

ELGIN-MIDDLESEX SOCCER ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, OCTOBER 3, 2021 BMO CENTRE, 295 RECTORY STREET, LONDON, ONTARIO

AGM Delivered Virtually. Jason Robinson of Sport Law & Strategy Group was Parliamentarian and independent voting scrutineer via the Simply Voting Platform

EMSA Board Members present: John Laverty, Danny Clarke, Karen King, Eliana Carani, Michelle Orsini

Regrets: Simon Karahalios

John Laverty, EMSA President, chaired meeting.

1. John L. Meeting called to order at 1:06p.m. Ground Rules and Zoom procedures reviewed. Advised meeting being recorded. Members welcomed.
2. Roll call taken **64** members present. Quorum met.
3. Two minutes of silence observed in respect of departed members and colleagues over the past year.
4. Introduction of Guests – Fabio Costante- West Region Director for Ontario Soccer. Greetings from Ontario Soccer. Report on enrolment numbers since pandemic.
5. Minutes of 2020 AGM
Circulated in advance. Any corrections to minutes?
No objections or corrections. Minutes of 2020 AGM approved.
6. President's Address
Circulated in advance. John L read report. Questions or discussion? None.
Report Received.
7. Vice-President's Report, Secretary's Report, Registrar's Report, Director's Reports (presented in block)
Circulated in advance. Questions or discussion? None.
Accepted in Block. Reports Received.
8. Treasurer & Auditor's Report
Circulated in advance.
Auditor's Report shared on screen
Questions.
Members have received the reports and the financial statements.

9. Appointment of Auditor's
EMSA Board Recommends MacNeill Edmundson as EMSA auditors for the year ending May 2022. No objections.
Request for Motion from the floor
First: White Eagles Second: SSUFC
Discussion? None.
Called the vote. Jason and team verified Motion Carried.

10. Budget
Circulated in advance.
Approval of Fee Structure, including with budget and shared in advance.
Questions.

Woodstock FC- Run through what planned increase to proposed EMSA fee would be for. Brent: OS hasn't had fee increase in 10 years. OS advised of increase in their fees at President meeting. Bulk of EMSA increase will account for that. Rounding up because Covid has caused EMSA to have to dig into surplus and hoping to get back to reasonable surplus in case of future events.

Woodstock- How to pay back gov't the \$20,000 collected and what is EMSA doing with \$40,000 grant.

Brent: We weren't granted \$40,000, it was \$20,000. \$40K has to be paid back. The \$20,000 grant has been used to pay the bills throughout Covid.

London Thunder – It looks like EMSA has healthy surplus. We have deficit budget proposed. Will that still bring us to a better surplus. Brent: yes, trying to get back to reasonable surplus.

SSUFC – What is the professional fees of \$8,000 Brent: Audit fees of \$4000, bookkeeping fees and Sport Law balance.

Request for Motion from Floor to accept budget

First: SSUFC Second: Southwest

Discussion? None.

Called the vote. Jason and team verified Motion Carried.

11. Administrative Report
Circulated in advance. Questions or discussion? None.
Report Received.
12. Committee Reports
Circulated in advance. Questions or discussion? None.
Report Received.
13. Unfinished Business and Correspondence
None.

14. Constitutional Amendments
EMSA proposed addition to By-Laws. After 12.6
12.7 The Board of Directors will review on an annual basis all appointments made to ad hoc, other committees, or positions that have been established by the Board.
Requested for Motion from Floor to insert Article 12.7 into By-Laws
First: SSUFC Second: African Caribbean
Discussion? None.
Called the vote. Jason and team verified Motion Carried.
15. Election of Officers
Vice President (Current: Danny Clarke)
Nominated and accepted nomination: Karen King
No other nominations. Karen King acclaimed.
- Secretary (Current: Karen King)
Nominated and accepted nomination: Mark Mohammed
No other nominations. Mark Mohammed acclaimed.
- Director-at-Large (Current: Michelle Orsini)
Nominated and accepted nomination: Michelle Orsini
No other nominations. Michelle Orsini acclaimed.
16. New Business
- Woodstock- Reiterate email to Board – inclusion policies and facilitates re Proof of Vaccinations. What is OS doing to follow its inclusion policies and EMSAs? Need to find better solutions for those who choose not to be vaccinated.
John L- Not correct forum for that. Will need to connect with OS directly and have that conversation with them. EMSA follows the direction from OS, Provincial Gov't and Public Health Unit. The question can also be raised with EMSA's Covid 19 committee as part of their discussions moving forward.
Woodstock – demanding an answer from OS who is a guest at the AGM.
Fabio – Explained the Provincial Framework and that OS tries to follow but be mindful that every region has their own Public Health. OS cannot overstep Public Health.
John L- EMSA not in a position to influence those organizations (Public Health). EMSA Board and Covid-19 committee discussions and work is ongoing.
- Forest City – Any consideration to move this meeting earlier in the day instead of morning.
John L- We will take into consideration.

John L recognized Ontario Cup Winners – London Alliance U13G and
Dorchester Alliance U15G
John L recognized Traci Cummings as recipient of the Carol Anne Chenard
Award for Match Official.
John L recognized Danny Clarke's 10 year commitment to EMSA Board.

17. MEETING ADJOURNED: 2:17p.m.