



# Brantford Over-35 Recreational Soccer

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

September 23, 2022, at 7:45 pm

Brantford Harlequins Rugby Football Club

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Minutes were recorded by Angelo DiFelice and transcribed and formatted by Raman Chirakal

Attendance was recorded in a logbook. Thirty-six members attended the meeting.

Joe Maganja, Novo Bubic and Peter Pomponio sent their regrets.

Tomo Dancetovic called the meeting to order at 7:45 pm and thanked Brantford Harlequins for providing the club house for the meeting. He asked Raman to take over the meeting 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 19<sup>th</sup>, Sep.9<sup>th</sup> and Sep. 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **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. 3, 2021 – Sep. 19, 2022.

**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 \$500.00 through the weekly BBQ. 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.

Dave Lee then moved, seconded by, Dennis Medrum 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 Rick Wilmot and Dennis Medrum. Tomo was elected unanimously.

**Vice-President:**

Angelo DiFelice was nominated by Raman Chirakal, seconded by Tomo Dancetovic and Rick Beradi. Angelo DiFelice was elected unanimously.

**Treasurer:**

Raman informed the members his intention to retire his position at the end of 2022 season or earlier if possible. He also stated that Peter Pomponio will consider taking over the treasurer's position. Unfortunately, Peter was not available as he was away attending a family business. Ziggy Wator moved a motion, seconded by jarek Nagorski, that Peter Pomponio be appointed as the next treasurer pending acceptance from Peter. Members unanimously agreed to appoint Peter to Treasurer's position pending acceptance from Peter. Membership advised Raman to work with Peter for a smooth transition during the year 2022-2023.

**Executive members:**

New members, Giovanni Petitti, Goran Valsenko, Rick Berardi and Vic Casasanta were elected to the executive. Members agreed that Joe Maganja Jarek Nagorski and Paul Neumann should continue as members of the executive.

**Signing officers:**

Raman Chirakal (Treasurer), Tomo Dancetovic (President), Angelo DiFelice (Vice-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 2023. In essence the fees for early registration would remain the same as in 2022.

Dave Lee moved a motion, seconded by Tomo Dancetovic and Angelo DiFelice that early registration fee should be applied to all eligible players who wants to join our club.

Raman pointed out a constitutional requirement (Article 10.1) that any change in registration fee

requires a majority approval from the voting membership at the meeting.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Early registration fees for members: No refund			
Timeline	Sundays	Fridays	Both days
Sep.1 – Nov. 1, 2022*	\$60.00	\$80.00	\$100.00
Jan. 1 – Apr. 1, 2023	\$80.00	\$100.00	\$120.00
After April 1, 2023 (late)	\$100.00	\$120.00	\$140.00

After a brief discussion it was agreed that early registration fee should apply till the end of December 2022.

#### **Captains for 2023:**

Raman mentioned that all positions are open and he invited members to volunteer to be captains in 2023. Albert Molinaro, Dennis Medrum, Jose Pagoada, Jose Nunes, Rick Berardi and Ziggy Wator were selected for Friday teams and Andrew Bacon and jarek Nagorski and were selected for Sunday teams. More captains will be recruited if needed. **A captain's' meeting will be held on October 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss some of the concerns and recommendations made by the membership.**

Note: Carlos Villa who was elected to be a captain later advised the league that he will not be able to accept the position.

#### **Year-end social:**

Year end social will be held on Friday October 21<sup>st</sup>. Pizza and wings will be served with two drinks for \$10.00 per person.

#### **New business:**

Bruno Zitella moved a motion, seconded by Gino Molinaro that the league should consider an Over-50 division to facilitate more playing time and more touches on the ball during a game. He also expressed that it is getting very difficult for senior players to keep pace with younger and faster players.

After a brief debate about the pros and cons of the proposal Tomo suggested that we should leave it up to the general members who are fifty years old. It was agreed that we will require the general

membership to express their approval or disapproval during the registration. Raman was asked to revise the registration form to accommodate Tomo's suggestion.<sup>xx</sup>

**<sup>xx</sup>Note: Raman has later communicated to all members via email that the online registration form has been revised. He also stated that a minimum of twenty players would be needed to start the Over-50 division. In addition, one of those fifty, must volunteer to be a convener to run the group. All completed registration form will be reviewed at the captains meeting on October 23<sup>rd</sup> to make the final decision.**

**Acknowledgements:**

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

Team sponsors:

EM Copper Products (John Tylak), Lallo Mazda (Gary Lallo), Milestone Integrated (Stacy Barr) Pro-Quip International (Sam Tavernesse), Vince's Hairstylist (Vince DeProsperis), and Vintage Brothers (Rick Berardi).

Raman expressed special gratitude to Gary Lallo, John Tylak, Vince DeProsperis, Vic Casasanta, for their additional support in 2022.

Raman highlighted 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 8:45 PM.