

ELGIN-MIDDLESEX SOCCER ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, JANUARY 16, 2017 BMO CENTRE, 295 RECTORY STREET, LONDON ONTARIO

1. Meeting was called to order at 1:01pm

The president welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. There was 2 minutes of silence observed in respect to departed members and colleagues over the past year.
3. Roll call was taken, 47 members were present. The acting secretary reported that a quorum was present. Phil Hinchley, Secretary from the EMSA Council, was absent due to illness. The remainder of the council was present. Regrets were presented on behalf of Phil who is very ill.
4. John Dutot thanked our Assistant District Administrator, Jaimie Earhart, for her extra work and dedication in covering the office when we were in the midst of staff changeover. The new District Administrator was introduced, welcome to Anita Gray. Thank you for long service were presented for Debbie Johnston, Ellen McCallum, Tracy McCallum and Cam Vassallo. Thank you also to Fernando Elias for his help with discipline. Board and staff were introduced.

5. Presidents Address:

An update was given on the London Youth Whitecaps (LYW), meetings were held over the last couple of weeks. The new district club system did not work so starting in 2018, each October, U12's will have an application and playoff format to play into the Regional League. In 2017 for spots not filled by LYW, applications will be taken for the vacant regional spots. The Region 1 pilot project for U11 and U12 will allow for other club participation. This will start in 2017. Please see John Dutot if interested, but you must enter a team in each age and gender to participate in the Region 1 pilot league.

6. Guests were presented. Mr. Ron Smale President of the OSA was introduced as a neutral observer. Ron presented welcoming remarks on behalf of the OSA.
7. Minutes of the 2016 AGM as previously circulated.
Motion to accept: West End Blues
Second: Oakridge Optimist SC
Discussion: Lambeth asked for clarification on the minutes in the Vice-President's report section. London FCL had asked whether legal advice was obtained prior to contracts being signed. It was indicated that legal advice was not obtained but the minutes indicate there were legal restrictions regarding the publication of the same contract. Clarification was obtained from the president that the wording in the minutes should reflect "Due to privacy restrictions" and not "Due to legal restrictions". There was also clarification that there is a memorandum of understanding between the Vancouver Whitecaps and not a formal contract. Details of this were made available to members who inquired.

Motion Carried

Opposed: Lambeth

8. Motion that all reports previously circulated be brought forth for discussion in bulk by North London, seconded by LAWSL.

Discussion: Secretary's report was unavailable due to illness. This will be forwarded to the membership as available. There was no discussion on the reports, motion carried

9. Treasurers Report

The Treasurer reviewed the financial statements with the membership. The district remains in a healthy financial position with a surplus over the current needs which will be addressed during the budget phase.

Motion to accept the financial statements as presented: Oakridge Optimist SC

Second: Ingersoll S.C.

Motion Carried

10. Motion to appoint MacNeill Edmundson as auditors for the 2017 fiscal year end: London St Thomas Croatia.

Second: Lambeth

The great job by the auditors was presented with thanks from the treasurer for great expedience in the audit of our year end data.

Motion Carried

11. The treasurer presented the 2017 proposed budget and fee schedule. No player fee increases are proposed for 2017. We are budgeting a \$23k deficit to bring into line the surpluses over the past two years to bring our overall surplus into line with year over year needs. Questions were posed regarding salary budget increases, this is due to the increased office hours which were reviewed. Increase in the honourarium was due to mileage being added for out of town board members. The main honourarium does not change and is really a reimbursement of expenses. Player development and women in soccer categories were also reviewed. EMSA is committed to spending the player development budget in 2017 as this has not been done the last couple of years. The only increase in the fee schedule is for Indoor Soccer from \$13 up to \$18, due to increase in OSA's fee that is carried forward.

Question: What will be done for Player Development \$6000 – Answer – add 4 coaching seminars possibly, as developed Coaches equals developed players. Question: How to increase women membership in soccer? - Answer – have been working on this and looking into more ways to continue to do this. Question: Women in soccer budget line states \$0. Answer: This was moved to the player development line until a suitable candidate is identified to this role.

Motion to accept the budget and fee schedule as presented by: London Youth Whitecaps.

Second: LOSL

Motion Carried:

12. Committee Reports: District Referee

Matt McCready spoke. This is his final year of a 3 year appointment.

Year in review points: increase in enrolment

Large district and manage to increase referees in smaller areas, 400-500 active referees, approximately 700 on referee list

Fitness Program and In class training starts in February

Using senior referees as mentors

Match Official Development Meeting on Feb 15th at either 630pm or 7pm at BMO Centre

Complaints about referees do not go unheard, referees are punished for improper conduct.

Contact Matt with potential issues so he can investigate with them sooner rather than later.

13. Unfinished business and correspondence – none

14. Constitutional amendments – none submitted

After a five minute break Roll Call was retaken with 46 members still present. A quorum was still in place.

15. Election of officers:

John Dutot asked for the membership to postpone the election of secretary.

Lambeth said Phil still wished to run, ok to hold election

Oakridge said to defer is a good idea.

Motion to postpone election of secretary: WOSL,

Second: Marconi London Motion carried 96-46

Ron Smale and Brent Ashby will review and count the ballots, John Dutot will conduct the elections.

Call for nominations for the position of Vice President:

WOSL nominates Danny Clarke Accept

Norwest nominates Joe Sesar Accept

Motion to close nominations: EMSA Referees

2nd: Croatia:

Danny Clarke was elected to the position of Vice President.

Call for nominations for the position of Director at Large:

EMSA Referees nominate Joyce Stewart accept

ST Thomas nominate John Laverty accept

Southend nominate Nick Ostojic declined

Motion to close nominations EMSA Referees

John Lavery was elected to the position of Director at Large

Motion to destroy ballots: Ingersoll, Second LISL, motion carried.

16. New Business:

The district is proposing moving from player books to player cards. Discussion on this matter and feedback was presented by the membership. Details on this change will follow in due course.

There was no other new business.

Motion to adjourn 2:45pm Ingersoll