



Burlington Old Timers Soccer Club

2016 Annual General Meeting Minutes

BOTSC AGM Nov 27th, 2016

Location: Black Bull

Time: 10:00 AM

Attendance: 38 Club Members were in attendance.

- Call to Order: 10:04 AM
- Minutes from Previous Meeting: Were not available
- Note: The AGM meeting took place in the public portion of the Black Bull as the backroom was not available. Unfortunately this made it difficult to hear and focus on the meeting.

President's Report : Murray De Pape

- Murray covered some of the improvements and successes in 2016 highlighting the Open Draft process, Spare Lists procedures and grading changes in the O55.
- Also highlighted the successful Pub Daze, Games Night, Golf Tournament and Awards Dance.
- Still issues with great participation from the over 55 but could be better in the 45 group.
- The Survey Results were presented and overall the Club is in good shape. More details are available on the attached presentation. Some discussion from the floor regarding the need to apply the limited volunteer resources to activities that people like and participate in and perhaps cancel events that are enjoyed by only a few.

Financial Report : Frank Rosati

- The financial report was quickly reviewed – will have about \$9K in the bank at yearend. See attached statements for more detail.
- Questions from the floor included the Banquet attendance, Rowly Bowl, Winter Indoor revenues and use of current surplus.

Nominations and Executive Roles : Murray De Pape

- New members to Executive Roles:
 - Tony Dawkins – Social Convener
 - Kendal Dunford – Secretary
 - Chris Lynch – Referee Coordinator
- Members remaining in their Roles :
 - Murray De Pape - President
 - Frank Rosati - Treasurer
 - Peter Barrett - Match Secretary / Masters Convener
 - David Hamon - Spare Board Coordinator
 - David Clanachan - Sponsorship Chairman



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- Marino Casciani - Communications Coordinator
 - Frank Mascitelli - Equipment Manager
 - Paul Adams - Discipline Committee Chairman
 - Mike Shaw - Convener O45
 - Alistair Kinnear - Convener O45
 - Simon Tinker - Convener O45
 - James Eddison - Convener O55
 - James McGrath - Convener O55
 - Alex Boyd - Convener O55
 - Brian McLaughlin - Convener O55
- The following positions are vacant :
 - VP / Registrar
 - Tournament Coordinator
 - 3 O45 Convener
 - 1 O55 Convener
 - The Club wants to recognize and thank the following members for their service on the Executive
 - Phil Prata as VP / Registrar,
 - Peter Hawley as Club Secretary
 - Wade Beattie, Mitch Masters and Robert Turliuk as O45 Conveners
 - Paul Tyrell and Marino Casciani as O55 Conveners.

2016 Constitution Proposals

1. Amend By-Law 12 a. as follows – Submitted by Phil Prata

By-Law 12: Non-Club Tournaments and Indoor Teams

The Club, with approval from the Executive, may from time to time draft teams to participate in exhibition games, tournaments, other leagues and winter indoor football. This approval must be sought prior to the event and applies only to specified events within the current membership year, i.e. approval must be re-sought each year.

Rationale:

Approval is contingent on the Club not providing any direct financial support – the events would be expected to be self funding.

The Executive in deciding to approve or not approve an event will consider whether the event is open to all or a large majority of the members and whether the event conflicts with Club scheduled games and whether it enhances the Club's aims and objectives.



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All of these groups could exist outside the BOTSC but having splinter groups seems antithetical to the club's ethos.

Outcome:

After some general discussions regarding club liabilities and Chris Lynch pointing out that the proposal is already included in the constitution, Phil withdrew the motion.

2. Amend By-Law 6 e. as follows – Submitted by Bryan Clark

Team Selection & Player Draft

A second division based on a minimum age of 60 years. However those members currently in the senior division and as yet under the age of 60 years shall be "grandfathered" into said division.

Rationale

Whereas the composition of the Senior division of Club teams comprises a preponderance of players at or above the age of 65 years, And whereas the age spread of the over-45 division provides ample opportunity for the more active players within the Club to practice their playing skills without jeopardizing the ongoing enjoyment of the Beautiful Game for the more senior members of the Club,

Outcome:

General discussion for and against the proposal however since there was not a Seconder for the proposal the motion failed.

3. Split By-Law 6 into 3 subgroups – Submitted by Murray De Pape

By –Law 6 A : Player Draft

- a) Under the direction of the Vice-President/Registrar, Team Conveners shall draft eligible players, as defined in By-Laws 1 and 2, with the objective of creating Club Teams that are balanced in playing talent.
- b) The conveners will agree on the grades for all registered players using a scale of 1 to 5 within each division prior to the draft and again at the end of the season.

By –Law 6 B : Player Eligibility

- a) All eligible Players in good standing within the Club and registered for the season prior to the draft shall be placed on the Club's Players List.
- b) All players on the Club's Players List shall be drafted by the Team Conveners at the Annual Draft.

Amend to include the following

- c) ***All players drafted are eligible to play any position as required by the convener - not withstanding any other approved player eligibility requirement as deemed necessary to***

By –Law 6 C : Team Structure

- a) The division structure and number of teams will be determined by the response to the registration with the basic format to be two divisions consisting of:
 - i) one division based on a minimum age of 45 years and over
 - ii) a second division based on a minimum age of 55 and over.



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Outcome:

- Lots of discussion and concerns from the floor. John Spackman concerned about being drafted and then forced to play goal
- Phil Prata pointed out that the club follows FIFA rules so already the case
- Alistair Kinnear concerned about having a great goalie to play out
- After a vote the proposal was defeated.

4. Amend the Articles and By-Laws of the Club –Submitted by David Hamon

That all references in the Articles and By-laws that use the words “Waiting List Coordinator” be amended to “Spare Board Coordinator”.

Outcome:

- Motion passed.

5. Amend By Law 3 Replacement Players as follows :

Sec A d)

If a team loses their designated goal keeper for the season and are unable to have a replacement assigned – they can request a substitute player from another club team as long as they meet the divisional age requirement.

Sec A e)

Should a team be unable to have a replacement goal keeper during the playoffs they can request a substitute for the playoffs with agreement from the other convener.

Sec A f)

If a team has less than 11 players for a playoff game they can request a spare player assignment from the Spare Board Coordinator. When a team is over 12 players any spare player must not continue to play.

Outcome:

- Amend By Lay 3 Replacement Players: Sec A d)
 - No second so not passed
- Amend By-Law 3 Sec A e)
 - Seconded by Mike Figliola
 - carried
- Amend By-Law 3 Sec A f)
 - No second
 - Motion Died

6. Amend ARTICLE 12: Executive Voting Procedures –submitted by M. De Pape

Each Executive Committee member, with the exception of the Past-President sec b) shall have one vote.

The following positions shall have no vote and are not required to attend executive meetings unless requested.

- i) Equipment manager, Tournament manager, Spare list manager and Past president

Each division convener can assign one proxy vote to another convener.



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Each division can select a min of 3 conveners to be the division's primary representatives at executive meeting.

Outcome:

- Voted down so motion failed.

7. By-law 2 Sec. B part a, - Submitted by Phil Prata

The Associate Member fee is waived for Honorary Life Members.

Outcome:

- Passed

8. Add to Article 11, - Submitted by Phil Prata

Amend Article 11b to include

“Such notice will also be posted on the club website.”

d. Decisions taken at executive meetings amending the by-laws and/or affecting the membership must be posted on the club website within 2 weeks.

Outcome:

- Passed

9. Article 14, add - Submitted by Phil Prata

c. At an AGM a quorum shall consist of those members present

Outcome:

- Passed

Member Input - General Proposals - for the Executive to consider

■ Discrimination

- The BOTSC is opposed to any form of discrimination, it offends the Club's core values which include a commitment to inclusion, equal opportunity and fair play. All members of the Club are expected to join with and uphold this commitment.
- Discrimination against a person or group of people on account of ethnic origin, gender or gender identity, language, religion or creed, politics or any other reason is strictly prohibited and punishable by suspension or expulsion.” to be added to the Code of Conduct
- The disciplinary guidelines an additional line to reflect the above “Acted in a manner determined to be detrimental to the Club's core values – 4-8 game suspension (1st offence), membership revoked (2nd offence)”



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■ Proposals for the Executive to consider

- Propose that the Match Secretary investigate the merits of block booking the Brant Hills Park football fields (F1, F2, F3) for next season so that all teams play in the same place. Parking and washroom facilities are far superior to Iroquois. In addition, these fields are nearer to the Black Bull if they are looking to sponsor us again. They are also near to Gator Teds.
- Propose that the Social Convener organize an event for finals day, to include all 6 teams playing plus pitch-side presentation of trophies, food and drink.
- Propose that the Tournament Coordinator organize cross-division games during the regular season.
- Propose that the Executive instruct the Club Secretary to provide a simple process for member suggestions to be considered at Executive meetings – the website forum can provide this facility but it isn't formally monitored by the executive.
- Experiment with sin bins (instead of yellow cards)
- Introduce a winter league
- Develop more exhibition games
- Enter a BOTSC team into the BSL over 50 division
- Experiment with other social activities e.g. family BBQ day (after Sunday morning games), foot golf, music night, bubble ball, etc.
- Consider converting the Wednesday pick up to a training + pick up session with a coach
- If no Tournament Coordinator is nominated ask someone to volunteer to run the Boxing Day and New Year's Day games.

Meeting Closed at 11:35 AM

Minutes prepared by M. Casciani