

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 – May 17, 2010

Location: Gladaman's Den

Secretary: Tedd Konya

1. CALL TO ORDER by Tara 7:02PM

2. MEETING ATTENDEES & REGRETS

Present:

Keph Senett – Communications Officer / Vice-Commissioner
Daniel Tourangeau – Treasurer
Tedd Konya – Secretary
Tara Vinodrai – Women's Representative / League Ombudsperson
Shane Butner – Events & Fundraising Coordinator (7:19PM)
Amanda Stocks – Membership Coordinator (7:26PM)
Ed Van Ekeris – League Operations Coordinator (7:19PM)

Regrets:

Steve Lloyd – Commissioner

3. AGENDA & MINUTES ACCEPTANCE

Agenda

- No changes

Minutes

- Deferred until quorum met

4. MEMBER REPORTS

4.1 Commissioner (Steve)

- No report

- OutSport Toronto

- Tedd stated that OutSport Toronto replied back after their last meeting. The minutes show that our concerns were addressed, but their bylaws not changed as a result. The league needs to turn in a membership form by May 24th if it wants to become an official member of the organization.

- Tedd offered to represent the league at the OutSport Toronto meetings.

- Tedd motioned for the league to join OutSport Toronto with Tedd as the league delegate → Deferred until quorum is met

4.2 Communications Officer / Vice-Commissioner

- Communications turn-around time
 - Keph requested more lead time on DSTribution items
 - Amanda asked if 48hrs is good → Yes
- Wait List
 - Keph asked why some wait list people say they know their number of the list
 - Ed said he accidentally told the 1st few before being corrected on registration night
 - Keph said to just direct people to the FAQ section of website for information about the wait list process
 - Daniel asked why Exec members can't tell people their number
 - Gender replacements make it so it's not always the next person that is taken off the list. Also, the online wait list opened at the same time members at registration were signing on to the wait list so there is no true way a person can know their spot on the list.
 - Keph asked if the FAQ section should be made more clear → Tara & Keph will discuss offline
- Email and forum
 - Members were automatically added to forum updates with the option to unsubscribe. Keph said it's working to get the forum used more frequently
 - General emails and DSTribution
 - Should the league allow members to opt-out of league emails?
 - Discussion
 - Decision made to require all members to receive general league emails. A line will be added to the registration form stating that membership requires their email address to be added to league distributions

4.3 Membership Coordinator (Amanda)

- In camera membership issues discussed
 - Motion made by Tara that a certain league member must make full dues payment by 11:45AM on May 24, 2010 or membership will lapse
 - 2nd by Shane
 - **PASSED** unanimous
- Co-captains
 - Last year a paper ballot was created so teams voted at the field after 3rd game
 - Amanda will create ballots this year for vote to occur on May 30th
 - The team decisions will be ratified by Exec on May 31st
 - Shane and Tara will assist Amanda on voting day
- Volunteer recognition
 - A year-end volunteer appreciation party will be offered
 - Exec had previously discussed doing a draw for people that volunteered for lines
 - Tedd will advise captains to add linespeople in the comments section of the game sheet to keep track
- Amanda thanked everyone that helped out with Draft Night

4.4 Treasurer (Daniel)

- Financial Policy
 - Daniel passed around draft policy and explained it
 - Discussion
 - Tedd will transfer PayPal registration money to BMO bank account
 - Daniel will revise policy based on discussion

4.5 Women's Representative / League Ombudsman (Tara)

- Disciplinary Policy
 - Tara stated it needs to be changed to simplify it
 - Discussion → Tara explained the proposed changes
 - Motion by Tedd to accept changes to the Disciplinary Policy
 - 2nd by Tara
 - **PASSED** unanimous
- 2 cards were handed out at yesterday's games
- Tara is feeling positive about women's retention this year – If anyone notices issues, let Tara know quickly so she can address the problem

