



**THE BURLINGTON OLD TIMERS SOCCER CLUB**  
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**BOTSC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**2021**

Pier 53 Bar and Grill  
10:00 AM  
Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**MINUTES**

Called to order: 10:09 AM  
30 members present

**REPORTS**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Ron Van Riel**

Ron's remarks included:

- Welcome to all able to attend our first in-person meeting of the membership in two years
- 2020 and 2021 were challenging years because of the restrictions imposed by the pandemic
- However, we were able to provide opportunities for members to play in both years.
  - Both seasons were shorter than usual due and both were different from our usual full calendar of games, social events and so on.
- We're all hoping that 2022 will offer the opportunity to resume the normal calendar with all the accustomed features.
- Ron offered thanks to volunteers and Executive members who stayed on throughout the last two years to help make sure that members did have the opportunity to play even if in reduced circumstances

**TREASURER'S REPORT – Mike Moore, presented by Ron Van Riel**

Funds on reserve at the end of 2019 were approximately \$20,000

- That reserve has helped the club fund the partial seasons in 2020 and 2021 with minimal cost to playing members.
  - Expense highlights included:
    - Administrative costs such as insurance which are ongoing
    - Field rentals for 2020, 2021



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- Some referee expenses in 2021
- Some equipment costs for balls nets, etc.
- \$2,000 donation to St. John's Ambulance (normally \$4,000) to recognize their contribution in attending games where possible.
- Approximately \$40,000 in membership fees were collected for 2020
  - Most members chose to leave their membership with the Club to apply toward the next full season
  - Approximately 40 members requested refunds which were provided.
- No sponsorship fees were collected for 2020 – that funding will need to be replaced in 2022
- Uniforms were purchased but not used – they will represent a saved expense for 2022
- Bank balance as of the AGM was approximately \$43,700

The 2022 Executive will need to do the normal planning and budget for the next season in order to fairly set playing fees for returning members with 2020 credits, for returning players who requested refunds, and for new players.

### Approve the Treasurer's Report for 2020-2021.

*(Moved Mike Figliola, seconded Frank Mascitelli – Carried)*

### PROPOSALS TO AMEND THE ARTICLES and BYLAWS of the CLUB

*See attachment for proposals and outcomes.*

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Past President	<i>Ex officio, non-voting – 1<sup>st</sup> year of 2-year term, expires 2023</i>	Ron Van Riel
President	1 <sup>st</sup> year of 2-year term, expires 2023	Brian McLaughlin - <i>acclaimed</i>
VP/Registrar	1 <sup>st</sup> year of 2-year term, expires 2023	Michael Moore - <i>acclaimed</i>
Treasurer	2 <sup>nd</sup> year of 2-year term, expires 2022	Martin Wilson - <i>acclaimed</i>
Secretary	2 <sup>nd</sup> year of 2-year term, expires 2022	<i>Vacant</i>
Match Secretary	2 <sup>nd</sup> year of 2-year term, expires 2022	David Wright
Social Convenor	2022	<i>Vacant</i>
Communications	2022	Marino Casciani - <i>acclaimed</i>
Disciplinary Committee Chair	2022	Mark Prescott - <i>elected</i> Chris Lynch



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<b>Equipment Manager</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>Frank Mascitelli - <i>acclaimed</i></b>
<b>Referee Coordinator</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b><i>Vacant</i></b>
<b>Spare List Coordinator</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b><i>Vacant</i></b>
<b>O45 Convenors</b>	<b>2022</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Peter Holland</li> <li>2. Geoffrey Sookram</li> <li>3.</li> <li>4.</li> <li>5.</li> <li>6.</li> </ol>
<b>O55 Convenors</b>	<b>2019</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reza Mahabadi</li> <li>2. Tony Cristina</li> <li>3. Robert Dean</li> <li>4. Mike Figliola</li> <li>5. Randy Nelson</li> <li>6.</li> <li>7.</li> <li>8.</li> </ol>
<p><i>That volunteers for the Team Convenor positions be accepted with thanks.            (Moved David Hamon, seconded David Wright - Carried)</i></p>		

**VOLUNTEERS FOR NON-EXECUTIVE POSITIONS**

The following members volunteered to serve in non-Executive positions for 2022:

Masters Convenor:                                   John Harwood  
 Discipline Committee Member:                 Rick Mignano

