

Barrie Elites Volleyball Club AGM
Thursday June 6, 2024
6:00pm-7:30pm

Executive members in attendance:

Candice Keller, Hope Timmons, Charlena Harvey, Stephan Harvey, Chris Jephson, Vanessa Jephson, Karen Leslie, Christa Matthews, Dan Burton, Lisa White

Candice

- Welcome and opening of the meeting
- Recap of season - 6 top 20 teams, recognized by OVA for being top 10 club in Ontario, First ever 12U boys teams, First ever hosts of 2 day tournament
- End of year survey - membership asked - we delivered. Great feedback around the season. Above average feedback regarding coaches and executives. Notations of coaches not getting support they needed from the Director, mainly new coaches. Apologized for these concerns and ensured actions being taken for the future to ensure they are provided the guidance and support needed from the Director and executive.

Candice

- Executive Introductions

Charlena

- Financial Statement Review of all costs associated with the club and various cost buckets
- Questions from membership regarding financial statement
 - Inquired about breakdown per team - fees are set each year for the club as a whole
 - Question relating to MRS fees - Lisa & Brad responded with answers on the fee structure and that fees are set by OVA each year
 - Question inquiring if fees will increase - Executive advised we do not know until OVA provides to clubs fees for the upcoming season
 - Jason Grimm asked about equipment - cost of equipment and if we will be purchasing more. Executive advised on what was purchased this year (6 new balls per team, ball carts) Further advised more will be purchased for the coming season.
 - Suggestion from membership to purchase antennas for all teams and flip scorecards for all teams as most schools do not have - executive advised we will wait to hear from coaches as to what they may require

- Parents kept inquiring about individual costs per athlete and how it is the same for everyone. Exec advised how costs are determined - Uniforms, OVA costs, Honorariums, Hotel costs for Coaches, Permit costs, equipment, coaches training and police checks, etc
- Membership inquiry surrounding uniforms for next season and how changing this could reduce cost per athlete some suggestions were - No providing backpacks each year, not providing shorts.
- Membership inquired about having names of athletes on Jersey's
- Jason Grimm spoke to this and concern for privacy with names on jerseys
- Membership suggested the club should not purchase balls and each athlete be responsible for purchasing their own ball, being responsible to bring to all practices and tournaments. Will have better sense of importance of not losing ball and would help in reducing cost for registration
- Parents discussed comparison in fee costs between clubs and what is included with Elites versus other clubs in the area. Some parents noted having two children playing at different clubs and explained although our fees are more upfront, other clubs in the area do not include covering a large number of items that we do and in the end the other clubs are actually more expensive

NOMINATIONS for Executive

Hope spoke with membership advising the two roles up for nomination this year are President and Secretary.

Floor opened for nominations - President

1. Callaegh Sewell - Nominated Candice Keller - nomination was seconded by Lisa White
2. Jason Grimm - Nominated Dan Burton - nomination was seconded by Jon Graham

Membership was provided with ballots for vote. Vote took place. Ballots counted by members Geoff Neagle & Jason Kho

By majority Vote - Candice Keller re-elected for President - two year term

Floor opened for nominations - Secretary

1. Penni Sisak - Nominated Brad Molnar - nomination was seconded by Mike Fogarty
2. Julie Holden - Nominated Vaness Jephson - nomination was seconded by Pam Shelling

Membership was provided with ballots for vote. Vote took place. Ballots counted by members Goeff Neagle & Jason Kho

By majority vote - Vanessa Jephson elected to Secretary - two year term

Review of Constitution & By-laws

- Mike Fogarty - Suggestion the following change - Constitutional amendment requests be looked at and proposed before AGM

Amendment to the constitution submitted

Mover: Mike Fogarty

Secunder: Heather Waherman

Article 13 Section 2.9 be amended by the addition of "To be consistent with good governance practices all proposed amendments must be tabled and published 7 days prior to the date of the AGM"

Request for amendment voted on and by majority **approved**.

- Heather Waterman - Suggestion the following change - Nominations for Executive roles President, Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer occur 7 days prior to AGM and posted for membership so that they have opportunity to review possible candidates to make sound decision when voting

Amendment to the constitution submitted

Mover: Heather Waterman

Secunder: Laura Daily

Article 7 Section 7 be amended by the addition of "**Nominations for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer will occur 7 days prior to AGM and posted for membership to freely review**"

Request for amendment voted on and by majority **approved**.

- Devin Monger - Suggestion the following change - Removing from constitution that the president needs to have at least one year on the executive to be eligible to run

Amendment to the constitution submitted

Mover: Devin Monger

Secunder: Jason Grimm

Article 4 Section 1 be amended by the addition of “Remove stipulation that to run for president you need to have at least one year experience on the executive. It will give someone else with prior experience elsewhere at least an opportunity to run for president”

Request for amendment voted on and by majority vote change **denied**.

These two changes to the constitution will be updated.

Candice

- Recap of meeting and changes
- Open floor for questions

Questions

1. Status of raffles and if we can do them this season. Vanessa advised of what the process was - what we had been approved for by the city and the difficulty in running raffles and the work behind the scenes that need to be done to accommodate. Advised that we will support all teams and provide suggestions of other ways of raising money
2. Noted that feel website needs to be updated - area referring to needing update is fed by social media. All other areas are updated by us. New updates will occur as things happen (Example: Coaches lists, tryout information etc)
3. Noted spelling error on website - Assistant spelt incorrectly - Will be fixed
4. Requested matters of governance be posted on website - advised these are there under Documents.
5. Jason Grimm requested to bring forward motion to have Brad Graham’s suspension lifted. Was advised that the AGM is not where motions for these types of items take place and was asked to submit such request to the executive in writing.

Candice

- Moved to have the AGM adjourned. Meeting concluded at 7:50pm