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***Tottenham Ladies Lob-Ball** is a non-profit, recreational, draft league for women 21+. The TLLB encourages all players to play with a “fun first” winning second attitude. The TLLB believes that encouraging good sporting behaviour is why many players join and remain in our league. Playing with TLLB spirit provides a welcoming, fun environment for all levels of players.*

## 2023 Annual General Meeting Minutes

League members were emailed several items to review before the Annual General Meeting. These included:

- 2023 AGM Agenda
- 2022 TLLB AGM Minutes
- 2023 TLLB Financial Report
- List of Member Constitution Change Requests for 2023
- AGM Prep File – Executive Recommendations for Constitution

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 1:35PM

### OPENING REMARKS/INTRODUCTIONS

- Introduction of 2023 Executive Team: President – Brandy Cremascoli, Vice President – Tracey Bickford, Treasurer/Statistician – Kim Browne and Secretary – Megan Jasas.  
Absent: Media Relations – Bobbi Schneider.
- Head Count for Voting: 30 league members + 4 executive members = 34 total
- Patricia Di Charia won \$50 off registration for the 2024 season.
- Housekeeping: Cell phone etiquette, location of washrooms and fire exits.
- Voting Process – Friendly Amendments versus Voting.
  - Friendly Amendments: would be added without a vote, unless there was any opposition.
  - Voting: Motion, Second and Show of hands.
  - Election Process: private ballots.
- Meeting Rules of Engagement.

### APPROVAL OF THE 2022 AGM MINUTES

- The 2022 TLLB AGM minutes were sent out via email prior to the meeting.
- Motion by Andrea to approve the minutes. Seconded by Heather. All in Favour – Approved.

### FINANCIAL REVIEW

- For the 2023 season
  - Total income: \$30,004.60
  - Total Expenses for 2023: \$27,607.49
  - Total Profit: \$2,397.11
- If fundraising and the CRIC donation were not a part of the season, our expenses would have not be covered by our 2023 registration fees.

- Motion by Andrea to approve the 2023 Financial Report. Seconded by Heather. All in Favour – Approved.
- League Member Suggestion: Offering a discount to league members that register early.
  - There would be no benefit financially to the league by collecting member fees earlier than during the regular registration period. The league account does not collect any interest.

## YEAR IN REVIEW

- This year had the highest number of registered players in league history with 116 players, 10 teams.
- Brief run down of the various activities the league was involved in this year.
  - CRIC volunteering, June Tournament, Season Playoffs, Banquet, Paint Night (coming up Dec. 01)

## HELP THE KIDS

- The chair, Tim Osmond, for Help the Kids spoke to the group briefly about ...
- Help The Kids was established in 2007 and has had 550 applications, spread \$170,000 to date.
- Fundraising for 2023 included Smile Cookie donations in May; Help the Kids tournament in August, raised over \$70,000; and currently Cedar Kitchen is donating 25% of all purchases of Eggs Benedict during the month of November. 425 plates sold so far.
- There is a PS5 draw taking place with the hopes of raising \$10,000 for the food bank for the holiday season. Reach out to Tim via Facebook to purchase tickets and see the prizes that are to be raffled off.
- Help The Kids apparel is also available for purchase. \$25 Hoodies, \$15 Long Sleeve Shirts and \$10 T-Shirts. Contact Tim to place an order.

## ELECTIONS

- 2 executive positions that are vacant.
  - Treasurer (Kim has stepped down from this role after several years of service)
  - Media Relations
- Treasurer Vote.
  - Bobbi Schneider was nominated by Erica for the position. Bobbi accepted the nomination. Seconded by Betty.
  - There were no other nominees. The motion carried. Bobbi will hold Treasurer position.
- Media Relations
  - Lisa Myers was nominated by Cindy for the position. Lisa accepted the nomination. Seconded by Tara.
  - There were no other nominees. The motion carried. Lisa will hold the Media Relations position.

## CAPTAINS

- Listed in order of seniority
 

◦ Cheryl & Skye	◦ Amy & Amber
◦ Kim & Regan	◦ Erica & Megan Jasas
◦ Michelle & Tracey	◦ Tara & Tracey
◦ Cindy & Lisa	◦ Alyssa & Cristina
◦ Betty & Bobbi	
- All of these pairs would like to remain captains for the 2024 season.
- If there are less than 10 teams, the last pair(s) listed will move to a waiting list.

