

12/19/15

DCGFLL | Bylaw Revision Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Greg Kenderdine, Amanda Livingstone, Brian Hotchkiss, Joseph Heron, Samuel Brown, Steve Gong

1. The committee convened to discuss, review, and restructure the League's bylaws.
2. Creating an Executive Board
 - a. The committee must create a separate entity that will review important board decisions including but not limited to these bylaw revisions. They discussed the criteria for the members of that organization.
 - i. Former board members?
 - ii. The last season's captains?
 - iii. Players elected from individual rosters
 - b. The committee decided that the captains of the current season's teams will comprise the executive committee. In the event that a captain is a current board member, that captain shall select a proxy from their roster to be the team's representative to executive committee. The position on the executive committee shall remain vacant until a player representative is selected. Their term shall run from when the season's captains are announced until the next captain announcement.
 - i. The Board voted: The measure passed.
3. Mission Statement
 - a. The committee discussed the language of the mission statement that will begin the bylaws.

“The purpose of the DCGFLL is to foster a safe positive environment on and off the field that encourages athletic competition, camaraderie, and community for its participants.

It is a fundamental principle of the DCGFLL that all activities, social and athletic, are conducted to be inclusive in nature. No individual shall be excluded from participating in any of the League's activities on the basis of sexual orientation, gender, race, religion, nationality, ethnic origin, political beliefs, athletic ability, physical challenge, HIV status, or gender identity.”

 - i. The Board voted to add the mission: The measure passed.
4. Article 1: **Name and Offices**
 - a. The committee voted to remove the language “hereinafter referred to as the “Corporation”.

5. Article 2: Purpose
 - a. The committee reviewed, discussed and revised the language of 2.01 to include the DCGFFL's operational goals and inclusive principles.
 - b. The committee reviewed, discussed and revised the language of 2.02 to better reflect the range of the league's actions.

6. Article 3: Board of Directions
 - a. The committee reviewed, discussed and revised the language of 3.01.
 - i. It decided to maintain the current number of board members 5 to 7.
 - b. The committee reviewed, discussed and revised the language of 3.02.
 - i. No changes were made.
 - c. The committee reviewed, discussed and revised the language of 3.03.
 - i. Language was added to address processes for appointing interim Directors in the event of a vacancy.
 - d. A subarticle was added to say that a sitting board member may run for another position without risk of vacating their current position.
 - i. The Board voted to add the subarticle: The measure passed.
 - e. A subarticle was added to Article 1 to define player/participant
 - i. The Board voted to add the subarticle: The measure passed.

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7. Article 4: Directors
 - a. The committee voted (Sam Brown, Director of Players, recusing) to, in the event the Commissioner is unable to execute his duties, appoint the Director of Players to assume his responsibilities. Language to that end was in 4.01
 - b. A subarticle was added to state: "Votes cast in elections by DCGFFL membership for Board positions shall be counted by neutral third party."
 - c. Responsibilities of each of the following board members -- Chairperson, The Vice Chairperson of the Board, Director of Players, Treasurer, Secretary, Director of Communications -- were defined.

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8. Article 5: Meetings
 - a. The League's planning retreat was added to be recognized in subarticle 5.01.
 - b. Open board meetings were made a mandated part of the Board's practice.
 - c. Meeting practices were outlined including how and when agendas shall be set, minutes shall be collected, reviewed, disseminated.
 - d. Language pertaining to quorum and voting was moved under the Meeting heading. For urgent and unforeseen business, the Board added language to allow for voting by conference call, email, or video conference.

9. Article 6: Executive Board
 - a. The committee defined the composition and responsibilities of the executive committee.
10. Article 7 was omitted as vacancies were addressed in other sections.
11. Language in Article 8, regarding committees, Council of Sport, and membership was incorporated into Article 4, regarding Directors.
12. Language in Article 9, regarding finances, fundraising activities, dues collections, and phrasing describing “season” to better reflect current operating procedures.
13. The committee discussed the DCGFFL’s “Registered Agent.”
14. An article containing language outlining the League and Board’s relationship with the NGFFL and travel teams was added.