

# Mabel League Annual General Meeting - Minutes

Monday, September 12, 2022 at 7:00pm

Via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89594546646?pwd=YS9EVkFUbmU5MWZuWdV4bzBja3RRZz09>

Attendees:

49 total. Names of Non-Exec removed for privacy.

1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement
  - a. We live and work and play on the Musqueam, Squamish and Tseilwaututh nations
2. Call to Order - 7:02
  - a. Introductions and Pronouns of the outgoing AGM
  - b. Motion to Approve the Agenda - M/S/A
3. Adopt previous AGM Meeting Minutes
  - a. Motion to approve 2021 Meeting Minutes - M/S/A
4. Financial Statements
  - a. We are still waiting for some outstanding payment amounts before we can finalize the season:
    - i. Potential refund from True North for the merch we did not receive
    - ii. Funds from the Vancouver Canadians for their Pride Night (we were the nonprofit they chose to support with funds from their merch).
  - b. We are waiting for all amounts before reconciling the budget, however we are looking at a fairly balanced budget (ending the season with slightly more than starting the season).
  - c. We will finalize the 2023 budget at the first meeting of next season after the new board is in place and there is time to appropriately budget.
    - i. At this time, I'm estimating team fees to be increased, but hopefully not significantly
      1. We will need to purchase balls (we didn't have to this year)
      2. We may include an amount for the "Community Fund" - floor proposal
      3. If the proposal about honorariums is approved, we may include an amount for executive members
      4. We are celebrating a milestone year so intend to put some funds into this celebration
      5. More prizes for LIL/finals.
  - d. Motion to approve Financial Statements: M/S/A (M/A)
5. New Proposals and Bylaw Changes
  - a. Proposal 1 - Bylaws Update
    - i. AF motivated the change noting that the bylaws were still
  - b. Proposal 3 - Honorariums

- i. TP motivated the change noting that there is a significant amount of work put in to make the season run. Other Queer leagues don't currently compensate their leadership, but are discussing it. This may be a way to
  - ii. MH noted that sometimes the league leadership is made up of folks who don't pitch in as much so it's a question of if it's fair for everyone to receive the same honorarium if they don't put it in the same amount of work.
  - iii. NG - is there a definition of good standing.
    - 1. Answer: yes, from the bylaws
  - iv. M:
  - v. B: how did you choose the amount of \$200?
    - 1. Looked at the budget, looked at the previous surpluses, \$1800 didn't seem like a huge draw from the
  - vi. A: Contribution Points change
  - vii. CP: Can directors receive compensation for their time?
    - 1. Yes. But it must be in our bylaws.
  - viii. CT: Is this factored into a budget
  - ix. JM: pro proposal - so much time, so much effort. A little more fleshing out may be required.
  - x. KB: Does it make sense to change the bylaws and then have a discussion of what it looks like (*members may receive...*)
  - xi.
- c. Proposal 2 - Pitching Masks
  - d. Motion to suspend the Bylaws: M/S/A
  - e. Proposal 1 - Bylaws Update: M/S/A (M/W)
    - i. AF motivated the change noting that the bylaws were still
  - f. Proposal 3 - Honorariums: M/S/ (T/A)
    - i. Motion to amend: M/S (M/A)
      - 1. Part ii stays the same
      - 2. All members in good standing may receive an honorarium.
    - ii. Motion to table this change to an SGM M/S/ (R/N)
      - 1. Passed.
  - g. Proposal 2 - Pitching masks
    - i. TP motivates: from this past season, received a ball to the face even with a mask, and
      - 1. M: Opposed, can be a recommendation, but there are several factors involved:
        - a. A confident pitcher may feel restricted
        - b. If a pitcher is running late and another player wants to temporarily pitch, they would have to forfeit if they don't have a mask
        - c. It's an additional cost
      - 2. T: opposed, also think it should be a recommendation
        - a. Is a pitcher but

