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METRO BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the
Metro Basketball Association Annual General Meeting
St. Mary's University, Halifax, June 21, 2011

Present:

Marcel Maessen (Dart. Lakers) (Vice-President)
Bill Mac Eachern (Secretary)
Corey Lucas (Community Y) (Treasurer)
Todd Mombourquette (Manager)
Grant Romkey (Cole Harbour)
Charlie MacDonald (Sackville)
Shirley Jollimore (Prospect Road)
Dave Peters (Prospect Road)
Steve Mullane (Bedford)
Brent MacDonald (Bedford)
Kevin Nettle (Steelers)
Ottilie Hayes (Steelers)
Terry Dixon (Community Y)
Rebekah Skeete (Community Y)
Jim Gannon (Fairview/CP)
Scott Borden (Fairview/CP)
Peter Luke (Osprey)
Todd Umlah (Mainland South)
Stephen Russell (Celtics)

In attendance:

Liam Blanchard (BNS)
Chris Lurette (MBA)

Regrets:

Niels Keyser (President)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM by M. Maessen, 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 11 of 22 clubs were represented, with 47 of a possible 87 club votes available. Executive members who were not in attendance to represent their clubs held an additional 5 votes to bring the total number of votes available to be cast to 52. A polled majority would require 27 votes. (Note: Late arrival of the representatives from 2 clubs brought the numbers to: 13 of 22 clubs; 54 of 87 club votes available; total number of votes available to be cast 59 requiring 30 for a majority.)

3. Opening Remarks from the Chair

The Chair welcomed all in attendance and expressed President N. Keyser's regrets at being unable to attend. In the President's absence it falls on the Vice-President to act as chair of the meeting and he promised that he would do his best to keep it short. The Chair stated that all in attendance may speak to any motion, as well as move or second any motion, however

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only those identified as the official representative for their club or as executive members with voting privileges may vote.

4. Approval of the Agenda

- 11AGM01** Motion: That the agenda be approved as presented.
Moved by R. Skeete; seconded by C. Lucas.
Motion Carried

5. Approval of Minutes from the Previous Meeting

- 11AGM02** Motion: That the minutes of the June 21, 2010 meeting be approved as presented.
Moved by K. Nettle; seconded by D. Peters.
Motion Carried

6. Treasurer's Report

The Financial Report was presented by Treasurer C. Lucas. The balance at the end of the fiscal year was \$24,595.54 and the balance available to start the 2009-2010 season was projected to be approximately \$15,500, approximately \$10,000 lower than last season. Mr. S. Borden asked about what the portion of the fees which are directed to BNS and Basketball Canada provides to the teams. Mr. L. Blanchard, Executive Director of BNS provided the response explaining that the BNS/Canada Basketball fees were set at \$240/team with \$180 going to BNS and \$60 going to Basketball Canada. From BNS, insurance coverage is the biggest expense followed by coaching clinics, provincial tournaments and camps. Discussions are being held with Basketball Canada to have some return from them.

- 11AGM03** Motion: That the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented.
Moved by R. Skeete; seconded by O. Hayes.
Motion Carried

7. League Manager's Report

T. Mombourquette presented the League Manager's Report. In the report he commented on the continued success of the Spotters program, the continued need for improved communication and the failure of Goalline web service to live up to expectations. He stated that parents continue to bypass the clubs and at times he was receiving up to 500 emails per day. He felt that the coordinators did a great job in utilizing the gyms they were given. Mr. Mombourquette went on to say that a workshop on rules is truly needed.

- 11AGM04** Motion: That the League Manager's Report be accepted as presented.
Moved by S. Borden; seconded by C. MacDonald.
Motion Carried

8. President's Report

- 11AGM05** Motion: That the President's Report be accepted as presented.
Moved by C. Lucas; seconded by K. Nettle.
Motion Carried

9. Standing Committee Reports

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- Rules Committee – Committee Chair B. Mac Eachern stated that there had been 4 proposals brought forth to the committee and that after due consideration, the committee was recommending adoption of only 1 of them dealing with the inclusion of suspensions and penalties in the Rules of Play.

