

# 2019 Annual General Meeting

## Minutes

- Where:** Cedar Cottage Pub – 3728 Clark Drive Vancouver  
**When:** Monday, September 9, 2019 **7:00pm**  
**Who:** All Mabel League members  
**Points:** 1 participation points for each member who attends.

### 2019 Executive:

- Chair:** Shelley Larson  
**Co-Chair:** Alana McKenzie  
**Statistician:** Malloreigh Hamilton  
**Treasurer:** Melissa Linfoot  
**Registrar:** Christina Vasilopoulos  
**UIC:** Shelley Larson  
**Fields:** Lisa Newell  
**Secretary:** Karly Pinch  
**Special Events:** Chloe Willes-Speakman

Call to order: 7:00pm

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Vote to accept the agenda
  - a) Amend to add 5.b, Rebels proposal
  - b) Motion to accept the agenda: Jen Morgan motions, Kari seconds, all in favour, none opposed, motion passes
3. Adopting previous AGM meeting minutes
  - a) Motion to accept: Rachel moves, Erin seconds, all in favour, none opposed, motion passes
4. Financial Statements
  - a) Actual expenditures came under proposed
  - b) Income was lower than expected in food sales at finals and merch sales
  - c) Motion to accept the financial statements: Michelle, seconded Amy, all in favour, none opposed, motion passes
5. New proposals and Bylaw changes
  - a) Sheryl McKercy (see additional document)– Crossover Schedule Changes
  - b) Sue McDonald (see additional document) – Division Reorganization
    - o Problem trying to be addressed by both a) and b) proposals:
      - so few teams in each division means that we play the same teams often

- also, level is very similar between bottom of competitive and top of intermediate
  - teams have an incentive to lose games so they don't have to move up divisions
  - In a 2 division system, there would also be tiers A and B
- Concerns about proposals:
  - Oddballs: lower intermediate teams have had opportunity for growth by being in the intermediate division, and might lose that momentum (gained by playing better teams) if moved down
  - teams like Sway have worked their way up the divisions over the years, and to get rid of the 3 divisions would take away from that accomplishment
- Questions
  - What does it look like for people that play on 2 teams in different divisions?
    - Could stay the same
  - How can we protect the competitive spirit and growth?
  - How would mid-level teams compete in finals?
    - Have Tier A and Tier B finals
  - In current system, do teams have choice in staying in their particular division?
    - We have guidelines to decide how teams are ranked
    - Exec will usually have conversations with teams to make decisions – this can put the exec in an awkward position
  - With either of these proposals, would teams be able to choose what division they are in, within reason?
    - Both systems can alleviate some of the anxiety around moving up into a higher division
    - There is space for discussion of options when we know what teams are coming back
  - Is there a option to allow teams to self-select?
  - Could we have a separate voting meeting with example schedules, before the start of the season?
    - Still a challenge because it would either be done without knowing exactly who the teams are, or after teams are already set.
- Comments
  - Easier to vote on it with example schedules – not currently enough information to consider the proposals
  - May still be incentives to throw games or for teams to fold and create new teams to stay in certain divisions

- Teams in the middle of intermediate have some comfort in being able to bring on new players, without the pressure of being overly competitive
- Rec is relatively unaddressed in these proposals – good to have the option for growth
- Having just team reps vote on this proposal in the spring doesn't allow for a lot of discussion
  - If we vote on this in the spring, it would only be on the schedule options, without long-term system change
  - Option for anything decided could only be for one season
- Cross-divisional play – more opportunities for teams to play different teams is good, gives a lot more opportunity for variety, instead of playing just a few teams many times
- In current schedule, top 2 competitive teams don't play Intermediate, but bottom of Rec do play Intermediate
  - With more cross-divisional play, you have to allow top 2 teams in competitive to play higher intermediate teams
- For lower intermediate teams, they would end up playing more rec team games than in current system
  - Description of current system
    - Scheduler's discretion – we try to keep it even, but there is no specific guidelines, because number of teams in divisions change every year
    - Status quo would be to move the vote until the spring, with 3 schedule options to be voted on
- Concern about team composition – some players may choose whether to come back or not based on what division they are in; affects recruitment and team make up

c) Vote:

- Motion to vote tonight on whether to accept one of the scheduling proposals, as is
  - Moved by Melissa, seconded by Lau
  - 10 in favour
  - Greater than 10
  - Motion doesn't pass
- Motion to vote on proposals at the first team rep meeting of 2020, where each team then gets one vote
  - Erin moves, seconded by Marcy
  - Discussion point: for clarity, there will not be sample schedules at this vote
  - 27 in favour
  - 10 opposed
  - 1 abstain
  - Motion passes

