

Minutes from June 8, 2009

METRO BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the
Metro Basketball Association Annual General Meeting
at NSCC Leeds Campus, Halifax, June 8, 2009

Present:

Linda Cleveland-Thompson (Norwood) (President)
Bill Mac Eachern (Secretary)
Niels Keyser (Fall River)
Brian Pascher (Fall River)
Corey Lucas (Community Y)
Rebekah Skeete (Community Y)
Jim McFadgen (Prospect Road)
Charlie Scott (Bedford)
Tony Folkins (Osprey)
Kevin Nettle (Steelers)
Jeremy Jackson (Steelers)
Steve Gillett (Slam)
Ed Mc Hugh (Past-President)
Yvonne Chaulk (Treasurer)
Marcel Maessen (D. Lakers)
Todd Mombourquette (Manager)
Stephen Russell (Celtics)
Vicki Traynor (VEBA)

In attendance:

John Roy (BNS)
Peter Halpin (BNS)
Chris Lurette

Regrets:

Jim Gannon (Fairview/CP)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 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 with 60 of a possible 101 votes available to be cast.

3. Opening Remarks from the Chair

The Chair welcomed all in attendance. She went on to remind all that reports were sent out in advance and should have been reviewed prior to the meeting. With this in mind she stated that we should be able to deal with all items on our agenda prior to adjournment.

4. Approval of the Agenda

09AGM01 Motion: That the agenda be approved as presented.
Moved by E. McHugh; seconded by K. Higgins.
Motion Carried

5. Approval of Minutes from the Previous Meeting

- 09AGM02** Motion: That the minutes of the June 23, 2008 meeting be approved as presented.
Moved by C. Scott; seconded by J. Jackson.
Motion Carried

6. Treasurer's Report

The Financial Report as prepared by Treasurer Y. Chaulk was presented. The balance at the end of the fiscal year was \$38,537 and the balance available to start the 2009-2010 season was projected to be approximately \$11,800.

- 09AGM03** Motion: That the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented.
Moved by R. Skeete; seconded by C. Scott.
Motion Carried

7. League Manager's Report

- 09AGM04** Motion: That the League Manager's Report be accepted as presented.
Moved by C. Scott; seconded by Y. Chaulk.
Motion Carried

8. Standing Committee Reports

- Rules Committee – No report to present as the committee did not meet.
- Constitution and By-Laws Committee – Committee Chair B. Mac Eachern introduced the report by stating that amendments to the constitution were necessary. As a result of our failure to be able to have an audit done we could be violating our own constitution unless we made the recommended amendments.
Discussion ensued as to the required nature of an audit, the possibility of hiring an accountant or bookkeeper and the nature of our financial records.

- 09AGM05** Motion: That Article 14.5 of the MBA Constitution be amended to read: "14.5 The books and records of the MBA may be inspected at the registered office of the MBA by:
14.5.1 Any member, at any reasonable time within two days prior to the annual general meeting; or 14.5.2 Any Club Representative at any time so long as a written request to do so is submitted ten days in advance."
Moved by C. Scott; seconded by J. McFadgen.
Motion Carried

- 09AGM06** Motion: That Article 12 and sections 14.1 and 14.2 of Article 14 be repealed.
Moved by R. Skeete; seconded by J. Jackson.
Motion Carried

- 09AGM07** Motion: That the MBA have an Expense and Revenue Policy document drafted and approved by the Executive for presentation to and approval by the membership at the next Annual General Meeting.
Moved by T. Folkins; seconded by B. Pascher.
Motion Carried

- Discipline Committee - No report to present as the committee did not meet.

9. Fee Structure for 2009-2010 Season

League Manager T. Mombourquette spoke to this matter describing the present fee structure and how any increases would be used for the betterment of the league. He described the major issues as being: the increase in cost of the P3 schools as we would now be charged for 10 hours as opposed to 8 hours per day; the number of young and overwhelmed scorekeepers and our failure to be able to retain older scorekeepers; Discipline issues and the possible solution of having Game Spotters. With many uncertainties it was felt that it would not be possible to establish a firm fee structure at this time and a proposal was put forward by T. Folkins that a ceiling of a \$50 increase be imposed. Discussion ensued on the need to establish fees as soon as possible so that clubs can set their registrations.