- If there are more than 10 teams, the following pairs have volunteered to be captains (listed in order of seniority).
  - Nikki & Nicole
  - Patti & Rob

## RATINGS COMMITTEE

- Bobbi, Erica and Cheryl will remain as members of the ratings committee for the 2024 season.

## OBJECTIVES FOR THE 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY SEASON

- Some thoughts from the executive team:
  - Additional fundraising initiatives.
  - Run an SPN Tournament in June along side our June league tournament.
  - 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary swag (clothing).
  - Special 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary logo to be created for the 40<sup>th</sup> season only.
- There were discussions about forming some committees to help organize and run the above-mentioned activities.
- There will be an email to go out to league members at a later date to get volunteers to help.
- The executive also suggested a website upgrade, which would be an increased cost compared to our current website provider.
  - After a group discussion it was decided that a new website is not a cost that the league should be incurring at this time and could be reviewed again at the 2024 AGM.

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

- Andrea advised that the Town of New Tecumseth will be placing a C-Can at Coventry Park, that will have 4 storage lockers for the various leagues that play out of Coventry. This will be available for the 2024 season.

## PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

### Opening Paragraph

- Friendly Amendment

*Tottenham Ladies Lob-Ball is a non-profit, recreational, draft league for women 21+. No experience required. The TLLB encourages all players to play with a fun first, winning second attitude, by promoting good sporting behaviour. Playing with TLLB spirit provides a welcoming, fun environment for all levels of players. Remove No experience required"*

- No objections to the friendly amendment to the opening paragraph.

### Article 1: Executive

- Motion Required

#### Article 1. Executive

- 1.1 The affairs of the league will be run by an executive team to be elected every two years at the end of the season. The executive team will consist of the following:
  - President
  - Vice-President
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer

- Statistician
  - Media Relations
  - Captains (a sub-committee)
- 1.2 President may be a captain.
- 1.3 The President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Statistician and Media Relations will be elected every two years from the nominations voted on during the General Meeting. **Duplication of 1.1 - Remove**
- 1.4 To be nominated for president an individual must be in the league for a minimum of 3 consecutive years.
- 1.5 The captains will be elected from the previous year's teams from volunteers or appointees. The captains co-share the responsibilities of running the team during the season.
- 1.6 Executive committee positions, excluding captains, will serve in a two-year term. **Duplication of 1.1 - Remove**
- 1.7 Duties
- 1.7.1 President – Communication with Umpire in Chief, SPN Liaison, permits, town bookings, coordination, banquet lead, league updates, jobs/tasks not assigned to other members of executive group.
- 1.7.2 Vice-President – All aspects of scheduling, helping to organize meetings and the banquet.
- 1.7.3 Secretary – To attend all meetings and keep records of the minutes, registration database maintenance, SPN individual registration, assist when needed.
- 1.7.4 Treasurer – To be responsible for all monies paid to by any form and registration database management. All cheques must be signed by two of the three appointed executive members.
- 1.7.5 Statistician – To collect score sheets, keep track of points, update stats on website within 48 hours of game completion.
- 1.7.6 Media Relations – To be responsible for all sponsors, sourcing new sponsors, keeping existing sponsors up to date, collecting payments, website updates, Facebook updates throughout season, league advertisements, game updates, photography. **Reword to accurately capture the role.**
- 1.5.7 Captains - **Move to new proposed Captains Article.**
- To captain their team in a manner consistent with the TLLB philosophy/mandate.
  - Create and maintain a positive and safe environment always leading by example.
  - Ensure all players feel valued and welcomed and encouraged to ask questions, make suggestions, try new positions, voice any concerns.
  - Effectively manage their teams with respect to league communications, scheduling, line-ups, spares, and make-up games.
  - Provide an effective conduit for communication between the players, umpires, and league executives\*
  - Provide timely submissions of game sheets and player ratings.
  - Ensure at least one of the captain pair attend the league meetings.
  - If executing a home game, install bases, unlock washrooms, and turn on lights.
  - Maintain all assigned equipment throughout the duration of the season including proper storage and care and to notify the executive of any faulty equipment or absence of.
  - Bring first aid kit to all games and ensure they promptly complete and incident report if needed.
- \*Players are encouraged to bring team or league issues forward to their captains who will engage the executives for a resolution.*

- Motioned by Andrea to accept the changes above to Article 1. Seconded by Regan. All in favour – Approved.

