

The 2010 Executive has determined their focus for this year will be on the following directives:

1. Governance Adjustments
2. Community Building
3. Leadership/Continuity

Carrying over the 2009 Executive priorities:

1. Womens' Outreach
2. TIPC
3. Membership & Recruiting



[info@downtownsoccertoronto.org](mailto:info@downtownsoccertoronto.org)

<http://www.downtownsoccertoronto.org>

## **MEETING Minutes – June 7, 2010**

**Location: Churchmouse & Firkin**

**Secretary: Tedd Konya**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER by Steve 7:09PM**

### **2. MEETING ATTENDEES & REGRETS**

#### **Present:**

Steve Lloyd – Commissioner  
Keph Senett – Communications Officer / Vice-Commissioner  
Daniel Tourangeau – Treasurer  
Tedd Konya – Secretary  
Tara Vinodrai – Women's Representative / League Ombudsperson  
Shane Butner – Events & Fundraising Coordinator (7:15PM)  
Amanda Stocks – Membership Coordinator (7:34PM)  
Ed Van Ekeris – League Operations Coordinator (7:11PM)

#### **Regrets:**

### **3. AGENDA & MINUTES ACCEPTANCE**

#### **Agenda**

- No changes

#### **Minutes**

- Deferred until quorum met

### **4. MEMBER REPORTS**

#### **4.1 Commissioner (Steve)**

- TIPC

*\* The following is a written report provided by Jordan S, the 2010 TIPC Director:*

Final registration: 6 teams in the open division (Philadelphia, New York, Chicago, Hogtown, Testa, Titans), 4 in the women's (Philadelphia, Artichokes, Sun Kissed, Brass Taps). The Philadelphia (both open and women's) and NYC teams do have some vacancies for stragglers. About a third of players on rosters have not yet paid, and a reminder will be going out after our meeting tomorrow to team captains regarding this as well as a host of other reminders/info about the tournament/registration/etc..

Schedule: Tranha Piranha and the potential Windsor-Detroit teams officially dropped out over the weekend, so we have been retweaking the schedule to reflect this. With the women's division, we plan to do a standard draw as in past years. For the open division, we are looking at giving each team 4 games on Saturday for the round robin, then playoffs on Sunday. Another possibility we are considering is spacing out the games more and having each team play each other once and decide the tournament on the outcome of the round robin alone.

Transportation: We will be booking a bus to run throughout the day from the Sheraton downtown to the fields. We will also likely have a stop at Kipling subway (since it is en route). Priority on the bus will be given to participants and volunteers, but where space is available we will be willing to transport spectators (something we will only announce late so as to encourage potential spectators to volunteer). We also will have a car (thanks to Zipcar) to do pickups of supplies and also of key persons like referees and our athletic therapist.

On the field: We have booked a contact of Brian, last year's athletic therapist, to be on site in case of injury etc. She is a recent graduate of Sheridan in the field. Finding referees has been a bit of a struggle, but Chris has found 6 - 1 of the guys from the skills clinics, 2 varsity soccer contacts of Noelle's, and 3 from York varsity soccer. More would be ideal, so if you have any advice let us know - but we've chased all the leads we can think of.

We've got last year's equipment, and Joe has scored us some free tents and coolers from Home Hardware so that the field areas are a bit more comfortable

Events: The opening night event will be taking place at Crews & Tango on Friday the 18 from 7-10. Players will be able to register from 7-8:30 if they have not already done so, and can pick up their registration kits (duffle bags and water bottles are ready and being shipped as we speak) anytime throughout the night. The captain's meeting will take place upstairs around 8:30, to be immediately followed by the official welcomes. We will be providing light snacks, and Paras from C&T is ensuring there will be adequate staff on hand to cover the bar as well as some entertainment and a DJ. We have exclusive use of the place between 7 and 10. BMO has confirmed they will be there to welcome participants. No word from Proud or Fab - it is in the sponsorship agreement that they can come if they wish. Saturday's BBQ dinner will again be at Voglie. I have provided the deposit on the same menu as last year. Now that we have a confirmed number of teams, I will be finalizing details and logistics with Lia at Voglie but it should run pretty much identical to last year's event

Volunteers: Cam is up to a count of 14 volunteers, and more are needed/will probably trickle in. We are raffling the Toronto-Montreal train ticket as well as a massage that was donated as incentives/rewards. Volunteer tshirts have been ordered and will be ready early next week.

Assorted others:

I've just been asked by Proud to do an interview on air on the 16th or 17th  
Medals will be done up with our logo on the front and engraved with the division and  
year on the back.

Avery is working on updating the Tournament Program for this year, should be  
finished shortly.

- Fields subcommittee
  - Jon H and Ryan L have come forward to participate
  - Steve will check with Ryan to see if he is comfortable with a committee of 2 people
  - Keph will send a reminder message to the league seeking additional participants
- Radio Canada – Steve did a 12 minute interview in French

#### 4.2 Communications Officer / Vice-Commissioner (Keph)

- Keph said it's business as usual
- Ed stated he heard feedback that there was too much communication going out to  
league members. He heard that communication through captains is more effective  
(people read captain emails but not DSTribution)
  - It was noted that there is not much more we can do to get information out
  - There is less communication this year than in previous years

