

Minutes from June 7, 2016

**METRO BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION**

Minutes of the  
Metro Basketball Association Annual General Meeting  
Bedford/Hammonds Plains Community Center  
June 7, 2016

**Present:**

Andrew Miller (President)  
Kandace Terris (Vice President)  
Bill MacEachern (Secretary)  
Chris Lurette (Manager)  
Jim Gannon (Fairview/CP)  
Susan Koivu (Dartmouth Lakers)  
Mike Cairns (Steelers)  
Stephen Russell (ABA Celtics)  
Steve Mullane (Bedford)  
Shane Mailman (St.MB Slam)  
Richard MacLellan (MBA Board)  
Brett Haley (Cole Harbour)  
Stewart Malloy (Prospect Rd.)  
Sandie Hebb (Norwood)  
Chris Holland (Sackville)  
Eric Arsenault (Dartmouth Lakers)  
Lori Shea (Bedford)

**Regrets:**

T. Bourgeois (Treasurer)  
R. Gannon  
M. Maessen (Past President)

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 PM by A. Miller, Chair.

**2. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum**

Secretary B. MacEachern called the roll and declared that a quorum was present. A total of 11 of 22 clubs were represented, with 62 of a possible 86 club votes available. Executive members who were not in attendance to represent their clubs held an additional 2 votes to bring the total number of votes available to be cast to 64. A polled majority would require 33 votes.

**3. Opening Remarks from the Chair**

The Chair welcomed all in attendance and reminded everyone that while in attendance may make a motion and/or speak on any motion or report, voting will be conducted on a club basis.

**4. Approval of the Agenda**

**16AGM01** Motion: That the agenda be approved as presented.

Moved by M. Cairns; seconded by S. Malloy.

**Motion Carried.**

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

**16AGM02** Motion: That the minutes of the June 17, 2015 meeting be approved as presented.  
Moved by S. Mullane; seconded by S. Koivu.

**Motion Carried.**

## **6. President's Report**

A. Miller presented the President's Report in which he thanked the members of the Board, League Manager C. Lurette and Head Scorekeeper for their work, support and commitment. He appealed to the members to consider stepping forward and contributing as a member of the Board of Directors to ensure and the game continue to thrive.

**16AGM03** Motion: That the President's Report be accepted as presented.  
Moved by M. Cairns; seconded by S. Malloy.

**Motion Carried.**

## **7. Financial Report**

The Financial Report was presented on behalf of Treasurer T. Bourgeois by League Manager C. Lurette. He stated that this year we had a net surplus of just over \$12,600. The balance at the end of the fiscal year and available to start the 2016-2017 season was projected to be approximately \$59,000. Facility costs are expected to rise in the next year and this may reduce next year's balance.

Mr. Lurette explained that the statements presented contained an adjusted budget. The original budget was prepared on a basis of having 285 teams. A total of 303 teams registered and both additional revenue and expenses necessitated adjustments to the overall budget.

Differences from the adjusted budget included a change in billing for the gym at the Community Y from a flat seasonal rate to hourly billing and the failure of the Bench Bullying club to pay their dues. This club was suspended from play and will not be permitted to reenter the league until they are paid in full.

**16AGM04** Motion: That the Financial Report be accepted as presented.  
Moved by C. Holland; seconded by S. Mullane.

**Motion Carried.**

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

C. Lurette presented his League Manager's Report stating that overall it had been a very successful season thanks to the efforts of all the people who volunteer their time. Mr. Lurette touched on a number of the items included in the report:

- Divisional alignments proved to be much better this year with minimal changes at the break.
- The change in the rules concerning penalties for illegal defence violations led to much more consistency as to how this was called.
- The reduction to 10 shifts from 12 in U10 was also viewed as positive.
- The move to tournament formats for playoffs provided a much better atmosphere for the players and was very popular.

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- There were few if any reports of problems with scorekeeper errors or issues. There were a great group of scorekeepers and Head Scorekeeper Brennan Curry did a great job.
- Spectator behavior is getting worse. There were more than double the number of suspensions handed out to fans than to players and coaches this year.

**16AGM05** Motion: That the League Manager's Report be accepted as presented.  
Moved by S. Mullane; seconded by M. Cairns.

**Motion Carried.**

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

#### **9.1 Rules Committee**

Committee Chair R. MacLellan presented the report stating that one proposal was brought forth for their consideration, that dealing with reducing the minimum number of players required for U12 games. The committee met on this issue and recommended against the proposal. As a result there are no changes to the rules being brought forward to the AGM.

**16AGM06** Motion: Move to accept the Rules Committee report.  
Moved by S. Malloy; seconded by E. Arsenaault.

**Motion Carried.**

#### **9.2 Constitution and By-Laws Committee**

Committee Chair B. MacEachern presented the committee's report stating that after a major review and a number of amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws last year, the committee elected to review the documents for inconsistencies and contradictions. A few minor items were noted but were not deemed significant enough to warrant amending the articles involved.

