

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 – July 27, 2009

Location: 230 King Street East #914

Secretary: Tedd Konya

1. CALL TO ORDER by Jason 7:12PM

2. MEETING ATTENDEES & REGRETS

Present:

Jason Wilcox – Commissioner
Tedd Konya – Secretary
Kent Williams – Membership Coordinator (via telephone)
Tara Vinodrai – Women's Representative / League Ombudsperson
Kephra Senett – Communications Officer / Vice-Commissioner

Regrets:

Hamal Docter – Treasurer
Clay Knight – League Operations Coordinator

3. AGENDA & MINUTES ACCEPTANCE

Agenda

- Add 5.1 Strike ending contingency plans
- Move Executive reorganization to 5.2
- Add 5.3 Playoff format → Accepted

Minutes from July 6, 2009

- Minor corrections made
- Motion – Tedd; Second – Tara; **APPROVED 6-0**

Minutes from July 20, 2009

- Minor corrections made
- Motion – Jason; Second – Tedd; **APPROVED 4-0-1**

4. MEMBER REPORTS (submitted via email)

4.1 Commissioner (Jason)

- Did not get a chance to talk to Manny at Lamport but cancelled the permit for TIPC anyway
- Did not get a chance to talk to the softball league about their executive structure
- TIPC

- Location has changed to Brampton. Jason was able to view the field and said they are nice. He is hoping they are able to arrange concessions because it is removed from other places.

- Garry mentioned that the Task Force still wants the tournament in Brampton even though strike might be over. The schedule they created is designed for having 2 fields on Sunday.
- Jason will contact Kephra with updates before any more communication goes out
- Jason is frustrated with the way the movement of equipment was handled at yesterday's games. Jason stated that we need to find a better alternative.
- Did not follow-up with Corey Schorr at IGLFA

4.2 Communications Officer / Vice-Commissioner (Kephra)

- Spoke to Lifang; she is still dealing with personal issues and is out of the country. She apologized for the time taken away from her work. She is working on finishing the gallery as best she can, although she is dealing with minimal internet connection.

4.3 Membership Coordinator (Kent)

- Kent requested that the membership forms Jason received on Sunday be sent to him so he can upload their information on the system.
- Soccer ball cards are being created and will be sent to Kephra tonight to make sure communication is correct. Targeting women but will be a generic card. Please send ideas of locations to drop off to Kent
- Sent listserv email information to Kephra today about whom to add or remove. Kephra clarified the names
- Kent explained the outstanding issues with players that need to be replaced
 - Kent just needs to clean up his files to make sure everything is up to date
 - Tara asked about a woman on team Slack's that should be replaced. Kent clarified all the replacements and confirmed everything is correct.
- Jason added that he spoke with the co-captain that was discussed in the last meeting, about leadership issues, and confirmed the executive's decision to remove this person as co-captain for the team. Jason spoke with the other co-captain and allowed him to let his team decide if they want to hold an election for another co-captain.
- Tara had asked about getting all the game sheets from captains
 - It was confirmed that information is missing on the website due to lack of information
 - Discussion occurred about past issues with getting information from the captains and how we can resolve the issue for this season. Jason asked that we discuss this further in 6.2 of the agenda
- Jason brought up a recurring discipline issue from previous meetings on one of the teams. Another inappropriate email was sent. The email was forwarded to Tara as Ombudsman. Kephra stated that players on other teams have noticed the issue. Discussion occurred about how to handle this situation.
 - Tara will meet with the person that appears to be causing conflict on Monday at the games.

4.4 Treasurer (Hamal)

- No report
- Hamal sent a resignation letter to the Executive prior to the meeting. Hamal stated that he is resigning due to personal reasons as he alluded to on July 6, 2009. Hamal stated that he will resign August 7th but will remain a player within the league and will be available after that date to answer questions. The position will be discussed in New Business
- The executive is grateful to Hamal for his commitment and involvement with the league and executive over the years; along with his contribution to and the successful launch of TIPC.

4.5 Women's Representative / League Ombudsman (Tara)

- Discussed most of her issues in Membership portfolio
- Tara asked Kent to clarify the number of women that need to be replaced.
 - Tara stated that if there are not enough women on the waiting list to replace the women spots therefore they will be open to anyone.
 - We will try to recruit more women and will be able to add them to the league later on.
- Tara stated that the lack of reporting needs to be addressed so the disciplinary committee can properly handle discipline issues.

