

The 2009 Executive has determined their focus for this year will be on the following directives:

- 1) Membership & Recruitment
- 2) Women's Outreach
- 3) Community Building
- 4) Volunteers & Leadership
- 5) TIPC



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MEETING Minutes – May 31, 2009

Location: 7 Selby Street

Secretary: Tedd Konya

1. CALL TO ORDER by Jason 7:50PM

2. MEETING ATTENDEES & REGRETS

Present:

Jason Wilcox – Commissioner
Hamal Docter – Treasurer (Late)
Tedd Konya – Secretary
Kephra Senett – Communications Officer / Vice-Commissioner
Tara Vinodrai – Women's Representative / League Ombudsperson

Regrets:

Clay Knight – League Operations Coordinator
Kent Williams – Membership Coordinator

3. AGENDA & MINUTES ACCEPTANCE

Agenda

- Meeting must end by 9PM. All topics not discussed at that point will be moved to the next meeting's agenda

Minutes from May 11, 2009

- Postponed until the next meeting

4. MEMBER REPORTS (submitted via email)

4.1 Commissioner (Jason)

- No report

4.2 Communications Officer / Vice-Commissioner (Kephra)

- Lifang is attending to a personal matter at present. I have told her to attend to that and let me know when she's got the gallery done. When that is done I will send out an announcement to the league re: Forum, Gallery, Member's Area.

4.3 Membership Coordinator (Kent)

- No report

4.4 Treasurer (Hamal)

- No report

4.5 Women's Representative / League Ombudsman (Tara)

- due to a small error before the draft, JacylN S. was not replaced with another woman when she was shifted to Occasional Player status; this means that there is one team with one less woman than planned / accounted for during the registration cycle and therefore the draft.
- Tara is working with Kent and they have agreed that (as an exception to correct the error) the **next male player that comes up for replacement on one of Carlsberg, Blakes, Fly, O'Grady's, Crews or Woody's will be replaced by a female player to account for this.**
- Tara has made an effort to welcome new female players and has been monitoring female attendance. Several individuals were identified for follow up by Kent and/or Tara; Kent is also working with the captains on this issue.
- The additional advertising efforts and the positive image of our organization have been successful in attracting women who are a fit with our league.
- Tara has asked Clay for the list of people who have rec'd red or yellow cards during the first two games to monitor according to DST's Disciplinary Policy. There have been no red cards so far. Kephra will add Tara to attendance@ address.
- There have been no major injuries or incidents so far; which is an improvement over the same time last year
- Some members have raised the question about whether or not the draft produced even/fair teams. Discussion ensued via email related to how occasional players are treated in the draft, attendance, the balance of skill on teams, and the pace at which teams' gel'. It was noted that team balance seems fine (based on goals for/against and wins/ties/losses) but it is too early to fully assess. . Agreement to revisit team performance later in the season and that a review of the occasional players not being included in the draft may be necessary and recommend that to next year's executive. Tara identified the need to clarify the role of 'occasional players' to the team captains.

4.6 League Operations Coordinator (Clay)

- No report

4.7 Events and Fundraising Coordinator (Unfilled)

- (Tedd) Will be meeting with Ellen from Carlsberg tomorrow to discuss Pride float possibility
 - Carlsberg and Ellen appear to be very excited about the opportunity so I will work on getting as much as I can with minimal cost to the league
 - Heard back from the Pride Parade chair and he mentioned that they would like some financial contribution to help keep the Pride Parade free...or something along those lines. More details after my meeting with Ellen

4.8 Secretary (Tedd)

- The exec voted via email 2 weeks ago to accept the BMO contract for TIPC

6 Yays, 0 Nays, 1 Abstention

- Exec field presence spreadsheet was sent out and completed with the exception of only 1 exec member available for the 5PM game

5. ONGOING/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1 Events & Fundraising position

- John resigned from his position on Sunday May 24th and contacted the sponsors at the same time to notify them of his resignation
- Tara followed up with John (on behalf of the Executive) to seek clarification
- A letter of acknowledgement was sent to John on Friday May 29th
- What do we do now?
 - The Constitution states that the "Executive must share the duties normally performed by that role until a suitable replacement is found"
 - Previous resignations have not always been filled
 - A *lengthy* discussion occurred discussing all viable possibilities and solutions
- Motion made by Hamal to appoint Tedd K. as Interim Events & Fundraising Coordinator
 - Second by Jason
 - **APPROVED 4-0-1**
- Tedd will contact all sponsors notifying them of his new role
- Tedd will send an email to all captains requesting a social liaison to serve on the events committee
- Tedd will contact Shane B. to discuss assisting with events

5.2 Executive field presence

- There was confusion whether playing a game count as our 2 games of presence on the field
- Discussion occurred around how many executive members are needed at the field at all times
- It was decided that there only needs to be 1 exec member at the field
 - Then we don't need to be present for 2 games as most games have 1 exec member playing. We just need to watch for the rare occasions when the 3 teams without an exec play each other.
- Will keep the schedule as is, but Tedd will ensure there are not games without an exec member.
- Exec members are encouraged to arrive ½ before their game and stay ½ hour after the game.

6. NEW BUSINESS

None

7. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting: Monday June 15, 2009, 7PM, TBA

8. ADJOURNMENT

Time – 9:11PM