4.6 League Operations Coordinator (Ed)

- Permits
 - It was a hassle to secure this year. Ed had to reapply because the city said the information on original forms was wrong
 - Ed will write a protocol for applying to the city to help future Exec members
 - The league ended up getting everything requested except Saturdays in September. There is no guarantee to get Riverdale each year in Sept since another league has priority, but they gave it up again this year
 - Ed will look at private fields for playoffs if the league has money to pay for them
- Reimbursement
 - ~\$1500 spent on equipment so far → Ed handed receipts & reimbursement for to Daniel
 - Field permits - \$3704.67 paid by Ed → Reimbursement form handed to Daniel
 - Pink Turf – Ed received a cheque from Pink Turf to pay for their share of the paint \$210.21 → Daniel said Ed can write a personal cheque to the league to transfer the money
- Referees
 - There were 5 different refs for the 1st day of games which is unusual but fortunately they all showed. Only 2 of the refs were recognizable from previous years.
 - Tedd told Ed about the way the ref for his game treated league members and asked Ed to talk to Harry about it
 - Tara asked if refs were advised of league rules → Ed will readdress with Harry
- Payment for referees
 - Tara explained the prior protocol → Cheques were given @ the field but last year this was changed to mailing out cheques monthly
 - Discussion about how to handle this year

- Ed will get contact list from Harry.
- Daniel will send cheques every 2 weeks by mail
- Lines
 - There were comments about the narrowness of the field but noticeably less holes (filled in with soft dirt)
 - Ed will make sidelines wider after they wear out
- Practices
 - 1st Saturday practice had about 12 people but it was a great night
 - Ed is hoping the Thursday crowd will be bigger
 - Captains are responsible for equipment. The team responsible for equip each week is responsible for getting practice equipment to both Thurs and Sat practice
 - Ed said an email was sent to captains earlier explaining this (It was noted that any emails to all captains should be copied to the Executive
 - Ed will re-communicate this policy to clarify
 - Non-members at practices? → Ed will check to see what city insurance covers

4.7 Events and Fundraising Coordinator (Shane)

- Calendar
 - 2 photo shoots have already been completed
 - 3 more shoots scheduled for next weekend
 - Print shop has been chosen – It's the best quality for the price
- Events card
 - Was handed out to all members at the field
 - The website and league email address should be added to the card next time

4.8 Secretary (Tedd)

- Online storage - Tedd found a review of all the main online storage sites and is currently reviewing
- Game sheets
 - All 10 game sheets were received within 24hrs
 - Mike K offered his assistance to create a tracking system on the league website
 - Discussion
 - Decision made to keep with current system for this season but to let next Exec know about Mike's offer in Nov so he can work on it before next season begins
- Game records spreadsheet – Tedd will create a single file to track game records for the season. He will pass it along to Tara and Amanda for suggestions

5. NEW BUSINESS

None

6. MISCELLANEOUS

- Amanda asked if there were any comments about the uniforms
 - Keph said the necks are tight

- Some socks don't match jersey exactly
- Sizing looks larger than last year
- The purple and blue look similar so this should be changed for next year
- Amanda asked about creating a watch list for aggressive players
 - In camera discussion
 - The discipline committee will continue discussion separately
- Shane said the application for the Pride float needs to be turned in in 2 weeks
- OutSport Toronto
 - Tedd reviewed late attendees of earlier discussion and restated motion: For the league to join OutSport Toronto with Tedd as the league delegate
 - 2nd by Amanda
 - **PASSED** unanimous
- Minutes
 - Apr 19th – Motion by Tedd to accept
 - 2nd by Tara
 - **PASSED 6-0-1**
 - Apr 26th – Motion by Tedd to accept
 - 2nd by Tara
 - **PASSED 6-0-1**

7. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting: Monday May 31, 2010 7PM @ Churchmouse & Firkin

8. ADJOURNMENT 9:15PM

Motion to end meeting by Tara

Second by Keph

PASSED 7-0