## **Article 2: Voting**

- Friendly Amendments

### Article 2: Voting

- 2.1 All captains will vote on league matters, should there be a tie, the President will have the deciding vote. **Reword for better clarity.**
  - 2.2 All league members have the right to vote for all upcoming executive positions and other matters as discussed at the AGM. All executive votes must be done on a private ballot. Secretary to count all votes with one other league member, verified by president. **No changes. Will shift after adding item from the quorum article.**
    - **Add the item from Article 22: Quorum to this Article, therefore removing Article 22 all together.**
- There was an objection to the proposed rewording of item 2.1.
  - Proposed new wording:
    - Anything involving matters relating to the constitution, that fall outside of the annual general meeting, will be voted on by all captains. Should there be a tie, the president will cast the deciding vote.
  - There is concern that items discussed and changed at the AGM could be easily overturned at a later date, instead of having the changes play out over the course of the upcoming season.
  - It was suggested to change the beginning to “Any new matters” and add “These new matters will then be brought to the next AGM to be officially ratified.”
  - The new item will read:
    - **Any new matters, relating to the constitution, that fall outside of the annual general meeting, will be voted on by all captains. Should there be a tie, the president will cast the deciding vote. These new matters will then be brought to the next annual general meeting to officially be ratified.**
  - Motioned by Margaret to add to the constitution. Seconded by Michelle. All in Favour – Approved.
  - There were no objections to the other Friendly Amendments for Article 2: Voting.

## **Article 3: Roster & Payment Schedule & Article 4: Eligibility**

- Friendly Amendment to combine both articles into one article called Eligibility.

### Article 3. Roster & Payment Schedule

- 3.1 Each team shall have a minimum of ten and maximum of twelve players. No names may be added to that list during the season without the league’s permission.
- 3.2 Entrance fee must be paid before the teams are drafted.
- 3.3 All teams will be formed new at the beginning of each season.
- 3.4 Any player who has not paid the fees before the draft will not be drafted. They will be put on a waiting list for players as soon as the fees are paid.

### Article 4. Eligibility

- 4.1 All players must be 21 or older by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
- No objections to the friendly amendments to Articles 3 and 4
  - There was a discussion about giving league members that have expressed interest in pitching more opportunities to play and build their skills. Some concerns about safety on the mound.

## **Article 5: Standings**

- Friendly Amendment

### Article 5. Standings

- 5.1 Standings will be determined based on points earned during the regular season and playoff games. **Remove “playoff games”** The team with the greatest number of points will finish first.
  - 5.1.1 Win counts as 2 points **Combine 5.1.1, 5.1.2 and 5.1.3 into item 5.1.**
  - 5.1.2 Loss counts as 0 points
  - 5.1.3 Tie counts as 1 point
- 5.2 Tie in the Standings, in the event of a tie in standings, the higher placed team will be determined by:
  - 5.2.1 The most overall wins
  - 5.2.2 Who has the better record, runs for and against
  - 5.2.3 Revert back to last game’s completed inning, runs for and against. **Add greater clarity in deciding a tie.**
- 5.3 All game sheets must be handed in by the home team within 48 hours of playing either electronically or hand delivered.
  - A motion by Cindy to move item 5.3 to the Captains Article. Seconded by Leslie. All in Favour – Approved.
  - No objections to the other friendly amendments proposed to Article 5.

## **Article 6: League Championships, Article 7: Playoff Championships & Article 8: League Tournament Championship**

- Friendly Amendment

### Article 6. League Championship

- 6.1 A league championship trophy is awarded to the first-place team at the end of the regular season. **No longer a practice of the league.**

### Article 7. Play-Off Championship

- 7.1 The play-off championship trophy is awarded to the winner of the round robin tournament at the end of the regular season. **No longer a practice of the league.** The home team in each game of the play-offs will be the team that finished with highest point standing in the league; except the semi-final and final games, a coin toss will decide the home team. A consolation trophy will be awarded to the runner up in the play-off tournament. **There are separate set rules that are used for this tournament.**
- 7.2 All games must be played to a full 7 innings unless the +/- is more than 6. **There are separate set rules that are used for this tournament.**

### Article 8. League Tournament Championship

- 8.1 Each year a trophy will be awarded to the winner of the League Tournament. **No longer a practice of the league.**
  - No objections to the friendly amendments for Articles 6, 7 and 8.