#### 4.3 Membership Coordinator (Amanda)

- Co-captain have been selected by the teams and notified
- Attendance
  - Thanks to Tedd for tracking
  - 3 people have been pulled from the waiting list so far
  - A request was made by Polar Ice captain to get additional members due to  
advanced absences
    - Amanda is open to providing 1 or 2 people
    - Tara said the request has always been honoured in the past
    - All agreed
    - Amanda will pull the next person on the waiting list for Polar Ice
  - Amanda rcvd an email from Woody's captain about an injured player and  
requesting a new player
    - Amanda asked for an email from the injured player stating their playing  
status and will add a player if necessary
- Reimbursement
  - A member that was placed on a team, but never played a game, is having  
surgery and requested reimbursement
  - Amanda will send the mailing address to Daniel to issues a cheque
- Pinnies
  - A request was made by Jason W to be able to use pinnies for certain games
  - Discussion about other team combinations that might need pinnies

- Due to the condition of the league pinnies, it was decided that Ed would purchase new pinnies
- Tara requested more due diligence in taking care of the new set of pinnies
- Amanda will go through the schedule to see how many times the pinnies are needed so they are not kept in the equipment bag all season, and can be washed after use
- Amanda stated she received a comment about referees → Deferred to Women's Representative report

#### 4.4 Treasurer (Daniel)

- Financial statement
  - Daniel passed out the financial statement as of Apr 30, 2010
  - Revenues around \$11,000
  - Surplus of \$3000 for current fiscal year
  - Daniel explained some highlights on the statement
  - Bank account shows a balance of \$20,000
  - Most expenses for the year are paid except for the banquet
  - Permit costs turned out to be less than expected → Surplus could be used for better playoff fields
- Financial policy
  - Daniel passed around the revised policy based on feedback from the last meeting
  - Discussion
    - During discussion a suggestion was made to increase the number of signing officers → This was rejected since it will lesson control over the finances
  - Motion by Daniel to accept the Financial Policy
    - Second by Steve
    - **PASSED unanimous**

#### 4.5 Women's Representative / League Ombudsman (Tara)

- Disciplinary Policy → Circulated to captains and has been posted on the website
- Disciplinary Committee
  - Protest of a card → Resolved
  - On-field aggression complaint → Warning letter given issued and Tara spoke in person to the member
- Tara described an email received by a few Exec members from a trans person on the waiting list
  - Tara explained the email response back
  - In camera discussion about the issue
- Referees & handling of aggression
  - Discussion about how liberally or not liberally they use yellow and red cards
    - The Disciplinary Policy was made stricter so more liberal use could risk more people on probation
    - Discussed other behaviour issues that have not resulted in cards
  - Discussion about how to involve captains in controlling behaviour of players

- Ed will draft a note to the referees about using cards to control aggression on the field, and will send to Exec for feedback
- Steve will draft a note to membership about the issue

#### 4.6 League Operations Coordinator (Ed)

- Referees → Covered in last portfolio discussion
- Lines (painting & moving)
  - Ed asked who can help paint lines when he is out of town
  - Ed will send a request to Exec members when he is away
  - It was noted that lines can be painted on Sat night instead of Sun mornings
- Skills Clinic
  - 16 people attended
  - Ed stated it was a great clinic with positive feedback
  - Ed wants to distribute next notice through the captains
  - Steve suggested getting people that attended to post comments on the forum about their experience
  - Keph said to create a Facebook event next time to increase attendance
- Lines duties
  - Team Sailor did not do lines yesterday
    - Tedd explained the confusion
- Ed went over items that need to be replaced in the equipment bag. Ed will create a laminated sheet that tells captains what items are supposed to be in the bag.
- June 20<sup>th</sup> field has been given to Pink Turf since TIPC does not need it
- Playoffs
  - Ed will look into securing Lamport
  - Discussed other field ideas

#### 4.7 Events and Fundraising Coordinator (Shane)

- Calendar
  - Done and ready to print
  - Charity
    - Discussion
    - It was suggested to poll the membership to get a larger list of ideas → Keph will create
  - Print test is this week
- Events card: Printed new set with website and email address
- Pride
  - Booked for the float and a booth
  - Need to get volunteers for both → Will be added to league communications
  - There will be a meeting before Pride with volunteers to explain duties and roles
- Sponsors – Just missing 2 payments
- Events subcommittee
  - 5 members have stepped forward
  - June 12<sup>th</sup> event @ Gladaman's Den

- Facebook event has been created
- The plan is to watch the USA vs England World Cup game
- Appetizers will be provided
- Trivia contest during commercials and half-time
- It is only a social event, no fundraising
- Calendar Launch Party @ Woody's – June 26<sup>th</sup>
  - Host will be Sofonda Cox
  - Shane will get other entertainers to perform
  - Prizes will be offered with purchase of calendars
  - Slideshow of photos will play all night on screens
  - Discussion about managing cash flow
- TFC game
  - Continued discussion from previous email discussion
  - Agreed to go ahead with Shane's plan
  - Shane motioned to offer member's the chance to purchase TFC tickets through the league for July 10<sup>th</sup>
    - Second by Amanda
    - **PASSED unanimous**

#### 4.8 Secretary (Tedd)

- Online storage – No time to review yet
- OutSport Toronto
  - Tedd attended the first official meeting
  - The Board of Directors were voted in
  - The meeting was used to give the board an idea of what membership wants them to do
  - The top ideas were to create a website for cross-communication between sports, lobbying city on behalf of teams, and a sports fair

### 5. NEW BUSINESS

None

### 6. MISCELLANEOUS

- Minutes from May 17<sup>th</sup>
  - Motion by Tedd to accept
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed
    - **PASSED 7-0-1**

### 7. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

**Next Meeting: Monday June 14, 2010 7PM @ Churchmouse & Firkin**

### 8. ADJOURNMENT 9:45PM

Motion to end meeting by Steve  
Second by Tara  
**PASSED 8-0**