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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

September 12, 2021, at 12:30 pm

Brantford Harlequins Rugby Football Club

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Minutes were recorded by Dave Lee and transcribed and formatted by Raman Chirakal

Attendance was recorded in a logbook. Twenty-eight (28) members attended the meeting.

Joe Maganja, Novo Bubic and Rick Wilmot sent their regrets.

Tomo Dancetovic called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm and thanked Brantford Harlequins for providing the club house for the meeting. He also introduced the agenda for the meeting and Raman took over to address the members.

Raman used a PowerPoint presentation for a detailed description of each item in the agenda.

Sending an advance notice of the AGM a minimum of two weeks prior to the meeting is required by our constitution. Notices were sent out on Aug 8th, 27th and Sep. 4th.

Membership update:

There are one hundred and fifty-seven (157) registered players and twenty-five (25) social members. It was highlighted that we had fifty-one (51) new players joined the League in 2021. It was mentioned that the proposed advance registration for 2022 on Sep. 19 – Nov. 1st, (See upcoming events below) is aimed at maintaining a low cost for registration for our returning members. Raman also mentioned that the League is at full capacity on Fridays with seven teams. For the first time in five years, we had four teams on Sundays, with twenty players on each team.

COVID-19 Seasons:

2020 Season:

Raman highlighted that we were the only club in southern Ontario that followed COVID-19 protocols and allowed members to play soccer during August – end of October 2019. The League also made charitable contributions.

2021 Season:

The League established online registration in January 2021 and offered free registrations to our returning members. We started the season in July while maintaining COVID-19 protocols. The club grew to seven teams on Friday and four teams on Sunday.

Secondary account at Tandia Credit Union in Brantford:

A secondary community builder account was opened at Tandia Credit Union to facilitate online registration and receive registration fees through e-transfer. A slide was presented describing, in detail, the advantages and disadvantages of opening a secondary account. Bill Mann thought he could get a better deal at one of the banks with which he has business dealings. Tomo and Raman pointed out that all banks are competitive in their service charges and the yearly cost for maintaining such an account would be very similar.

After a lengthy discussion, Raman moved a motion to accept the secondary account at Tandia Credit Union. The motion was seconded by Dennis Medrum and it was approved unanimously.

Harlequins update:

Raman explained the six-year contract with Brantford Harlequins Rugby Football Club (BHRFC) signed in April 2019. He also presented League's financial and labour contributions to upgrade the facilities at Harlequins (picnic tables, party tent, and field lining Machine etc.). Members expressed their appreciation to Dave McLean, President of BHRFC, for the vastly improved field conditions and maintenance.

Financial update:

A major highlight of the meeting was the financial update which clearly demonstrated that the League is financially well established. Raman emphasized the built-in mechanism in the constitution to guarantee transparency and accountability by the treasurer and other members of the executive. Towards that end, a detailed monthly statement is provided to all members of the executive for their review. In addition, each member of the League may also receive a copy of the monthly or yearly statement upon written request. Raman presented a summary of the receipts and debits during Sep. 1, 2020 – Sep. 1, 2021.

The final tally from monthly statements and the yearly summary statement were corroborated by electronic statements from Tandia Credit Union.

Raman highlighted the contribution of Tomo raising over \$1000.00 through the weekly BBQ. He also pointed out that at the beginning of 2019, food and supplies for the BBQ were donated by Tomo, Natalino, Rade and Raman. The money raised from the BBQ was donated to the League to subsidize the cost of the Annual Family Picnic.

Dave Lee asked if members would like to have an audit (internal or external) of the financial statement Raman had presented.

It was unanimously agreed that no internal or external audit of the financial statement is required.

Dennis Medrum then moved, seconded by Caid-Karim Eddine, to approve the treasurer's report. It was approved by unanimous consent.

Election off officers:

President:

Tomo Dancetovic was nominated by Raman Chirakal, seconded by Bill Mann. Tomo was elected unanimously.

Vice-President:

Jose Pagoada informed the members his intention to resign his position as of September 12, 2021. Angelo DiFelice was nominated by Raman Chirakal, seconded by Tomo Dancetovic. Angelo DiFelice was acclaimed as the Vice-President of the League as of September 12, 2021.

Treasurer:

Raman Chirakal was nominated and seconded by Jose Pagoada. Raman advised members against keeping an older man, for obvious reasons, in the Treasurer's job. That did not persuade anyone to volunteer for the job. Nor was anyone nominated. In the end Raman was acclaimed as the treasurer for another year.

Executive members:

New members, Bill Mann, Curtis Scrubb, Jarek Nagorski and Paul Neumann were elected to the executive. Members agreed that Joe Maganja and Novak Kulina should continue as members of the executive.

Signing officers:

Jose Pagoada. will be removed as a signing officer and Angelo DiFelice will be added as new signing officer. Raman Chirakal (Treasurer), Tomo Dancetovic (President), and Joe Maganja (Executive member) would remain as the signing officers.

Upcoming events:

Raman presented a Table (See Table below) showing registration fees for 2022. In essence the fees for early registration would remain the same as in 2021 except for \$60.00, instead of \$50.00, for players wanting to play Sunday only.

Registration fees for new players starting January 2022 would increase by \$20.00. A further

| PROPOSED ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR 2022 | | | |
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| Timeline | Sundays | Fridays | Both days |
| Sep. 19 – Nov. 1, 2021* | \$60.00 | \$80.00 | \$100.00 |
| Jan. 1 – Apr. 1, 2022 | \$80.00 | \$100.00 | \$120.00 |
| After April 1, 2022 (late) | \$100.00 | \$120.00 | \$140.00 |
| *Early registration fees applies to returning members only with no refund | | | |

\$20.00 increase was proposed for late registrants after March 31, 2022.

Bill Mann proposed a \$20.00 increase at every stage to build additional fund for rainy days. After a prolonged and vigorous discussion, the proposed fee structure was approved unanimously.

Tomo and Raman appealed to members to volunteer and assist the executive with routine operation of the league. They emphasized the need for more volunteers for the picnic and lining the fields. Several people offered their time for next year.

New business:

Members were evenly split about having year-end social to be held on Friday or Sunday and whether to have pizza & wings or sandwiches and salads. In the end, a slim majority voted to have pizza and wings on Friday October 15th.

Anyone interested in playing **indoor soccer** (Sundays 6:00- 9:00 PM), please contact Jon Zombeck.

Acknowledgements:

Raman acknowledged people and organizations for their continued support and contribution.

Team sponsors:

EM Copper Products (John Tylak), Lallo Mazda (Gary Lallo), McGonagalls Pub (Dave Dodds Sr.) Milestone Integrated (Stacy Barr) Pro-Quip International (Sam Tavernesse), SAP Canada (Forrest Hu), Vince’s Hairstylist (Vince DeProsperis),, and Vintage Brothers (Rick Berardi).

Raman expressed special gratitude to Gary Lallo, John Tylak and Vince DeProspirus for their additional support in 2021.

Raman showed names of all volunteers and captains and thanked them for their time and support.

In closing:

Tomo thanked everyone for their support and kind words and adjourned the meeting at 1:40.