11AGM06

Motion: To add Rule 13 entitled Suspensions, to the Metro Basketball Association Rules of Play which shall read:

- 13.1 Suspension from participation in the MBA may be given for unsportsmanlike conduct, conduct detrimental to the MBA, or conduct detrimental to the sport of basketball and the spirit in which youth sports are to be played.
- 13.2 The MBA reserves the right to suspend any individual person from participation in the league, be they a player, coach, manager, parent, fan, team or club follower or associate.
- 13.3 The MBA reserves the right to suspend any team or club.
- 13.4 Subject to Rules 13.5 and 13.6, an automatic 1 game suspension shall be assessed to any individual who is ejected from a game for any reason.
- 13.5 Any person who receives a second automatic suspension in a season shall be assessed an automatic 3 game suspension.
- 13.6 Any person who receives a third or subsequent automatic suspension shall be suspended indefinitely until such time as determined by the MBA Disciplinary Committee.
- 13.7 Automatic suspensions may not be appealed.
- 13.8 The MBA reserves the right to issue discretionary suspensions as determined by the MBA Disciplinary Committee.
- 13.9 Any player, coach, manager, team or club who is assessed a discretionary suspension shall have the right to appeal the suspension to the Appeals Committee. An appeal must be made by the member club. While awaiting a decision by the Appeals Committee the suspension must continue to be served.
- 13.10 Upon receiving notification from the MBA, member clubs are responsible for informing any individuals associated with their club or teams of suspensions and in seeing that the suspensions are fully served. Failure to do so may result in sanctions against the member club including suspension and/or dismissal from the MBA.
- 13.11 Teams using suspended coaches, managers or players shall automatically forfeit the games in which the suspended persons participated and may face further sanctions.

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

Considerable discussion of the motion centered on the facet of automatic suspensions and the way in which it could possibly be abused. The overall feeling was that though there was merit in having the discipline matters defined, the proposal needed more refinement and should go back to the committee for further work.

Motion Defeated.

- Constitution and By-Laws Committee – The one issue brought forward to this committee dealt with the inclusion of suspensions and disciplinary matters within the

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By-Laws. The committee felt that this would be best dealt with by the Rules Committee as it was more appropriate to be included in the MBA Rules of Play.

- Disciplinary Committee – There were no major issues dealt with by the Disciplinary Committee as most issues fell under the Rules of Play and the Violations policy listed on the website. as such the committee did not meet beyond email communications.

11AGM07 Motion: That the reports of the standing committees be accepted as presented.
Moved by C. Lucas; seconded by S. Jollimore.
Motion Carried

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

No report was submitted,. Deferred until next meeting.

11. Fee Structure for 2010-2011 Season

League Manager T. Mombourquette stated that a \$64 increase per team may be necessary based on referee increases and the fact that we ran a deficit this past season. We do hope however to be able to hold the increase to \$50.00 per team.

11AGM08 Motion: That the fees be raised to \$1600.00 per team from \$1550.00.
Moved by T. Mombourquette; seconded by P. Luke.
Motion Carried

12. MBA Web Based League Management Services

T. Mombourquette explained that given the problems we had in the past season with Goalline, we should move back to ITSports. The only positive which came out of it was that the clubs made good use of their Goalline web sites. The clubs will be free to remain, but in the best interest of running the league effectively we should switch. The cost is \$3000.00 less at ITSports and they appear to have overcome the problems which they had which led to our entertaining the move in the first place.

11AGM09 Motion: That the MBA drop Goalline and go back to ITSports for its' web based services.
Moved by T. Mombourquette; seconded by R. Skeete.
Motion Carried

13. Clubs Expressing Interest in Joining the MBA

T. Mombourquette reported that 5 clubs have expressed interest in joining the league for next year. Needham, Africville, Tri-County, Kentville and New Minas. All information has not been received and it was felt that the Executive should vote on each separately based on their merit and how they meet our entrance requirements.

14. 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

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- K. Nettle
- O. Hayes
- K. Provo

11AGM10 Motion: That the slate of candidates for the MBA Executive be accepted as presented.
Moved by D. Peters; seconded by S. Jollimore.
Motion Carried

15. Other Items as May Arise

- L. Blanchard of Basketball Nova Scotia gave a brief overview of the present activities of BNS, thanked the MBA and the member clubs for their cooperation during the year. He stated that it is hoped that there will be seeding committees for provincial championships, and that a provincial basketball facility is being discussed. He hopes that all members will be available to attend the BNS AGM in October.
- Todd Mombourquette outlined a proposal which he believes may have merit on competitive leagues with teams from across the province.

11AGM11 Motion: That an ad-hoc committee be struck to study the feasibility of competitive leagues in the province for bantam and min levels.
Moved by T. Mombourquette; seconded by K. Nettle.
Motion Carried

16. Adjournment

11AGM12 Motion: Move to adjourn.
Moved by T. Dixon; seconded by B. MacDonald.
Motion Carried
The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.