

Blackburn Arms Soccer Semi-Annual General Meeting (outdoor season)

September 14, 2019, Blackburn Arms Pub patio, 12:15 p.m.

1. Previous SAGM (March 2019) minutes

- 1.1. Unfortunately, lost during a business trip (they were on paper only).
- 1.2. Still, election results were properly recorded by a second source and applied.

2. President's report

- 2.1. Teams are competitive, with five of six still in contention for the league title as of Sept. 14, 2019
- 2.2. Refs notes: compliments on overall play and behaviour; still enjoy officiating in the league; many requests to Frank Roscoe for chance to officiate in the BA.

2.3. By-law modifications

2.3.1. Spares

- 2.3.1.1. Currently, no outfielder spares are allowed in Cup play.
- 2.3.1.2. **Collective motion by Executive to (starting this season): allow spares in playoffs, with spares coordinators deciding whom to assign, in consultation with the Executive Committee, if needed.**
 - 2.3.1.2.1. After lengthy discussion and widely varying opinions, **an amendment to the motion was proposed by Jason Robinson and seconded by Bill Coleman: You qualify for a spare if you are below 11 in summer, 7 in winter, to bring numbers up to a full on-field squad.**
- 2.3.1.3. **Motion passed, not unanimous (but close)**
- 2.3.1.4. Steve Cock was asked to provide historical context for current rule: Motion to disallow spares in the Cup was brought up by Dave Boeyen several years back, under the pretext this would allow weaker teams with good attendance a chance to win in important games.
- 2.3.1.5. Mike Murphy: Last day of regular season sometimes used to balance the teams, but can be controversial.
- 2.3.1.6. Jared Kitcher: Vast majority of the spares are really good, so can greatly change balance of teams when they play
- 2.3.1.7. Marc-André Daoust: Argument is based on attendance; it's no different from allowing spares in the two or three final games of the regular season and the title is still up for grabs; why would Cup competition differ from that? Both hold equal importance.
- 2.3.1.8. Jason Robinson: If teams are below 11, that's the big difference
- 2.3.1.9. Bill Coleman: Has this been a recurring issue?
- 2.3.1.10. Mark Meng: The Exec could make team adjustments before the Cup starts.

- 2.3.1.11. James Cuthill: Lower teams can make playoffs as is, and it's a good thing.
- 2.3.1.12. Mike Murphy: Pub league, aimed to be fun; executive should be allowed to make the decisions based on the situation, for the best of the league; being too regimented goes against the overarching philosophy of the BA.
- 2.3.1.13. Bernie Pilon: The system was abused a few times in the past.

2.3.2. Outdoor Cup keepers

- 2.3.2.1. Keepers from spares list are allowed in the Cup, but what if none are available for the final of the Outdoor Cup?
- 2.3.2.2. Motion by the Executive Committee: In the final of the Outdoor Cup, one of the remaining full-time keepers from the other teams can play.**
- 2.3.2.3. Motion amendment by Bernie Pilon, Seconded by Ryan Zurawell: Random draw from available keepers, replacement keeper allowed only in case of injury or personal leave, not if the original keeper has been suspended.**
- 2.3.2.4. 10 for, 9 against; motion passed, but contested.**
- 2.3.2.5. Jason Robinson: How is this different from outfielder spares?
- 2.3.2.6. James Cuthill maintained that keepers are no different from outfield players.
- 2.3.2.7. General reaction that GKS *are* different, and not having an experienced person in goal can create a huge imbalance and skewer results.
- 2.3.2.8. Jared Kitcher: Teams should learn to adapt; the proposed rule change isn't right.
- 2.3.2.9. Marcel Chbat: Injured or absent keepers should be replaced.
- 2.3.2.10. Motion maintained, but executive will keep a close eye on what transpires to see if the changes causes problems.**

2.3.3. Finances

- 2.3.3.1. Jared Kitcher presented a finance update on behalf of Brian Garson
- 2.3.3.2. Winter 2018-19: surplus of \$2300, before donations; no equipment purchases
- 2.3.3.3. Expecting \$300 surplus in 2019-20, before equipment
- 2.3.3.4. Overall positive balance; league in very good financial health**
- 2.3.3.5. Motion to accept finance report by Marc-André Daoust, seconded by Bernie Pilon. Carried unanimously.**

2.3.4. Discipline

- 2.3.4.1. Jared (Discipline Chair) spoke.
- 2.3.4.2. Card count is similar to that of other years; one player was ejected from the league until at least September 2020.

2.3.5. Uniforms

- 2.3.5.1. Steve Cock (uniform coordinator) announced he would be stepping away from the position and that a replacement would soon be needed. Responsibilities are to collect, store, inventory and replace any shortages.
 - 2.3.5.1.1. No volunteers came forward at the SAGM

- 2.3.5.1.2. Position will need to be filled for **by the end of the 2019-20 indoor season**, with Steve completing the sweater arrangements for the 2020 outdoor season before he steps down.
- 2.3.5.2. New purchases to be decided by Executive to replace inventory for certain colours as required; better quality shirts are preferred to the Sports International brand now being phased out.
- 2.3.5.3. Black-White jerseys from outdoor 2019 will need to be all returned or replaced entirely.
- 2.3.5.4. Some Umbro jerseys are discontinued, new company model will likely be required. Steve will inquire.
- 2.3.5.5. New supplier Four-Two-Four (online company) is a possibility.

2.3.6. Spares

- 2.3.6.1. Ray spoke on behalf of Frank Lamontagne and Dave Willey, spares coordinators.
- 2.3.6.2. Good availability of spares overall; quality also very good.
- 2.3.6.3. Spares need to use TeamSnap more consistently, teams as well.
- 2.3.6.4. TeamSnap (M-A)
 - 2.3.6.4.1. Reiterated that teams and spares need to use it more effectively

2.3.7. Executive election

- 2.3.7.1. Bernie Pilon is not renewing his position as executive-at-large.
- 2.3.7.2. Roles and responsibilities are being adjusted to be more widely distributed among the committee instead of falling mostly on the president.
- 2.3.7.3. **Rhys Williams was nominated by Ray Martel, seconded by Howard Weingarden**
- 2.3.7.4. **No other nominations were received, so the motion passed unanimously and Rhys Williams elected in absentia (he had consented to being nominated).**

2.4. Meeting adjourned at 13:50

Recording secretary: Mark D'Agostino, BASL executive at large