



Outdoor 2024 Semi-Annual General Meeting

Saturday, June 22nd 2024

The Bad Alibi – 12:30PM

Proposed agenda

Summer Business:

- Financial update and statements (Matt De Souza):
- Golf Tournament, Sponsorship (Colins)
- Discipline (Denis): Card count
- Garneau Update
- Elections (Vice President, President)
- GSSC
- Motion:

By-law 4 Point 2 change from

2. Team rebalancing done after four to six games

After five or six games each season, current team managers, Executive members and invited senior members gather to reassess each team's performance and to reassign players, if needed. The rule of thumb is to keep reassignments to a strict minimum and to do them only once per season, however.

To

2. Team rebalancing

In extenuating circumstances of a team being very imbalanced in comparison to the other teams, current Team Managers, Executive members and others whom the executive feels can contribute can be called together to assess a team's performance and to reassign players, if absolutely needed. Reassignment of players should be kept to a strict minimum and only in cases of a team being extremely imbalanced or due to significant injury to a key player on a team.

After clarification and deliberation, the motion was adopted as follows:

2. **Team rebalancing done only under extenuating circumstances:** As well, any rebalancing must follow these criteria: a) only one rebalancing exercise can occur per season; b) it must be initiated by a team manager or by the Executive Committee; c) at least five games must have taken place before it can be requested; d) it must take place before 50% of the regular season is completed; e)) current team managers, Executive members and any invited senior members take part in the rebalancing exercise, which will be scheduled by the Executive Committee.

Minutes- SAGM 2024- June 22, 2024 @The Bad Alibi. Members in Attendance- 46

- Denis brought the meeting to order once food was served. Note- Cindy (the server) mentioned they thought we were going to arrive at 12:30.
- Denis read Agenda- Proposal to Approve Agenda (Jared) 2nd (Ray).
- Game day Motion raised (Ed), 2nd (Matt)- Tom must take a raffle ticket just like everyone else. Motion passed (Unanimous).

Summer Business:

Financial Update (Matt Desouza)

- Winter '23/24- Approx. \$4,000 deficit. Fees were too low. Will be increasing.
- Saturdays '24- Running approx. Even, maaaybe a small surplus. Refs given raise to keep in line with OSU.
- Wednesdays '24- 8 team model boosted our funds, will run approx. \$3,000 surplus. Will aim to spend surplus funds on prizes and events.

Golf Tournament & Sponsorships (Colin Raines)

- 1st Annual BA Tournament to be held at Pineview GC on September 19, 2024
- Speak to Nick Desforges for more information and to register. More details and opportunity to register to follow.
- If you would like to sponsor a hole at the tournament, speak with Colin Raines. Hole-in-One and Team Photos already spoken for. 16 opportunities still available.

Discipline (Denis Levesque)

- Card Count: WED (1 card- Yellow). SAT (3 cards- 3 Yellow).

Garneau Update (Denis Levesque)

- Dome is up!
- Denis is in comms. with the School Board.
- OTSC is in charge/main contact.
- Formal application has been submitted.
- Asking for- 6 fields on Thursdays (8 & 9pm)- hope to expand winter league to 10 teams. Any expansion is reliant on playing at Garneau.
- Decision on our application will be made mid/end July.
- Execs will be allowed to visit the site to see it in person & assess viability. Ex. Currently there are no toilets there.
- We are still booking the Hornets Nest for this winter, just in case.
- Question (Noel)- Can we split games between Garneau & Gloucester if we don't have enough fields at Garneau?

GSSC (Denis Levesque)

- Exec is working on formalizing a relationship with Gloucester Senior Soccer Club (GSSC). The focus is mainly to ensure appropriate liability coverage/avoid potential lawsuits due to injury etc.
- A Sports Lawyer has been consulted.
- There are 3 options to consider to ensure appropriate liability coverage:
 - 1- We can Incorporate- this is expensive and may not be approved.
 - 2- We can obtain insurance for the Execs- would cost a few thousand dollars and may not end up being as comprehensive as we are looking for.
 - 3- We can formalize our relationship with GSSC. We are currently an affiliate.
- We have a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to be recognized under GSSC and their insurance.
- We would keep full Operations control and Financial Rights.