3. C: folks should be
  4. B: also hard to find masks for some folks, they are made as one size fits all
  5. J: relatively new to the league, hadn't ever considered what happens
  6. C: Does the league not requiring a mask open up the league to more liability or risk
    - a. Not necessarily
  7. N: Perhaps this is something we can build into new player recommendations. Offer guides etc that instruct
  8. K: +1 to Jaydeen's points. if the league isn't for this being mandatory, having teams and things like the skills clinic putting more focus on wearing masks and/or mouthguards would be great!
  9. TP: at least want to help provide support for a community fund so that maybe people can have financial support to access safety equipment like this.
    - ii. Moved and Seconded A/S/passes
    - iii. Motion to Amend: N/W/passes
      1. To include "every team must have a pitching mask or face shield available"
6. Resignation of the 2022 Executive
  7. Election of the 2023 Executive
    - a. **Chair**
      - i. Nat: Nominates Ashley Fehr - Ashley Fehr accepts
      - ii. Ashley Fehr is elected
    - b. **Co-Chair**
      - i. Ashley: nominates Nathaniel Gingerich - Nat accepts
      - ii. Nat Gingerich is elected
    - c. Secretary
      - i. Ashley: nominates Grace Mathisen - Grace accepts
      - ii. Grace Mathisen is elected
    - d. Treasurer
      - i. Amy A: nominates Jaydeen Williams - Jaydeen accepts
      - ii. Jaydeen Williams is elected
    - e. **Registrar**
      - i. Ashley: nominates Amy Adams - Amy Adams accepts
      - ii. Amy Adams is elected
    - f. Fields
      - i. Nat nominates Kate Peterson - Kate Peterson accepts
      - ii. Kate Peterson is elected
    - g. **Scheduler**
      - i. C: nominates Sid Hawkins - Sid Hawkins accepts
      - ii. Shelley is nominated and accepts in absentia
      - iii. Jodi: nominates Malloreigh Hamilton - Malloreigh Hamilton accepts
        1. Malloreigh Hamilton is elected
    - h. **Special Events**

- i. Ashley: nominates Jay Geernaert - Jay accepts
      - 1. Jay Geernaert is elected
  - i. **Social Media/Communications PR**
    - i. C: nominates Kathleen Lehan - Kathleen accepts
      - 1. Kathleen Lehan is elected
  - j. **UIC**
    - i. Shelley is nominated and accepts in absentia
      - 1. Shelley Larson is elected
  - k. **Member-at-large**
    - i. Cynthia Beebe is nominated to support fields and accepts in absentia
      - 1. Cynthia Beebe is elected
    - ii. Malloreigh: nominates Sid Hawkins to support scheduling - Sid Hawkins accepts
      - 1. Sid Hawkins is elected
    - iii. KW nominates Angel Pederson to support Events - Angel accepts
      - 1. Angel is elected
    - iv. Grace nominates Shelby Miller to support
- 8. Other Business
  - a. Motion from the floor
    - i. Nat: interested!
    - ii. S: Supportive of more cross-divisional play, this was brought forward in a
    - iii. W: how does this affect the culture of the league? We're If we're looking for more players we should focus on bringing in more people within our community, and specifically the POC community.
      - 1. Nat: Yes, you're right, as a league
    - iv. L: the spirit is good. The culture in C1-C4 is far different from Rec, Intermediate and heck even C5-C6. Definitely want to encourage more. But the Connaught VWFL folded this past year, so there's some concern. Culturally VWFL is very different from our league. They are also a windmill league, which most of our league does not do. But ideally we do need to find a way to even out the play between the upper and lower divisions. Would there be issues with insurance since they are technically fastpitch and we are technically a slow pitch league.
      - 1. Prefer the first proposal.
    - v. Mal: yes it is VWFL. We have had their players sub for us and we've had to be very clear about our inclusion policies. The pitching style is definitely a great
    - vi. L: perhaps we table this to the first team rep meeting to allow for teams a chance to review
    - vii. T: Also moved away
  - b.
  - c.
- 9. Motion to Adjourn Ashley/Malloreigh

### **Proposal 1: Bylaws Update**

Be it resolved that the Mabel League bylaws be amended to replace gendered pronouns with “they” and “them” pronouns. (see attached amended bylaws).

### **Proposal 2: Pitching Masks**

Be it resolved that the Mabel League Playing Rules be modified as such:

#### 3. Pitching

- (1) All pitchers must wear a pitching mask when pitching.

All following paragraphs be renumbered accordingly.

### **Proposal 3: Honorariums (Bylaws Update)**

Be it resolved that the Mabel League Bylaws, Part 3, be amended to include:

#### “7. Executive Expenses & Honorarium

(i) A director must be reimbursed for all expenses necessarily and reasonably incurred by the director while engaged in the affairs of the Society.

(ii) All directors in good standing, will receive a \$200.00 honorarium at the end of each season after the AGM.”