- There was a suggestion to possibly introduce an official set of rules for the June Tournament and Playoff Tournament into the constitution at the next AGM.

### **Article 9: Umpire**

- Friendly Amendment and Motion Required

#### Article 9. Umpire

- 9.1 The home team is to supply the umpire with a new ball for each game. At the end of the game, the umpire will return the ball to the home team. **Move this portion to the captain's article. (Friendly Amendment)** The umpire will decide if a game is to continue due to rain, darkness, etc. Before the umpire can decide whether a game will commence, he/she must first get approval from the team captains; in the event of a split, the umpire will make the decision.
- 9.2 Players ejected by the umpire are suspended until the league captains and executives can address the issue (within 7 days).
- 9.3 All decisions will stand that are made by the umpire, unless appealed in writing to the executive where a final decision will be declared by the league captains. **Change to read "All decisions made by the umpire are final" (Motion Required)**
- 9.4 One umpire will be supplied per game except for the final season tournament playoff game, which there will be two umpires or at the discretion of the executive team.
- 9.5 Only the President is allowed to approach the Umpire in Chief with any problems. Any complaint about an umpire must be directed to the captain who in turn will notify the President of the league in a timely manner.

- No objections to the friendly amendments.
- Motion made by Andrea to accept "all decisions made by the umpire are final". Seconded by Erica. 1 objection – Approved.
- There was a request to make sure that the umpires are presented with our constitution at the beginning of the season and that they know the rules of the league.
- More communication between the umpires and the executive.

### **Article 11: Rules of Play**

- Friendly Amendments and Motions Required

#### Article 11. Rules of Play

SPN Rules will apply subject to the following clarifications: **Add SPN Ladies E. (Friendly Amendment)**

- 11.1 To field a team, a minimum of seven (7) team players must be present. Substitutions are allowed to a maximum of ten (10) players, but if both pitcher and back-up pitcher are away, the team may pick up a pitcher or back-up pitcher as their 11<sup>th</sup> player. If teams have eleven. (11) or less players on their roster, a minimum of five (5) team players must be present. **Remove "back-up pitchers" Remove the last sentence to make it even across all teams. (Friendly Amendment)**
- 11.2 Members may join the team any time during the game providing they play a minimum of two (2) innings unless a spare has been picked up to replace them. **New wording to better define when a player coming late can enter a game.**
- 11.3 If someone joins a game in progress as a substitution. This player must be added to the bottom of the lineup. This player does not assume the injured players place in lineup. **New wording and update for better clarity when using a substitute when an injury or emergency occurs.**
- 11.4 Anyone leaving during the game must have played a minimum of two (2) innings and make her departure known to the scorekeeper in order not to be considered an automatic out when her name appears on the batting order.

- 11.5 Attempts should be made to play all players equally. **Moved to Captains article (Friendly Amendment)**
- 11.6 Every member of the team is included in the batting order.
- 11.7 A runner may have a substitute runner for reasons of injury. A courtesy runner may be called upon and is open to any player. Each courtesy runner can only be used a maximum of twice per game. If a courtesy runner is left on base at the time of their bat, they will be considered out. When a courtesy runner is used, the batter must use a courtesy runner at 1<sup>st</sup> base for the remainder of the game. **Proposal to change the last sentence to add when a courtesy runner could enter in for a batter.**
- 11.8 Mercy Rule:
- 11.8.1 Each inning each team is allowed a maximum of six (6) runs, except in the last inning which will be open.
- 11.8.2 If after five full innings of play, one team leads another by fifteen runs or more, captains on the team with the lowest score can choose to concede.
- 11.9 All equipment is the property of the league and must be returned at the end of each season. **Move to Equipment article (Friendly Amendment)**
- 11.10 Each captain will be responsible for obtaining the necessary substitutes. **Move to Captains article (Friendly Amendment)**
- 11.11 The base lines are 65 feet. The ball is 11 inches in diameter **Remove – this is an SPN rule. (Friendly Amendment)**
- 11.12 Runner commit line will be used on the third base line, with a force out rule at home plate. The catcher is required to play the plate while the runner is required to cross the extension of the first base line behind home plate. Runner cannot be tagged between the commit line and home plate.
- 11.13 A player will be declared out if she hits a foul on the third strike. **Remove – this is an SPN rule. (Friendly Amendment)**
- 11.14 If the team player has called their captain and said they cannot play and a substitute player is called to replace the team player and then the team player arrives, the substitute player still plays. **Added to item 11.3.**
- 11.15 If a player consistently does not call or show up to play after two times, a captains meeting will be called to discuss, and possible season suspension may occur. **Two proposals submitted by the executive to address this issue.**

