

ELGIN-MIDDLESEX SOCCER ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

BMO CENTRE, 295 RECTORY STREET, LONDON, ONTARIO

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

EMSA Board Members present: John Laverty, Karen King, Eliana Caranci, Michelle Orsini, Brent Ashby

Regrets: Simon Karahalios and Mark Mohammad

John Laverty, EMSA President, chaired meeting.

1. John L. Meeting called to order. Ground Rules and meeting procedures reviewed.

Advised meeting being recorded. Members welcomed.

2. Roll call taken, over 1/3 of 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 – No member of Ontario Soccer Present.

5. Minutes of 2021 AGM

Circulated in advance. Any corrections to minutes?

No objections or corrections. Minutes of 2021 AGM approved by unanimous consent.

6. President's Address

Circulated in advance. Questions or discussion? None. Report Received.

7. Vice-President's Report, Secretary's Report, Registrar's Report, Director's Reports (presented on 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:

- Kincardine: How many players were registered this season? Brent: Over 12,000.

- 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 31, 2023. No objections.

Request for Motion from the floor

First: LOSL Second: Southend

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.

- Unidentified Club: Question on Staff Pay/Adjustment per inflation
- JL: This discussion will be held by the board near the end of the year.

Request for Motion from Floor to accept budget

First: Tillsonburg Second: West End

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.

- Referee Report: Matt McCready communicated changes in fee structure.
- Questions?
- Abbi from WOSL- Suggested visiting WOSL website for summary of fees on home page.
- Question from unidentified club: Where can fee structures be found?

- John L: They can view the new fee structure on the WOSL website and will also be posted on EMSA website.

13. Unfinished Business and Correspondence None.

14. Constitutional Amendments

John L presented EMSA's recommended amendments through seeking legal advice to ensure EMSA is ONCA compliant. Changes taking effect October 1, 2022. Jason provided further clarification on changes.

Questions:

Unidentified club: What clubs do the incorporation changes apply to?

John L: Only youth clubs. Clarified decision came from Canada Soccer.

Requested Motion on Floor to adopt recommended changes: Current bylaws of EMSA be repealed and replaced by the revised bylaws that have been presented to the members at this meeting, effective October 1, 2022

First: White Eagles Second: London America

Discussion? None.

Called the vote. Jason and team verified Motion Carried.

15. Election of Officers

President (Current: John Lavery) Nominated and accepted nomination: Luis Santos
No other nominations. Luis Santos acclaimed.

Treasurer (Current: Brent Ashby) No Nominations Received

- John L: Brent has agreed to be an informal, non-voting advisor on financial matters for the next year until they can find a suitable candidate

Registrar (Current: Simon Karahalios)

Nominated and accepted nomination: Ana Enriquez-Johnson No other nominations.
Ana Enriquez-Johnson acclaimed.

Director-at-Large (Current: Eliana Caranci) Nominated and accepted nomination:
Eliana Caranci and Joe Sesar. Called to vote. Eliana Caranci successful candidate.

16. New Business

- Vag Banday (unidentified club)- expressed concern over direction and influence given by John L as to amendments on the constitution. John L: apologized and clarified his role in the process
- Kincardine- requested zoom option to be available going forward for those clubs that are located further distances from London to eliminate travel time, John L: taking into consideration.
- John L: District President's meeting: mentioned numerous topics discussed during meeting, including no changes to grassroots matrix for this upcoming year, safe sport awareness, diversity, equity and inclusion in grassroots, difficulties finding volunteer coaches and board members.

John L: 4 Ontario Cups won by EMSA- Recognition to Alliance 2009B, U18, 2007B and Women's Galaxy Program

John L: Recognized 2 awards given out for First Time Female Lifetime Memberships, one of which was awarded to Joyce Stewart

John L: Any informal questions?

- St. Thomas: Is U13 staying 11v11? When will Ontario Soccer release this communication? EMDSL confirmed it would be 9v9 for Outdoor 2023.
- John L: District is playing 11v11 at U13.

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