4.6 League Operations Coordinator (Clay)

- No report
- Jason mentioned that we have a Skills Clinic in 2 weeks and it needs to be addressed
- Jason also stated that lines duties continues to be an issue
- We need to have a supply of dog poop bags and tampons at the field.
- The emergency contact list is still not in the bag. It should be placed in a Ziploc bag to prevent water damage.
- Jason requested that another inventory be done on the equipment and another announcement be sent to the league regarding Lost and Found policy.

4.7 Events and Fundraising Coordinator (Tedd)

- Pegasus & Slack's team fundraiser will be Friday August 7th from 8:30PM-12:00AM
 - Theme is "Way Back Play Back 90's Night"
 - Priape has agreed to provide a gift bag for a prize
 - The DJ has agreed to play 90's music during the event; we will have access to 2 pool tables for games; there will be a trivia game; raffle for prizes
- Tedd posted the Cabin Fever event on the website forum. Justin from Cherish Events has posted a link for the league on the event website. It was confirmed that the event is co-ed.
 - It was decided to have a forum subscription contest to increase participation in the forum. Every new subscription will be entered in to a raffle for a prize. Drawing will take place at the Pegasus/Slack's fundraiser.

- Brian W. from the Carlsberg team had emailed asking about schedule conflicts with the pink cards his team received during the 1st game. Tedd reminded Brian to tell his teammates to throw them out and only check the website for accurate information
- Jason asked about team visits to sponsors
 - Tedd explained the results he received from the captains
 - Tara offered suggestions to increase visits to bars that have not been visited too often this season. Tara also mentioned to add executive meetings and events to the tally.

4.8 Secretary (Tedd)

- Emailed the executive this week about potential dates for elections and open membership meetings; will use these during the executive reorganization discussion tonight.

5. ONGOING/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1 Strike contingency

- Jason stated it does not affect TIPC anymore. With regards to the league, we are waiting to hear from the city until we can move back to Withrow. Until then we will continue to play at Monarch Park.
- No matter what the next game will be played at Monarch Park.
- Kephra asked if communication should go out about TIPC. It was decided to let people know that a notice about TIPC will be forthcoming.

5.2 Executive reorganization

- Information sent by Tedd in previous email:
- *Constitutional amendment (i.e.- change exec structure)*
 - *The constitution can only be changed at an Open Membership meeting.*
 - *Open Membership meetings are called at the discretion of the Commissioner*
 - *This meeting must have a minimum 20% of members in good standing (Executive members are expected to attend)*
 - *Any member in good standing can propose an amendment (*We do not have to agree on this amendment as an executive)*
 - *In order to pass, the amendment must receive 2/3 of the vote*
- *Elections*
 - *We are supposed to form an elections subcommittee with no less than 3 members in good standing. It does not state if a person on the subcommittee can run for a position, but it doesn't seem ethical to do so if we can find 3 people to be on this committee.*
 - *Nothing states voting must be done in person. It just states that the subcommittee provides the members with ballots and there must be 2 separate opportunities.*
 - *Nomination period open for 2 weeks*
 - *Voting must occur within 3 weeks of closing nominations.*
- *Possible election schedule*
 - *Open Membership meeting must be held by Aug 16*
 - *Nominations open Aug 23rd*

- *Nominations due Sept 6th*
- *Town hall (Meet the candidates) meeting Sept 12/13*
- *Voting occurs on Sept 20th & Sept 27 (final 2 days of playoffs)*
- Based on the information provided, a discussion occurred around going ahead with changing the constitution to restructure the executive. How do we incorporate TIPC in the bylaws to provide structure for previous years?
- It was agreed to not move ahead with proposing a constitutional amendment.
- Will refocus efforts to including TIPC in the bylaws. Discussion continued as to how it should fit in within each portfolio.
- We will ask the Task Force to clearly define their roles. This will occur after the TIPC tournament has occurred.

5.3 Playoff format

- Deferred to next meeting because the Operations Coordinator is not present
- Will discuss next meeting regardless of attendance.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Vacant Portfolios

a) Call for applicants

- We have 2 resignations so far
- Discussion about putting a call out for applicants for replacements. Should we put a call out for both positions?
- Events & Fundraising Coordinator has been taken care of in the interim and by the time a new person comes in, there is little left to be accomplished.
- A call will go out for applicants to fill the vacant Treasurer position until October 31st.
 - Tara will send position descriptions/requirements to Kephra
 - Timeline -> Call for applicants July 28, Deadline August 4th

b) Ensuring workload is covered in the meantime

- Jason suggested, in the meantime, that the league hire an accountant to complete the 2008 financial report. Tedd asked if we have the money this season to cover this. Jason will check on this.

6.2 Looking forward to the end of the season

- Deferred due to time of night

7. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting: TBA

8. ADJOURNMENT

Time – 10:19PM