- We would have to submit an annual Financial Report to GSSC.
- Our Constitution will change to a Community Charter.
- * We need to vote on a change to the Constitution (there is a 30 day exit clause included in our application).

Questions

- Bill- 1) Will we be recognized as a Club? (No, we will officially be a Committee). 2) Don't current waivers already cover this? (Not fully. The change will offer better/the best liability protection).
- Glen- Will this be effective immediately? (It will be effective in the next few weeks).
- Denis raises three motions modifying the current BA constitution and by-laws:
 - 1- Change *Constitution* to *Charter* throughout the text ; 2nd (Colin)- Passed
 - 2- Change *By-laws* to *Rules and Regulations* throughout the text.; 2nd (Ray) - Passed
 - 3- Change Article 1.3 to the following: **Affiliation:** The BASL is also a committee of the Gloucester Senior Soccer Club; 2nd (Jared) - Passed

Motion re: Rebalancing (Jared)

- Jared outlined his proposed changes and reasoning. Feels that teams who are chugging along and doing well are too often punished by being broken up. Additionally, that 5 games are not the appropriate number of games to make any assessment. Additionally, that there is too much chatter in the first 5 games about Holding Back- true or not, this is not great for our culture.

Questions/Discussion

- Jose- is there a cutoff before playoffs?
- Justin C- can we define "A massive imbalance?"
- Colin- rebalancing is already only performed on a basis of necessity.
- Ed- 1) MGRS should have to raise the issue themselves, and 2) all MGRS should be consulted + given a chance to negotiate and keep their players.
- Matt- thinks this makes sense in principle, and that we already generally do this when rebalancing.
- Troy- good to have this discussion. Likes the idea of removing mandatory 5-game rebalancing. Likes the idea of a cutoff before playoffs.
- Glen- we should track how many times each player is moved, as this can be hard on some people.
- Jared- last year Wednesdays there were lots of changes.
- Bill (as Devil's Advocate)- let's get rid of rebalancing altogether?
- Paul- agrees in principle with the changes.
- Matt- Colin explained it quite well- last year there were many new players so there were more changes. Expansion is tough when trying to keep the teams even, as we don't always know the true/current skill level of new players.
- Paul- are players themselves involved in the rebalancing?
- Gaston- In this league, many factors besides a team roster go into each team's success. And change should only happen once a season.
- **Denis- calls a vote(s) to see where we are at.**
- Vote to keep the Rebalancing clause As-Is. 11 Ayes (no majority, not passed).
- Vote to adopt the Motion As Written. 9 Ayes (no majority, not passed).
- Vote to raise a Motion to change the wording of the proposed amendment. Majority Ayes, yes passed).
- Ray- has anyone read the current wording? Should we be voting on this if not? Noted that these intentions are already written into our Constitution.
- Bill- there should be 2 separate clauses.
- Justin- should we appoint an Exec member who oversees Fairness?
- Eben- I'm here to have fun. I want to see balanced teams, but I don't find it natural to have a mandatory rebalancing.
- Proposed points for new Motion/Amendment:
 - 1- No mandatory review
 - 2- Only upon request by MGR or by member of the Executive Committee.

- 3- Only 1 rebalance per season.
- 4- Cannot occur before 5 games are completed, and not after 50% of the season has been completed.
- Raised (Jared) 2nd (Shawn S). Motion passed (over 50% Ayes).

Elections

- Vice President- Colin nominates Gaston. 2nd- Jared. No other candidates. Gaston elected (Unanimous).
- President- Noel nominates Denis. 2nd- Joe. No other candidates. Denis elected (Unanimous).

Meeting adjourned (2pm). Thank you!