- No objections to adding Ladies E to the opening sentence as a friendly amendment.
- Item 11.1
  - Motion by Andrea to have a minimum of 7 of your team's players present to field a team. Seconded by Regan.
  - There was a bit of discussion about making the number required lower.
  - Motion changed by Andrea to have a minimum of 6 of your own team's players present to field a team. Seconded by Michelle. All in Favour – Approved.
- New Item to slide into the 11.2 slot.
  - The league did not adopt the new rule that SPN introduced at the beginning of 2023, where each player will start with 1 ball and 1 strike when they come up to bat.
  - Motion by Karen to not adopt this rule and enter "Batters will not start with a 1 ball and 1 strike count at the beginning of their turn at bat". Seconded by Margaret. 3 objections – Approved.
- Item 11.3: Proposed
  - League members coming late to a game, may join before their team bats through their entire order once or before the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> inning, whichever comes first. The player may not join if a substitute has been brought in to fill their spot on the team for the game.
  - Motion by Lisa to update the ability to enter a game after it has started. Seconded by Leslie. All in Favour – Approved.



- Item 11.4: Proposed
  - In the event a player needs to leave the game due to injury or an emergency, leaving their team with nine (9) players, a substitution can be inserted into the line up, in the missing players slot in the batting order to complete the game.
  - There was some discussion on how to decide who can be used. There was a suggestion to add to the new wording “a substitution, agreed upon by both sets of captains, can be inserted”
  - Motion by Erica to update this item in the constitution. Seconded by Regan. All in Favour – Approved.
- Items 11.5 & 11.10
  - Friendly amendment - No objections to move this item to the captain’s article.
- Item 11.9
  - Friendly amendment - No objections to move this item to the equipment article.
- Items 11.11 & 11.13
  - Friendly amendment – No objections to remove these SPN rules.
- Item 11.7
  - Proposal to add when a courtesy runner can be entered in for a runner.
  - A runner may have a substitute runner for reasons of injury. A courtesy runner may be called upon and is open to any player. Each courtesy runner can only be used a maximum of twice per game. If a courtesy runner is left on base at the time of their bat, they will be considered out. A player may take a courtesy runner at any base, but once a courtesy runner is used, the batter must use a courtesy runner at 1<sup>st</sup> base for the remainder of the game.
  - There was discussion about removing “If a courtesy runner is left on base at the time of their bat, they will be considered out.”
  - Motion by Cindy to update the item with the above sentence removed. Seconded by Andrea. All in Favour – Approved.
- Item 11.15
  - Proposal #1: If a player consistently does not call or show up to play, the following will apply: 1<sup>st</sup> no show – a discussion between the captain and the player; 2<sup>nd</sup> no show – warning by the executive; 3<sup>rd</sup> no show – suspension for the remainder of the season and forfeit of league fees.
  - Motion by Margaret to update the criteria for players that do not show up and do not call into the constitution. Seconded by Michelle. All in Favour – Approved.
  - Proposal #2: All players are required to play 70% of their team’s regular season games to be eligible to participate in playoffs. At the beginning of each season, the executive will communicate the exact number (70%) of games that are required to be played. This number will change year to year based on the number of teams and the number of games scheduled for the season.
  - There some discussion regarding proposal #2 about the number of games required and it was suggested that this proposal be added to the Eligibility article instead of Rules of play.
  - Motion by Cheryl to change the number of games required to 60% and add this to the eligibility article. Seconded by Andrea. All in Favour – Approved.
  - It was also suggested that this item be added to the registration page when players can see the expectation when signing up for the season.
- There was a request to add a minimum number of players needed to start a game.
- Motion made by Megan to add “a team must have a minimum of eight (8) players to start a game”. Seconded by Sherri. All in Favour – Approved.