09AGM08 Motion: That the MBA Executive be given license to increase registration fees by a \$50.00 Ceiling, provided that they are able to establish it by the end of June.
Moved by C. Scott; seconded by J. Jackson.

09AGM08a Amendment to the Motion: That the MBA Executive provide a breakdown of what any increase will provide.
Moved by J. Jackson; seconded by B. Pascher.
Amendment Carried
Amended Motion Carried

10. Results of Bantam Boys on Sundays

A brief discussion took place on this item and the general consensus was that it the bantam boys should continue to play on Sundays.

11. Communications with Coaches

T. Mombourquette reported that we did not hold the traditional Coaches Meeting prior to this past season. The reason was that the same coaches attended each year and that you were preaching to the choir. The coaches who attend are not the problem coaches who you would like to reach. The problem is how do we get our message across to coaches who will not attend meetings and if we made the meetings mandatory, how would we enforce it? If we made certification mandatory, we would lose coaches.

Mr. Mombourquette explained that in many cases, support is missing from the clubs. M. Maessen stated that Club Representatives must accept the responsibility of communicating with the coaches. Changes in disciplinary policies are forthcoming and it must be the clubs who ensure that all their coaches know the new rules.

P. Halpin suggested that BNS could put on a clinic for Club Presidents or Representatives in September. T. Folkins stressed that rather than using a broad brush, specific issues should be targeted. He suggested starting with coach's and bench conduct.

Consensus was that the MBA should provide the structure and that the clubs must enforce the rules. It was felt that the Executive should follow up on this issue in time for the next season.

12. Executive Election

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

President	-	L. Cleveland-Thompson
Vice-President	-	N. Keyser
Treasurer	-	Y. Chaulk
Secretary	-	B. Mac Eachern
Past President	-	E. McHugh
Directors	-	R. Skeete
	-	T. Adderson
	-	K. Higgins
	-	K. Nettle
	-	O. Hayes
	-	S. Gillett
	-	C. Lucas

09AGM09 Motion: That the slate of candidates for the MBA Executive be accepted as presented.

Moved by M. Maessen; seconded by C. Scott.

Motion Carried

13. Games Running Late

B. Mac Eachern outlined the fact that numerous games were running late and that this was causing problems for those teams who were unfortunate enough to have to play the later games in those gyms. In some cases games were cut short as the gyms were booked by other groups. In other cases caretakers simply shut off the lights when the booking expired. Discussion as to the reasons for games running late and possible solutions ensued.

09AGM10 Motion: That overtime be eliminated for the upcoming season and that this action be evaluated at mid-season.

Moved by M. Maessen; seconded by C. Scott.

Motion Carried

14. Posting of Player Statistics on the Website

C. Lurette explained that numerous complaints are received over supposed errors in player statistics. He questioned the value of posting such statistics.

09AGM11 Motion: That we cease posting player points on the website.

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

A discussion as to the pros and cons of having the player statistics posted held. While there was no consensus on the issue it was agreed that there was some merit and motion was withdrawn.

Motion withdrawn

15. Notification of Executive Meetings

J. McFadgen requested that notification of Executive meetings be sent out to all clubs so that a representative can attend as an observer if they wish.

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16. Recruiting Issues

J. McFadgen stated that there is active recruiting taking place within the MBA and that the current rules do not address the problem adequately.

T. Mombourquette responded that Motion 09EX016 which established what has become known as the “Big Stick Rule” can certainly be used in the case of recruiting violations.

This rule basically says that playing within the MBA is a privilege, not a right. If you do not follow the spirit if not the letter of the rules, that privilege will be taken away.

17. Adjournment

09AGM12 Motion: Move to adjourn.

Moved by T. Folkins; seconded by R. Skeete.

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.