

Outdoor 2021 Semi-Annual General Meeting

September 18, 2021*

(*Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Sept. 2020 and March 2021 SAGMs were cancelled.)

Blackburn Arms Pub-Terrace, 12:34 p.m.

Minutes of the SAGM (recording secretary: Doug Spencer)

1. Adoption of agenda

- Amendments/Additions:
 - **Addition to agenda:** proposal from Ron Palaczka to use new German Club facility
 - Motion to adopt agenda: Denis Levesque. Second: Ed Duncan
 - Agenda accepted

2. Business arising from the minutes of 2020 March SAGM (See file sent with BA Update)

- a. Any questions? Corrections? **None**
- b. Motion to accept the 2020 March SAGM minutes
 - James Cuthill motioned, seconded by Noel Gascon. Accepted

3. President's report (Ray Martel)

- a. COVID chaos and fallout
- b. Last day of play / Season-end party on Oct. 2
- c. New dome at Garneau in 2021: update
- d. Succession planning

Notes:

- **A)** No first-place trophy or cup in summer 2021
- Top three teams will donate at least \$150 to a charity of their choice via BA Exec
- Fourth through sixth will also donate to a charity via BA Exec
- Trophies will be engraved with "2021 COVID Memorial Season"
- **B)** Pub cannot commit to hosting a year-end banquet
 - Cannot have an indoor celebration due to COVID
 - Potential for terrace at the Arms, but space is an issue
 - Tim Tierney's office has been helping us get a tent at Potvin in conjunction with Dominion City; they have tents too—but space an issue as well, with restrictions for consuming beer (must be seated)
 - Frank: Big concern is food. How do we proceed?
 - Bring your own food?
 - James comment: Whitewater brewing will donate kegs if needed
 - Social on field seven (SW) on October 2-final day? Only field open after noon
 - **Consensus is that if things remain too complicated, it will be BYOB and sandwich on field 7 after the last games.** Details will come through manager or league update.
- **C)** Garneau Dome has been approved
 - Potentially coming in 2022
 - State of the art, like Louis-Riel
 - Have already requested times with school board, but no formal commitment yet
 - Further discussions to take place at Spring AGM (March)
 - Potential for slight increase in fees (\$5-10 per player)

- **D)** Things are spread out more, roughly 20 players involved
 - o Courting people to take over the league
 - o Ray is planning to end his tenure in March 2022
 - Wants to finish three special projects: Bylaws, website, critical path
 - o Denis applauds volunteers
- Motion to accept president's report by: Ed Duncan, Seconder: Frank Lamontagne. Accepted.

4. Financial update and statements (Brian Garson)

- a. Assets before Outdoor 2021
- b. Outdoor 2021 summary
- c. Indoor 2021-22 forecast
- d. Motion to approve financial statements

Notes:

- o Have about \$8k left in bank after summer season
- o Added two extra games to winter season (projected \$5k deficit)
- o Should have a balance of \$3-6k at end of winter
- o Keepers are needed for winter
- o Brian will post financial statement on website under **Info**
- o Motion to accept financial update by: Paul Gibbard Seconder: Glen Borbeley. Accepted.

5. Other reports/updates

- a. Discipline 2021, including update on carding per team (**Jared Kitcher**)
- b. Uniforms for outdoor 2021 (**Yanic Giroux**)
- c. Uniforms for indoor 2021-22 (**Mark Meng**)
- d. Spares update and review (**Frank Lamontagne/David Willey**)

Notes:

- **A)** Not much to report for discipline, only one card so far
- **B)** New kits coming for indoor
 - o Mark Meng: At end of outdoor season, any kind of BA kit is welcomed back
 - Especially the Adidas ones
 - o Wanting to switch indoor kits from Sportsphere to Adidas
 - o Frank: Advise players to drop off kits ahead of time if they are away Oct. 2nd
 - o Outdoor shirts go to Yanic Giroux via managers
- **D)** Spares have been tough to come by this year
 - o More spares needed for winter
 - o Should be slightly easier with earlier games.

6. Elections/Recruitment (see Exec-coordinator terms sent with BA Update)

- a. Nominations-election for Exec at large #1
- b. Nominations-election for Exec at large #2
- c. Nominations-election for Exec at large #3
- d. Nominations-election for Finance Cttee member

Notes:

- a) **Marc-André Daoust** self-nominates; Paul Stanisci seconds.
 - o Vote passed
- b) **Rhys Williams** self-nominates; James Cuthill seconds.
 - o Vote passed
- c) To replace Mark D'Agostino (exec at large)
 - o **James Cuthill** self-nominates, Tom Borbely seconds.
 - o Vote passed

- d) Term is up on the Finance committee
 - o To help Brian oversee their statements; three-member committee
 - o **Paul Stanisci** self-nominates, Marc-André Daoust seconds.
 - o Vote passed

7. Other business

- a. Special motions received by email before the SAGM—**None received**
- b. Special motions tabled at SAGM, if majority of members agree to consider—**None received**

Notes:

- **Sponsorship/Affiliation concerns**
 - o **Dave Boeyen: Arms not doing much to improve support, do we consider moving?**
 - Ray Martel: We have some very interested parties for the indoor season.
 - Denis Levesque: We want to do things right, however.
 - No local tap at all despite requests /No door prizes anymore.
 - Update coming in mid-October.
- **Other motion:** Colin Knight moves that Doug Spencer step into some type of role next year
 - o Motion to be revisited
- **Field of Dreams proposal at German Club (M-A Daoust reminded chair of the need to discuss)**
 - o From Ron Palaczka & Jon Paradis (are sponsoring special initiative later this season)
 - o Field opens spring 2022
 - o First right of refusal to move there in summer 2022
 - o Implications:
 - Staggered times (only two pitches)
 - German Club would run the pub
 - Farther away for some players
 - Some are unsure about playing on turf (heat, harder surface)
 - Cost would be roughly the same
 - We could have games start earlier (9:30 a.m.)
 - Could we have two games on the grass, one on the turf?
 - Do not need to decide today
 - o Mark Skinner: Having only playoffs/Cup there?
 - Doing tournament on one day?
 - Could we use it for our alternate fields too?
 - o Execs are sheepish about moving the whole season there
 - o Colin Knight: When do we need to decide by?
 - A few weeks out
 - o Use Survey Monkey to poll the lads: have a referendum online for this
 - o Has not been easy this year and others to organize our fields; frequent turnover at Hornets' office
 - o Denis Levesque: If we go for next year, do we lose Potvin fields?
 - Probably; we could ask for a year off and rebook if needed (see Bill Coleman)
 - o Mark White: Could we ask German Club/Ron and Jon to put a proposal together?
 - o Ray will send something more detailed from Ron and Jon within roughly a month, we will get a few specifics and go from there
 - **Motion to officially entertain Ron and Jon's proposal to move the BA either fully or partially to the German Club for summer 2022; report to full membership with full detailed offer as soon as possible and hold a league-wide vote if the idea is retained:** Motion by: Ray Martel Seconded: Howard Weingarden. Accepted.

8. Adjournment at 1:38 p.m.

- Ray Martel moves to adjourn. Accepted.