

VDCA 2009 AGM Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 21, 2009 - 7:00 P.M. Beacon Hill Pavilion

Present: 27 members of the VDCA

Guests:

Meeting brought to order at 7:11, John W. chairing. Quorum present.

I) **Reading and Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting (October 15, 2008).**

Following the reading of the minutes, Brian Tetlow indicated that he actually had submitted a report last year. Aside from this, Adam Erickson moved that they be accepted as read, and Kulvir Sidhu seconded. All in favour.

II) **President's Report to the AGM**

John Wenman read from a prepared report, highlighting the successful season just passed, and pointed out a few points for the new executive to consider:

- strains from a stretched schedule with both local and visitor games;
- keeping track of the statistics on the website;
- the smooth operation of a beverage center (including not bringing own beverages to the change-room);
- maintaining the on-field deportment of players and spectators to maintain a pleasant environment around the park; and
- ensuring a viable program to maintain an effective supply of umpires.

A resounding thank-you to the volunteers who help to keep the game being played (umpires, scorers, pavilion society, etc.). As well, both congratulations and thanks go out to United Victoria for their ongoing help with numerous tasks during the season.

III) **Reports from the Executive**

a. Finance:

Duncan H. walked the meeting thru the VDCA financial statement.

Summary: Revenue is up, and Expenses are down, leading to an overall picture that is about \$21,000 better off than it was last year.

Recommendation to the new executive to establish a capital fund, taking annual surpluses and putting them into this fund, and not take operating expenses out of it. Duncan clarified a few questions from the floor.

Duncan moved acceptance of the report, seconded by Blair Boardman. All in favour.

b. Life Membership Trust

Brian Tetlow spoke regarding the position of Trustee and the performance of the investments held by the Life Membership Trust. He indicated that

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he wouldn't object to stepping down, but offered to help out with a new person in the position. A call for volunteers was made of the assembled multitude, producing a nomination of Keith Harris by Sirish Patel, however, Keith declined. Howard Martin nominated Brian Tetlow to continue, who indicated that he would do so.

c. Grounds

John Wenman read an e-mail from Simon Heslop, who could not make the meeting tonight due to recuperating from surgery. His recommendations to the executive are the following:

- replace the artificial mat,
- install semi-portable sight-screens, and
- tidy the practice mat

Moved to accept the report by Keith Harris, seconded by Adam Erickson. Accepted. Kuljeet Nagra spoke regarding the wisdom of having a backup in place for Simon in case Simon is unavailable for a period of time.

d. Junior Cricket

John Wenman presented a report on the scope and progress of the junior cricket program at SMU, and expressed thanks to SMU for the use of their facilities for this. There was a trip for 9 juniors to Vancouver to play Kanga cricket against a Vancouver side. Certificates were presented in August, and parents and children alike were anticipating the resumption of the program next year. He also extended an open invite for anyone who would be interested in helping out on Saturday mornings, especially if they were interested in managing the program.

e. Cricket BC

Tanzil Rehman hasn't had a chance to attend the Cricket BC meetings yet, but indicated that he would be willing to act as the VDCA rep to Cricket BC and report back to us on the proceedings.

f. Midweek League

Sirish Patel thanked on behalf of the midweek league the VDCA executive. The midweek league has been successful with both money and membership, and a good Campbell River tournament was held in Victoria, although the return visit to Campbell River wasn't arranged due to a lack of a ground in Campbell River. However, there were issues with lack of interest, attendance, and enthusiasm visible again this year, and he encouraged the executive to make efforts to keeping these essential elements of the game alive. Midweek is alive and well, and exists for two reasons - to keep the juniors and the seniors playing. John moved to accept the report, seconded by Javed Khan, and accepted.

g. Pavilion

Nothing to report

h. Discipline

Nothing to report

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IV) Matters Arising

a.

V) New Business

a. Election of Officers - to be run by Blair Boardman

The following executive positions exist within the organization of the VDCA, and their statuses are described below:

- President - this office has been ably back-filled by First Vice-President John Wenman since being vacated by Mark Goodall prior to the last AGM, but we need to fill the position on a full-time basis, term to be of two years. Nominations from the floor for candidates to this position will need to be made.
Nominations: Phil Glen was nominated, accepted, and was acclaimed in the position.
- 1st Vice-President - Javed Khan has filled this position since the last election, and would be happy to continue in it, so he has the endorsement of the current executive. The term will also be of two years, and nominations from the floor for candidates to this position will be accepted if put forward.
Nominations: Javed Khan was the only nomination, accepted, and was acclaimed.
- 2nd Vice-President - John Wenman has performed this duty as well as that of President concurrently, but wishes a change of responsibilities, so we will need a new 2nd VP. Term will be of one year, and nominations from the floor for candidates to this position will need to be made.
Nominations: Tanzil Rehman was acclaimed.
- Secretary - Adam Erickson is halfway through his tour of duty in this two-year position, and is looking forward to the 2010 AGM elections.
- Treasurer - Duncan Hollows is looking to step down from this position as his two-year term is coming to a close, but is willing to help his successor along to make the required tasks as straight-forward as possible. Nominations from the floor will need to be made.
Nominations: Azfar Malik was nominated and acclaimed in the position.
- Trustee for the Life Membership Fund - Brian Tetlow has stepped down from this position, thus it has become vacant. Nominations from the floor will need to be made.
Nominations: Brian Tetlow was nominated and acclaimed into the position.

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- Honourary President and Vice-President - Ron Heaps and Tony Fathers have both agreed to continue in their current positions. Nominations from the floor for other candidates to these positions will be accepted if put forward.
Nominations: Peter Richardson was nominated, accepted, and was acclaimed.
- b. Tickets for the Awards Banquet are still available from John Wenman, but are going fast - move soon!
- c. A large thank you for John Wenman for his filling in as President was brought from the floor and was met with resounding applause from the multitude.
- d. Shelly Fathers spoke regarding opportunities for improving the lot of cricket in Canada via her position with Cricket Canada.

A motion to adjourn was brought by Peter Richardson and passed unanimously at 8:45 PM.