

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



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MEETING Minutes – March 15, 2010
Location: 330 Berkeley Street
Secretary: Tedd Konya

1. CALL TO ORDER by Steve 7:10PM

2. MEETING ATTENDEES & REGRETS

Present:

Steve Lloyd – Commissioner
Kephra Senett – Communications Officer / Vice-Commissioner
Tedd Konya – Secretary
Tara Vinodrai – Women’s Representative / League Ombudsperson
Daniel Tourangeau – Treasurer
Shane Butner – Events & Fundraising Coordinator
Ed Van Ekeris – League Operations Coordinator
Amanda Stocks – Membership Coordinator

Regrets:

3. AGENDA & MINUTES ACCEPTANCE

Agenda

- No changes

Minutes from February 15th

- Motion to accept by Steve; 2nd by Tedd

- **PASSED 7-0-1**

Minutes from March 1st

- Motion to accept by Steve; 2nd by Tara

- **PASSED 5-0-3**

4. MEMBER REPORTS

4.1 Commissioner (Steve)

- TIPC

- Jordan will report on TIPC at the ABM
- Steve will circulate the minutes from TIPC meetings to the Executive
 - Task force is in contact with last year’s major sponsors
 - Jordan has multiple calls placed about fields

- Registration fees from last year will be maintained with the same early bird process. Players will still be accepted until Friday night before games
- Will continue to use the "Soccer Redefined" advertising
- Steve asked if the Executive wanted Jordan to provide updates at Exec meetings → Not needed
- Tara asked who is on the task force. → Jordan S, Noelle C, Avery M, Cameron B, Chris H
- Ed asked what dates TIPC will occur → June 18-20

4.2 Communications Officer / Vice-Commissioner

- Website/Registration
 - Online registration for returning members is up and running
 - Big THANKS to Avery
 - 23 people registered to date
 - Is the ABM the only in-person registration date?
 - Yes, in the past we have had a 2nd one that coincided with an Exec meeting
 - Kephra asked to discuss the league's policy on financial assistance for registration dues
 - Amanda stated there was a request from a member for assistance
 - Discussion about decisions made in past cases and about how to address this issue moving forward
 - Daniel stated the actual league cost per person is approx. \$195 before sponsorships or other fundraising activities
 - Decision made to continue offering payment plans on an as needed / request basis

4.3 Membership Coordinator (Amanda)

- Advertising
 - Amanda passed out distribution list for soccer ball flyers
 - Help is needed to distribute flyers – Amanda organized the Exec members to pass out flyers to specific locations
 - Amanda will send verbiage to Tedd for advertising on UofT listserv
 - Tedd stated that Jordan S or Matt S would know how to distribute flyers in buildings on campus
 - Kephra and Amanda will work together to clean up the mailing list to prepare it to send out registration information
- Uniforms
 - Amanda showed the completed uniforms for this season
- Registration
 - There will be 4 in-person registration dates and Amanda needs Exec members to sign-up to assist
 - Steve stated that we could reach out to returning members to help
 - Daniel and Tara said that is not a good idea since it raises privacy issues

- Exec members stated which dates they will be present → Amanda will send out the list via email
- Mock Draft Date
 - Real draft is May 14th, when can the mock be?
 - Steve said it's better to defer until April to discuss
- Volunteers
 - Amanda brought up giving small thank you gifts to volunteers throughout the year
 - Discussion deferred to April

4.4 Treasurer (Daniel)

- No report

4.5 Women's Representative / League Ombudsman (Tara)

- Bylaws revision
 - Tara emailed the revised bylaws based on last meeting's discussion
 - Tara will resend the financial portion to Daniel → Daniel will send finance policy bullet points to Tedd & Tara
 - Discussion of changes
 - Motion by Steve to accept bylaws with pending revision
 - 2nd by Tara
 - **PASSED 8-0**
- Pre-registration discipline letters
 - Tara emailed the 5 letters and received 3 responses back
 - One response requested an appeal
 - Discussion
 - Decision made to respond with a clarification of the issues causing the disciplinary action and restating the decision
 - Discussion about one of the negative responses
 - Decision that no response needed to be made
- Investigation
 - An email to the Executive was received from Hamal
 - Tedd stated legal counsel's response to the letter
 - Motion by Steve to continue with the Executive's previous plans
 - Second by Daniel
 - **PASSED 8-0**

4.6 League Operations Coordinator (Ed)

- Schedule
 - Ed handed out draft schedule for the season
 - The schedule ensures that a team playing the last game will play the first game the following week to ensure equipment is transported to and from the field each week.
 - Ed will send the schedule to Exec members via email to review

- Tara asked to ensure teams are distributed evenly so some teams don't play all morning games or afternoon games

4.7 Events and Fundraising Coordinator (Shane)

- Events calendar
 - Shane handed out the proposed events schedule for the season
 - Send feedback to Shane via email
- Fundraising calendar
 - The shots have been finalized
 - Next step is assigning volunteers to the shots and to start shooting
- Sponsors
 - Collecting cheques now

4.8 Secretary (Tedd)

- Annual Business Meeting
 - Tedd asked for additional agenda items
 - Add prize drawing for year-end survey completion
 - State 4:00-4:30 will be in-person returning member registration, no registration will occur during the meeting
 - Tedd will send the draft agenda to Steve and hopefully get it out to the membership by Friday
 - Tara proposed having 1 person doing all the reporting instead of each portfolio. Then allow questions for specific portfolios at the end of the meeting → Tedd will modify the agenda to reflect this
 - Steve asked Exec members to send reporting info to him by Sunday

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 OutSport Toronto

- Steve stated that the league was approached to become a member of this organization and explained the nature of the group.
- Steve stated he asked David P to review the bylaws of the group
 - He advised that something should be in there regarding withdrawal of membership and something that states their bylaws do not supersede DST's
- Steve wants to reply to OutSport with those 2 points and state the league will hold-off on membership until addressed
- Tara asked about commitment
 - Meetings are every quarter and 1 delegate is requested to attend
- Steve will send an email also asking the benefit to the league (Kephra will revise)

5.2 Exec email response time

- Communication has been lacking
- Steve explained his opinion on timeframe for response and stated that we need to establish a rhythm

- Amanda also added that a response stating “no comment” is needed to acknowledge receipt of the email
 - Steve asked to the cc’ed on email threads to there is an additional person in the loop
 - Decided to have a 48hr turnaround time to reply back with something acknowledging the email was read. Add initials in the subject line to direct the person to respond
- * Daniel left the meeting due to a prior obligation.

5.3 Gary Manz award

- A new award has been suggested to be bestowed upon a person or organization that "shows great dedication or volunteerism in the community most notably towards gay sport or DST in particular". This award would be named in the honour of long-time sponsor and supporter, Gary Manz (Former owner of Crews & Tango, The Zone, Alibi)
- Discussion
- Proposed to have a new award to recognize outstanding volunteers
- Motion by Tedd to establish Gary Manz Award
 - Second by Steve
 - **PASSED 7-0**

6. MISCELLANEOUS

- Registration
 - Amanda has received an email request for captainship
 - 2 members want to be co-captains on the same team and also have a 3rd co-captain elected by the team
 - Request will be denied since it is not the policy of the league
 - Amanda received an email from a non-member that is looking to join but requesting to be on Gladaman’s team since she is a bartender there
 - Request will be granted since this has always been done in the past... as long as she makes to registration before the league is full

7. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting: Monday March 29, 2010 7PM @ 46 Pembroke St

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to end meeting by Steve
 Second by Tara
PASSED 7-0 9:30PM