

**The Minutes  
 Of  
 The Annual General Meeting  
 Of**

**Broomball Newfoundland & Labrador – April 29, 2017**

The Executive members of Broomball Newfoundland & Labrador, and its area  
 reps, met in Deer Lake, NL, on April 29, 2017. The meeting was held to review  
 this past year’s broomball activities, and to make plans for the upcoming  
 2017/18 season.

The following Executive members and area reps were in attendance:

Executive members:

Harold Clarke – President	Fred Parsons – Tournament Coordinator
Fred Oates – Referee-in-Chief	Clarence Webber – Secretary

Area Representatives:

Leo Blanchard – Corner Brook	Danielle Boland – Exploits
Ronnie Penney – Bishop’s Falls	Gary Pardy – Bishop’s Falls
Jon Faulkner – Stephenville	Keith Decker – Western Sabers

A vote showed that there were 9 confirmed voting delegates.

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1. The annual general meeting of BNL was called to order by President Clarke at 10:09 a.m..
2. All members of BNL were found to be in good standing.
3. The roll call identified 9 voting members, and 3 non-voting.
4. Additions to the agenda – none. Motion by Harold/Fred O. that the agenda be accepted as presented– Carried.
5. Motion to accepted the AGM minutes be accepted as presented: Clarence/Gary. Carried.
6. Business arising from the minutes: None
7. Executive Reports: Presented to be accepted:
  - (a). President's Report: Harold/Fred O. - Carried.
  - (b). Vice-President's Report: Megan/Fred O. - Carried.
  - (c). Secretary's Report: Clarence/Keith – Carried.
  - (d). Financial Report: Fred P./Gary Pardy . Our player registration is down significantly. Financially, our sport is strapped for money. He outlined our expenses verses our income. Harold made phone calls to the different centers, with no luck as to getting them involved in our sport. Motion carried.
  - (e). Registrar's Report: This year's player registration was down from previous years.
  - (f). Referee-in-Chief's Report: Fred Oates spent hours before the Provincial tournament to update officials. Fred O/Keith – Carried.
  - (g). Tournament coordinator's Report: The tournament went well. Fred P. advised that he attended the National meeting on behalf of BNL. Fred P./Keith. Carried.

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**8. Election of Officers:** There are 2 positions up for election – that of President and Treasurer. Therefore an election to fill both positions were required. The following were nominated and elected to fill those 2 positions:

**President:** Harold/Gary P. No other nomination was received, therefore, Harold was acclaimed.

**Treasurer:** Andrea/Fred O. Once again, there were no other nominations received for this position, therefore Andrea was also acclaimed.

**9. Amendments to Constitution and By Laws:** None received.

**10. General Business:**

**(a). Minor Ball:** Our Association has lost our Junior members, and it has presented a big financial loss to our Association. These losses has also impacted our grant from the Provincial Govt. All our centers have faced different problems financially/locally. Gary will try to promote Junior broomball until August, and he will be looking for 4 teams in both the girls and boys division.

**(b).** There are no certified coaches in our broomball system.

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- (c). **Officiating: Fred O.** – There is still a struggle to get officials for the Provincial tournaments. He says that the Hosting centers must/should make sure that they have qualified officials for hosting the tournaments. He feels that the problem lies within the hosting centers, which says that they have the necessary qualified refs to referee in the tournament, but when the tournament starts, this is not true.
- (d). **Registration:** This topic was moved to the last item, due to plenty of discussion.
- (e). **Sponsors:** Harold spoke to our sponsor, who advised him that they hope to come up with different sets of awards.
- (f). **Correspondence:** - None received.
- (g). **Hall of Fame/Life Members:** Our sport needs to take a closer look at our members who has put a lot of time and effort into the sport of broomball. Harold asked those in attendance to look at someone in their area who has contributed a lot to the sport of broomball, and to notify BNE Executive for recognition. It is easier to recognize someone for the builder category than playing the sport.
- (h). **Provincial Attendance:** - None.

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- (i). **National Attendance: Membership** – It is very expensive to attend the Nationals. The cost is around 25 to 28 grand to attend. The financial situation that BNL is currently in prevents us from being a member.
- (j). **BF2 Program:** Harold advises that is program is still available to any center that wants to avail of it. The program is filled with lots of instructions. Broomballs will be provided free of charge. The program is conducted at the school. If any centers are interested in BF2, they need to contact Harold.
- (k). **Mixed Broomball:** With regards to participating at the Nationals, we can send teams, but the players cannot play for both the mixed and gender. The mixed tournament goes over well, and it is possible that the tournament is being held in November of each year.
- (l). **Registration:** When our meeting is over, BNL's financial position will be very low. Fred P. advised that since our Association is low on finances, how can we survive financially ? Should we raise registration ? One other option is that maybe we should hold our AGM during the Provincial Tournament. The following motion was presented:

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..that our Association raise player registration from \$25 to \$50, and league registration be raised from \$200.00 to \$500.00, at the senior level only. Fred O./Gary – Motion Carried.

Motion: Gary/Megan. ..that the Provincial Broomball AGM be held during the Provincial Senior Broomball Tournament. – Carried.

Fred O. suggested that we should look at getting airline tickets for 2 donated, and be sold on tickets. Andrea will be asked to look into this.

(m). Tournament Dates & Sites:

~~Bids: 1 received~~ – February 8-9-10, 2018: Bids: Bishop' Falls was the only bid received, so therefore the tournament was awarded to Bishop's.

Senior's Tournament: March 1-2-3, 2018: Bids: Bishop's Falls, Deer Lake, Corner Brook. No further bids, but a vote was required. As a result of the vote, Bishop's Falls was awarded the tournament.

(n). Business from the Floor: Motion: Leo – that starting in 2018, that the Provincial Senior tournament be awarded up to 3 years in advance. Motion was defeated. Fred P. advised that we did this in previous years, and it never worked out.

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**(o). Date of next AGM: May 05, 2018.**

**Motion to Adjourn: Harold/Leo – Carried.**