## **Article 12: Ground Rules**

- Friendly Amendment

#### Article 12. Ground Rules

- 12.1 The home team is responsible for placing the bases. **Move to Captains article.**
  - 12.2 The home team shall provide the official scorekeeper for each game. (Scorekeeper must be competent). **Move to Captains article.**
  - 12.3 Any questions of ground rules not covered by the above points will be decided by the discretion of the umpire. **This becomes obsolete when the other items are moved.**
- No objections to the friendly amendments. This article will be removed completely.

#### **Article 13: Rescheduled Games**

- Friendly Amendment

#### Article 13. Re-scheduled Games

- 13.1 A team canceling a regular season game or if a game is cancelled due to inclement weather the games must be rescheduled with the Vice-President. **Remove from article, the executive manages rescheduling games due to inclement weather.**
  - 13.2 If the President/Vice-President cannot decide whether to play the game within one hour of game time due to rain, all teams must show up at the park prepared to play. The umpire and captains will decide whether the game is playable due to safety issues.
  - 13.3 It is forbidden to arrange with your opponent to not play a game and take a tie, as this can affect the standings of other teams in the league.
- No objections to the friendly amendment.

#### **Article 14: Pitchers Box**

- Friendly Amendment

#### Article 14. Pitchers Box

- 14.1 The pitcher's distance is a zone of 24" wide, located 50 to 60 feet from the rear corner of home plate. The pitcher will be able to place her pivot foot anywhere within this zone. This rule to be consistent throughout the season and during tournaments and play-offs. **Remove – SPN rule.**
  - 14.2 Home team to ensure enforcement of Article 14.1 Pitcher box rule. **Move to captain's article.**
- No objections to this friendly amendment. This article will be removed completely.

#### **Article 15: Banquet**

- Friendly Amendment

#### Article 15. Annual Banquet

- 15.1 The annual banquet will be held at the end of the season. **Remove – not needed in the constitution.**
- No objections to this friendly amendment. This article will be removed.

#### **Article 16: League Meetings**

- Friendly Amendment

#### Article 16. League Meetings

- 16.1 When a league meeting is held, all teams should be represented by either captain. **Remove – this is**

outlined in the captain's duties.

- No objections to this friendly amendment. This article will be removed.

#### **Article 17: Picking Teams**

- Friendly Amendments and Motion Required

Article 17. Picking Teams **Change article title to Drafting Teams**

- 17.1 Each year everyone's name is put back on the list according to their ratings. Numbers are put in a hat and each Captain will draw a team number. They will then proceed to pick names from a hat in numerical order (team #1, 2, 3 etc., the next draw will start with team #2, then #3, etc.) starting with the pitchers, back-up pitchers and paid-up players until all names are chosen. The first few draws will be set up to even out the teams. **Combine with item 17.7 and update to define the process more accurately. (friendly amendment)**
- 17.2 New players attaching themselves to a league member can do so for their first year ONLY.
- 17.3 There will be no attachments permitted after final draft of teams have been made, any new player will be placed on the next available team (next available team decided from Draft Night). **Remove reference to "draft night" and add "based on ratings" (friendly amendment)**
- 17.4 No Captain has the right to wave the right to additional players at draft.
- 17.5 Family member attachment (be it mother-daughter/daughter-in-law, sisters, sisters-in-law) will be capped at 2 attachments (for a total of 3). **#1 Vote required to remove item 17.5 from the constitution. #2 Add spouse/common law partner to the list of accepted family attachments (friendly amendment) based on outcome of proposed change #1 for item 17.5**
- 17.6 League members are not allowed to utilize both 17.2 and 17.5 in one season
- 17.7 Drafting of teams to be conducted in a closed environment.

- Motion by Erica to have family attachments removed from the constitution. Seconded by Lisa.
  - This was cast as a private vote. (YES, to stay in the constitution or NO, to be removed from the constitution).
  - The results of the vote were 24 votes for YES, 8 votes for NO and 1 spoiled vote.
  - Item 17.7, regarding family attachments will remain in the constitution.
- No objections to all friendly amendments for this article.

