seconded by A. Gillis.

Concerns were raised over what this would do to small clubs which struggle to get a

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single team for a particular age class.

Motion Defeated.

- Constitution and By-Laws Committee – Chairman N. Keyser reported that no issues were brought forward to this committee during the past season.
- Disciplinary Committee – Chairman K. Nettle stated that all disciplinary matters were handled by the League Manager and no major issues were referred to the committee.

**12AGM10** Motion: That the reports of the standing committees be accepted as presented.

Moved by A. Miller; seconded by O. Hayes.

Motion Carried

### **10. Report of the Ad-hoc Committee on Minor Basketball History**

No report was submitted.

### **11. Fee Structure for 2012-2013 Season**

League Manager T. Mombourquette stated that team fees were expected to remain the same as in 2011-2012.

**12AGM11** Motion: Move to leave the fee structure the same as last year notwithstanding any unforeseen circumstances.

Moved by M. Maessen; seconded by D. Montford.

Motion Carried

### **12. Executive Election**

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

President	-	Marcel Maessen
Vice-President	-	
Treasurer	-	Otilie Hayes
Secretary	-	Bill Mac Eachern
Past President	-	Niels Keyser
Directors	-	Kevin Nettle
	-	Bill MacDonald
	-	Angeline Gillis
	-	Richard MacLellan
	-	Brent MacDonald
	-	Andrew Miller

Incoming President M. Maessen expressed his thanks to N. Keyser for the leadership shown during his two years as President. He also expressed his gratitude to the members of the new Executive for stepping up to the plate for the betterment of the MBA and basketball in Nova Scotia. He stated that a larger Executive will ensure that sound decisions are made and that the workload will not be too heavy on any one person.

T. Mombourquette reported that T. Dixon of the Community Y had expressed interest in joining the Executive but could not be present at this time. He would follow up to see if Mr. Dixon is indeed willing to sit on the Executive.

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Incoming President M. Maessen reminded all that the Vice President's position is vacant and urged everyone present to consider either serving in this capacity or in finding someone from their organization who would make a good candidate. He hoped that we would have a new VP by the time the Executive held its' first meeting in September.

### **13. Other Items as May Arise**

- Brent MacDonald asked if other sports have policies to deal with unruly fan behaviour and if they have such policies developed we could adopt them to meet our needs. Bill MacDonald stated that Basketball Nova Scotia or Sports Nova Scotia should be able to look into this on our behalf.

### **14. Adjournment**

**12AGM12** Motion: Move to adjourn.

Moved by S. Borden; seconded by A. Gillis.

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM.