



**LAUREL BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS: REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2016**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

*Executive Board*

**Adrian Rousseau**, President  
**Wilbert Nicholson**, Vice President  
**Melissa Johnson**, Financial Secretary-Treasurer  
**Doris Gillard**, Correspondence-Recording Secretary

*Other Members*

**Bryan Johnson**; **Jestus Johnson**, Sergeant of Arms;  
**Mark Johnson**; **Stephen Overton**, Commissioner and Head Coach, Wrestling Program

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

**Brian Kirchoff**; **Anand Patel**; **Evelyn Williams**, Rental Coordinator, Phelps Center;  
**Stephen Pickett**, Athletics Director (Executive Board Member)

President Adrian Rousseau called the meeting to order at 7:51 p.m.

He informed the Board that he had asked the Commissioners to give him all invoices of expenditures (July 1, 2015 to present) for equipment, uniforms, etc. covered under the \$75,000 grant from the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning (MNCPPC). He again explained that the grant is given only as reimbursement for expenditures covered by the grant and that we have until June 30, 2016 to submit required documentation to Maryland for reimbursement of said expenditures. Rousseau added that he had received invoices totally approximately \$11,000 from the cheerleaders, soccer, basketball, and wrestling programs.

Bryan Johnson suggested that a standardized form be developed to accompany invoices. The board agreed. He and M. Johnson said they would work together to create one.

It was decided that rather than actual do a comparison/contrast of the current and revised bylaws during the meeting that the Board would focus on the revised bylaws and during the reading of them, raise questions, express agreement and/or disagreement, and make recommendations as necessary. The Board also agreed that the revised bylaws should be read aloud during the meeting. B. Johnson volunteered to read.

Before he began reading, Gillard explained that the revised bylaws primarily expounded upon and clarified terms and statements in the current bylaws. M. Johnson recommended that the revised bylaws have a table of contents. Gillard agreed and said she would prepare one.

*The Board approved these minutes on 2-3-'16*

B. Johnson read the revised bylaws aloud, while the other board members read along silently and periodically raised questions, discussed sections of the bylaws, noted a couple of typos, and made a few edits.

*Article II: Membership; Section 2.01. Types*

B. Johnson asked, " How many adult members do we have?" No one knew the exact number. He then asked, "How or where can we get a list of the adult members?" Rousseau said that the list could be obtained from the "registration information." B. Johnson stated that a list of our adult members and their contact information should be developed right away.

*Article III: Board of Directors, Section 3.09. Meetings*

B. Johnson stated that the Board should become more transparent; that the minutes of board meetings should be emailed to adult members; that adult members should be able to review the Board's books, reports, etc.—immediately upon request—so we (the board) are not viewed in a negative manner as the previous LBGC was.

B. Johnson also stated that the Board should function on a higher level; that there should be various task committees that carry out assignments and report to the Board.

*Article III: Board of Directors; Section 3.03. Term*

Gillard stated that the adult membership voted the current board in for a two year term and asked, "Is it *legal* for us to remain in office for an additional two years, because we changed the term in the bylaws from two to four years?" Rousseau replied yes, because changes made to the bylaws in the past took effect immediately. Discussion ensued. Mark Johnson interjected that (based on the wording of the bylaws) "a board *could* extend its term to ten years." Gillard said "yes; that's true" and added that "Bylaws should stand the test of time." B. Johnson agreed. Jestus Johnson and Wilbert Nicholson referenced Article XI (Amendments) in the Bylaws, that states "These bylaws may be amended by a two-third (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors at any meeting, provided a quorum is present and the amendments were proposed at the meeting prior to the one when they are to be voted upon." Gillard conceded that because Article XI does not state when amendments should take effect, it is understandable why they take effect immediately.

*Article IX: Contracts*

The Board stated that "No individual person on his own can enter into a contract on behalf of the club. Any contract made without the expressed consent/approval of the Board is null and void."

All existing (legitimate) contracts are binding with the next Board of Directors.

When the board had finished its careful review of the revised bylaws, B. Johnson moved that the revised bylaws be accepted with noted typo corrections and the following deletions:

“but shall not serve more than two consecutive terms” (*Section 3.04*);

“must be an adult member of the Club and need not be a member of the Board”  
(*Section 4.04, Athletic Director*)

“When contracts are negotiated with tenants (renewal or new), a copy of their financials, as well as all names associated with their business, must be given to the BOD yearly, even if their contract is multi year.” (*Article IX*)

Nicholson seconded the motion. It was carried unanimously: 7 Yeas.

J. Johnson moved "that Doris Gillard be the Correspondence-Recording Secretary."  
Mark Johnson seconded the motion. It was carried unanimously: 7 Yeas.

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Submitted by

Doris Gillard, Publicist &  
Correspondence-Recording Secretary  
Laurel Boys and Girls Club  
Board of Directors