#### **Article 18: Picking Team Names**

- Motion Required

Article 18. Picking Team Names

- 18.1 Sponsors names are put in a hat and drawn according to the team number chosen. Whichever Captain has the number one (1) team will draw first and the rest will choose in order (this way everyone is treated fairly). **Remove – How sponsors are designated to teams is a process of draft. Some sponsors are not team sponsors. Sponsorship should be handled by the executive outside of the constitution.**
- 18.2 If requested: 1. A sponsor may choose their captains to represent them and 2) May choose to play on that team, providing the ratings do not clash **Remove – each pair of captains are equal representatives of the values upheld by the Tottenham Ladies Lob-Ball League. All sponsors should be proud to have their logo adorned by any of our captains.**
- 18.3 Sponsors will not be allowed to utilize both Article 17 and Article 18 to make up a core team i.e., Attachment to family member and choosing captains.

- Motion by Brandy to have article 18 removed completely from the constitution. Seconded by Sherri. All in Favour – Approved.

#### **Article 19: Ratings – Substitutions**

- Friendly Amendment and Motion Required.

#### Article 19. Ratings - Substitutions

- 19.1 In the spring, a rating committee of three will be assigned by the Executive of the League. The responsibility of this committee will be to determine the ratings of the individual players over the course of the season and submit to the executive. Each player is rated at the end of the season by their Captains who will now be given to the rating committee for consideration when doing their final ratings. **Remove “in the spring” (Friendly Amendment)**
  - 19.2 Ratings for new players will be re-assessed by July 1st of the current season. A list of the new ratings will be printed for each team and substitutions will be based on the following example:
  - 19.3 If a player on Team #1 has a player with an original rating of Group 10 and her rating changes to a Group 2, then Team #1 can only pick up a player from Group 10 since they already have a Group 2 player. All other teams can only pick player up if they need a Group 2. **Remove this item. (Motion Required)**
  - 19.4 A substitution player can be anyone willing to spare. Captains must be fair in choosing a substitute. They can only pick someone from the same rating group or lower. **Update wording to include “only league players can substitute” (Friendly Amendment)**
  - 19.5 Pitcher will be rated only for the purpose of sparing for teams in any position other than as a pitcher. Ratings of pitchers will not be under consideration when picking of teams. **Update item to reflect that pitcher’s ratings will be taken into consideration when picking teams. (Motion Required)**
  - 19.6 President and Vice-President are the only individuals able to give ratings to individuals to ensure privacy of those ratings are adhered to.
- No objections to the friendly amendments for this article.
  - Item 19.3
    - Motioned by Candace to remove this item. Seconded by Leslie. 1 Objection. – Approved.
  - Item 19.5
    - Motioned by Kim to have pitcher’s ratings taken into consideration when picking teams. Seconded by Erica. 1 objection – Approved.

#### **Article 20: Official Score, Article 21: Protest Clause and Article 22: Quorum**

- Friendly amendments

#### Article 20. Official Score

- 20.1 At the end of each game the official score is to be handed to the statistician so she can get the statistics for the standings within 48 hours. She will inform the captains of the time and place where these are to be dropped off. **Remove – already stated in article 1.**

#### Article 21. Protest Clause

- 21.1 Any protest must be handed into an executive member in writing before any action is taken. This must be done within 48 hours of the incident. **Remove – All umpire decisions are final as stated in article 9. SPN rules will apply for tournaments and playoffs.**

## Article 22. Quorum

22.1 All paid-up members attending the Annual General Meeting constitute a Quorum. **Move to article 2.**

- No objections to these friendly amendments. These articles will be removed.

## **New Article 24: Captains**

- Motion Required
- The executive has proposed to create a separate article that covers the expectations and duties of the captains.
- Motioned by Brandy to add this article to the constitution. Seconded by Megan. All in Favour – Approved.

## **Reordering of the Constitution Articles**

- Motion Required
- The executive has proposed to reorder the articles based on importance to reflect the changes above.
- Motioned by Erica to accept the reordering of the articles. Seconded by Regan. All in Favour – Approved.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Part Time players
  - A league member was wondering if there was a way to incorporate part time players into the league.
  - There was a discussion amongst the league members present wondering how it would work.
  - During the discussion there was a consensus that members did not want to add anything regarding part time players into the constitution. But there was mention that special circumstances could be discussed in future on a case-by-case situation.
- No other new business.

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