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

*(Moved David Hamon, seconded Brian McLaughlin – Carried)*



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**A. PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION**

**The BOTSC Constitution contains 15 Articles that outline the fundamental objectives, organizational principles and governance for the Club.**  
*Articles of the Constitution can be changed only by majority vote at an Annual General Meeting.*

**ARTICLE 9 -- DUTIES of the EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**  
**Team Convenor**

**Fairly Distributed Playing Time**

Add a second bullet to the existing responsibilities of the Team Convenors:

**TEAM CONVENER:**

- Each Team Convenor shall be responsible for the selection, operation and control of a recreational Soccer Team comprised of eligible playing members. This includes ensuring all team members get an equal amount of playing time regardless of their grading and fully understands the Aims and Objectives of the BOTSC (Article 2, a&b)
- *(new) Players should be offered a minimum of 10 minutes playing time in each half.*
- Team convenors are responsible for reporting player absences notified or otherwise on a weekly basis to a designated individual who will maintain a record of each team's attendance for executive review prior to the following season's registration.

**Background**

During the O60 cup final game we had two players who each had 10 minutes playing time in the first half but were denied any playing time during the second half. These players pay their fees and come down to the games to expect some playing time. What they got was disrespectful. They both happen to be around 80 years of age and it was a cup game. Age and game status should not come into such disrespectful decisions as were made today.

<b>Article 9, Bylaw 20.d</b>	<b>John Foggin</b> <i>Seconded Mike Figliola</i>	<b>October 3<sup>rd</sup></b>
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**DEFEATED**



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<b>B. PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE BY-LAWS of the CLUB</b>		
<p align="center"><b>The BOTSC By-Laws are comprised of 20 By-Laws that outline the basic operating guidelines of the Club.</b></p> <p align="center"><i>Club By-Laws may be amended by majority vote of the members attending the Annual General Meeting. The Bylaws may also be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the Executive at an Executive committee meeting. Bylaws cannot be in conflict with the Articles of the constitution.</i></p>		
<p><b>BY-LAW 2 – REGISTRATION</b></p> <p><b>Registration Process and Requirements</b></p>		
<p><b>Covid-19 Vaccination</b></p>		
<p>Add to By-Law 2, Section A</p> <p>g. In order to register, players and members must provide proof of fully completed Covid-19 vaccination requirements as defined by Ontario Public Health.</p>		
<p><b>Background</b></p>		
<p>I propose that all members be fully vaccinated to participate in all club activities for the 2022 season</p>		
<p><b>By-Law 2</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>James McGrath</b> <i>Seconded Rob Lloyd</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>October 22<sup>nd</sup></b></p>
<p><b>CARRIED</b></p>		



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**BY-LAW 9 – CONDUCT and DISCIPLINE PROCESS**

**Reporting Unsportsmanlike Conduct**

Add a new Paragraph (f.)

e. Any member may submit a written complaint reporting misconduct by another member. The complaint shall be investigated by the Discipline Chairperson. If the investigation determines that the offender has committed misconduct under the Discipline Guidelines the complaint will be dealt with by the DBR/DBH system. Action will only be taken if the member making the complaint is willing to act as a witness at any subsequent hearing. If the investigation determines that the offender breached the Code of Conduct, the complaint will be reviewed by the Executive Committee.

*(new) f. If a Team Convenor and one other member witness an act of unsportsmanlike conduct and the referee does not see it, the Convenor and the second witness carry the same authority as the referee in reporting an incident to the Disciplinary Committee Chairman.*

*(Renumber existing paragraphs f. and g. accordingly)*

**Background**

A couple of years ago actually the last full season an incident happened. I was acting convenor and I reported it to the executive. As the referee did not see it the executives decided to issue a slap on the wrist.

We do not need dirty play so I propose that if the convenor and another witness an act of unsportsmanlike and the referee does not see it the convenor and a second witness carries the same authority as the referee in reporting an incident.

**Bylaw 9**

**Mark Prescott**  
*Seconded Alex Boyd*

**October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

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<b>BY-LAW 20 – CONVENORS RESPONSIBILITIES</b>		
<b>Fairly Distributed Playing Time</b>		
<p>Add to Paragraph d.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• d. Conveners will manage their teams to ensure all players will have the opportunity for equal playing time. <i>(new) Players should be offered a minimum of 10 minutes playing time in each half.</i></li> </ul>		
<b>Background</b>		
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