- d) Rebels – We (the Rebels) would like to propose for next year that teams who need substitute players for the finals tournament use people that only play in their division or up to a max of 2 people from a higher division if no one else is available from the same or lower divisions.
  - This applies only to last-minute substitutions, if 3 divisions stay in effect
  - Would not include if you have higher division players who play with the team (on the roster) throughout the season
  - Suggestion – to not allow any last-minute substitutions from higher divisions
    - Problem with playing each others
  - What about blanket no exceptions?
    - Challenge of injuries
    - Some teams took the forfeit, others got exceptions
  - Possible addition: any additions/exceptions need to be voted on at team rep meeting before tournament
  - Transparency is key, to give everyone equal chance
  - Clarify – if you’ve played 5 games with a team, you count as being on their roster
  - If the goal is aimed at eliminating pulling in ringers for finals, that may not be addressed by this proposal
- e) Exec proposal: transparency is increased by bringing up any exception requests to all teams
  - Proposed vote: that any requested exceptions to the 5-game rule for Finals tournament be made available to all teams, with timeframe given for feedback
    - Moved by Kari, seconded by Camille
    - Unanimous in favour; motion passes

## 6. Election of the 2020 Executive

- a) Official resignation of 2019 executive
- b) Chair
  1. Nomination for Karly Pinch by Sheryl – declined by Karly
  2. Nomination for Shelley Larson by Kari, seconded by Lisa – accepted by Shelley in absentia
    1. All in favour – passes
- c) Co-chair
  1. Nomination for Karly Pinch by Sheryl, seconded by Lisa, accepted
  2. All in favour
- d) Events and Social Media
  1. Nomination for Aiden Bancroft by Lisa, seconded by Melissa, accepted
  2. All in favour
- e) Registrar
  1. Nomination for Amy Adams by Karly, seconded by Aiden, accepted

2. All in favour
- f) Scheduler
  1. Nomination for Amy Makepeace by Lisa, seconded by Melissa, accepted
  2. All in favour
- g) Secretary
  1. Nomination for Kari Sandiford by Lisa, seconded Melissa, accepted
  2. All in favour
- h) Treasurer
  1. Nomination for Jaydeen Williams by Melissa, seconded by Jen, accepted
  2. All in favour
- i) Fields
  1. Nomination for Lisa Newell by Amy Makepeace, seconded by Melissa, accepted
  2. All in favour
- j) UIC
  1. Nomination for Deanna Grossi by Pia, seconded by Sue, accepted in absentia
  2. All in favour

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**Special Events and Social Media:** Aiden Bancroft

7. Other business

8. Close

- a) Motion to adjourn by Lisa, seconded by Melissa
- b) All in favour

**Attendance list:**

Heloise Winterbotham	Rebels	Adrienne Ducharme	TBD
Sarah Dean	Rebels	Romy Kozak	Isotopes
Kari Sandiford	Wombats	Robin Perelle	Beavers
Sheryl McKercy	Plan B		
Bri Fudge	Oddballs		
Anne Palmer	Maybes (Biggest Hits)		
Deb Yates	Trying Our Damndest		
Michelle Johnson	Wombats		
Marcy Caouette	Isotopes		
Erin Toth	Heavy Hitters		
Aidan Bancroft	Trying Our Damndest		
Laura Moran	TBD		
Jena Blankstein	Happy Endings		
Trisha Dalli	Happy Endings		
Kate Stockford	Happy Endings		
Amy Adams	Trying Our Damndest		
Scout Gray	Somethin' Naked		
Camille Flaiyale	Somethin' Naked		
Deven Andersen	Maybes (Biggest Hits)		
Trina Prince	Maybes (Biggest Hits)		
Kathleen Lehan	Heavy Hitters		
Lau Mehes	Somethin' Naked		
Erin Robson	Oddballs		
Kathryn Best	Somethin' Naked		
Lisa Barilla	Somethin' Naked		
RJ Cheng	Where My Pitches At?		
Gianna Carenaco	Reckless		
Pia Espiritu	Sway		
Lisa Newell	Royals		
Karly Pinch	Plan B		
Melissa Linfoot	TBD		
Alana McKenzie	Wombats		
Sue McDonald	Where My Pitches At?		
Maggie Stewart	Where My Pitches At?		
Jenn Morgan	Rebels		
Rachel Rabinovitch	Rebels		
Jaydeen Williams	Rebels		
Amy Makepeace	Royals		
Shannah Rasmussen	TBD		