**16AGM07** Motion: Move to accept the Constitution and By-Laws Committee report.  
Moved by S. Malloy; seconded by B. Haley.

**Motion Carried.**

### **10. Fee Structure for the 2015-2016 Season**

C. Lurette introduced this topic by stating that once again an increase is expected for facility rentals but the exact rates are unknown at this time. The proposed budget for next year would require a fee being set at \$1495 per team an increase of 1.3 percent.

M. Cairns stated that it is possible that fees will double for the Bedford / Hammonds Plains Community Center gym. Mr. Lurette agreed that this was possible but due to our limited usage of this facility the difference could be handled within the proposed budget.

J. Gannon asked about insurance fees at BNS and why it could not cover athletes across Sport Nova Scotia since so many play multiple sports. In response A. Miller stated that while we no longer deal with collecting insurance fees for BNS, this could be brought forward to their next meeting.

**16AGM08** Motion: Move that the MBA fees be set at a rate of \$1495 per team entered in the league.

Moved by C. Holland; seconded by S. Malloy.

**Motion Carried.**

**11. Election of Officers**

In the absence of Past President M. Maessen, A. Miller ceded the Chair to Secretary, B. Mac Eachern for the election of officers. Mr. Mac Eachern called for nominations from the floor for the executive positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The following candidates were nominated for the MBA Executive:

President	-	Kandace Terris
Vice-President	-	Stewart Malloy
Treasurer	-	Tammy Bourgeois
Secretary	-	Chris Holland

Seeing that there were no other nominations and that there were no contested positions, the Chair asked for a motion to approve the members of the Executive as presented.

**16AGM09** Motion: Move to close nominations and accept the Executive as presented.

Moved by S. Hebb; seconded by B. Haley.

**Motion Carried.**

Mr. Mac Eachern then called for nominations from the floor for members at large to sit on the MBA Board of Directors. The following candidates were nominated for the MBA Board:

- Brett Haley
- Mike Cairns
- Richard MacLellan
- Steve Mullane
- Rene Gannon
- Shane Mailman
- Eric Arsenault
- Bill Mac Eachern

The Chair upon seeing that there were no other nominations and that the total number of Directors including the Executive and Past President would not exceed the maximum of 15 members, concluded that there would be no contested positions. The Chair then asked for a motion to approve the Board as presented.

**16AGM10** Motion: Move to close nominations and accept the Board as presented.

Moved by S. Russell; seconded by S. Koivu.

**Motion Carried.**

**12. Other Items as May Arise**

J. Gannon brought up the issue of game timing and that on a few occasions this year late games were cut short due to delays in earlier games. C. Lerette responded that we now have a policy to be followed on this and that it has to be re-enforced during the scorekeeper clinics as this is a responsibility which we place with them. He went on to state that there were only a couple of instances of game delays this year and that it has vastly improved.

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S. Mailman brought up the subject of referee recruitment. He stated that we do not seem to be getting any new blood into their ranks and that this could become a significant problem in the future.

C. Holland replied that MABO has a recruitment process and is attempting to address the issue. However fan abuse is driving young officials from the game despite their attempts at having senior mentorship.

C. Lurette added that many new, young officials do not want to take many of our games due to the abuse they receive from fans. Mr. Hooland replied that this provides great support for any effort to modify fan behavior in the gyms.

S. Russell stated that there is a legal movement to charge parents for penalties and suspensions. He was not sure of the details but was aware of it being tried in some jurisdictions. M. Cairns suggested that this approach could be put together with a behavioral contract for parents. L. Shea stated that Bedford had introduced a contract for parents but this year was their worst ever.

R. MacLellan suggested that perhaps an NSAAF style proclamation be read before each game. He went on to suggest that the Board strike a committee at their next meeting to look into such matters.

L. Shea introduced the matter of paying travel costs for officials and that this was quite expensive for the Bedford Classic. C. Lurette responded that the MBA has an agreement with MABO so that we do not pay travel costs.

C. Lurette stated that the dates of play for the 2016-2017 season have not yet been fixed. BNS is changing the dates of some of their provincial tournaments and we are waiting on these to be finalized before we post our dates.

E. Arsenault stated that as the number of available facilities keep shrinking, it is getting increasingly difficult to get practice time. He asked if the MBA as a joint body could help address this issue. C. Lurette replied that there have been meetings with BNS and HRM to discuss these concerns and how to deal with it as we move forward.

### **13. Adjournment**

**16AGM11** Motion: Move to adjourn.

Moved by S. Hebb; seconded by S. Malloy.

### **Motion Carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.