



MINUTES OF 2019 Annual General Meeting

Eastern Ontario District Soccer Association

January 18, 2020 at 10:30 am
 Ron Kolbus Lakeside Centre
 102 Greenview Avenue, Ottawa

1. The President (Ralph Ehlebracht) called the meeting to order at 10:40 am.

2. National Anthem

3. Roll Call

CLUB NAME	Votes	Roll Call 1	Roll Call 2	CLUB NAME	Votes	Roll Call 1	Roll Call
A.C. Fiorentina S.C.	19	✓	✓	Ottawa Falcons S.C.	51	✓	✓
Almonte S.C.	31	✓	✓	Ottawa Fusion S.C.	7	✓	✓
Arnprior McNabb Braeside SC	27	✓	✓	Ottawa Futsal Club	59	✓	✓
Burners S.C.	4	✓	✓	Ottawa Gloucester S.C.	188	✓	✓
Capital City Ambassadors F.C.	22	✓	✓	Ottawa Hellenic A.A.	19	✓	✓
Carleton Place S.C.	69	✓	✓	Ottawa Internationals S.C.	123	✓	✓
Casselman Nation	2	✓	X	Ottawa Korean S.C.	4	X	X
Coliseum Inc.	3	✓	✓	Ottawa South United S.C.	224	✓	✓
Croatian S.C. Jadran	11	✓	✓	Ottawa St. Anthony Italia S.C.	32	✓	✓
East Region S.L.	1	✓	✓	Ottawa TFC	154	✓	✓
F.C. St. Stefan	10	✓	✓	Perth United S.C.	30	✓	✓
Fitzroy Harbour S.C.	16	✓	✓	Prescott Gunners	9	X	X
Glengarry S.L.	118	✓	✓	Pro 17	6	X	X

Goulbourn Lanark S.L.	1	✓	✓	Rockers United S.C.	11	✓	✓
Inter Milan S.C.	4	X	X	Rockland United .S.C.	20	✓	✓
Istanbul Spor S.C.	6	✓	✓	Russell S.C.	54	X	X
Kemptville District S.C.	56	✓	✓	Seaway Kickers S.C.	1	X	X
Latinamerican Community Association	18	✓	✓	Seaway Valley S.C.	45	X	X
Lusitania	9	X	X	Smiths Falls & District S.A.	20	✓	✓
Lynwood Centennials .S.C.	33	✓	✓	Soccer Club Bosnia	4	✓	✓
Merrickville S.C.	4	X	X	Soccer Multiculturel F.C.	1	X	X
N.C.I.S.L.	112	✓	✓	Spitfires S.C.	12	✓	✓
Nepean Hotspurs S.C.	40	✓	✓	Sporting Peru S.C.	11	✓	✓
North Dundas United S.C.	8	✓	✓	Sunset Lakers S.C.	12	✓	✓
Ottawa Bears S.C.	18	X	X	West Carleton S.C.	44	✓	✓
Ottawa Bolides	8	✓	✓	West Ottawa Soccer	313	✓	✓
Ottawa City S.C.	105	✓	✓	Westboro Wolves S.C.	14	✓	✓
Ottawa Cosmos S.C.	4	✓	✓	White Eagles S.C.	15	✓	✓
Ottawa Eagles S.C.	11	X	X				
sub-total	770			sub-total	1483		

4. Period of Remembrance

5. Introduction of Guests

EODSA Board of Directors

Ralph Ehlebracht	President	Present
Bill Michalopoulos	Vice-President	Absent
Andrew Donelle	Secretary	Present
Craig Stead	Director-at-large	Present
Scott Stuart	Director-at-large	Present
Harold Visser	Director-at-large	Present
Dan Popescu	Director-at-large	Absent
Will Jeannot	Director-at-large	Absent
Vacant	Treasurer	

EODSA Staff

Vicki Lowe	Executive Director
Joe Scheier	Operations Manager
David Smith	District Referee Coordinator

Guests

Matt Williams	Ontario Soccer Board of Directors - Regional Director - East
Chris Wade	AGM staff

6. Minutes of Previous Year's AGM

No corrections were recommended from Members.
Hellenic and Westboro motioned to approve the Minutes. Unanimously approved.

7. Minutes of Other General Meetings

There were no other general meetings in this fiscal period.

8. President's Report

Ralph noted that building relationships with Club Members had been the District's primary focus over the past 12 months. He highlighted the creation of 5 "boroughs" (East, West, South, Central, adults) for the purposes of outreach from the EODSA, sparking healthy conversations and input into EODSA matters. He is heartened by Club interest in "The Game".

The OZ Dome litigation is ongoing. The last appeal stage is looming. EODSA has sufficient funds to respond to the OZ appeal, if it proceeds.

OSCAR registration system: The District Presidents Forum is providing active leadership to promote a Request for Proposals for a new membership registration platform. It is expected that the Sports Dispute Resolution Centre might be solicited as a mediator to resolve disputes re past fees.

Ontario Soccer and Fédération de Soccer du Québec launched a pilot project until 2022 for inter-provincial play that all parties expect to be positive for soccer in the National Capital Region.

Within the next few weeks, the EODSA Office is moving to the clubhouse of Ottawa-Gloucester Soccer Club on an indefinite basis. New service delivery model: Joe will primarily be available at the Hornet's Nest location and Vicki will focus on outreach and dialogue with the Clubs, often travelling to meet with them and help them navigate their obligations and opportunities.

The EODSA will engage the ERSL regarding a Special Dispensation from OSA League Policy such that the EODSA will be the governing body of the ERSL in 2020. Starting in February, a Competitions Research Committee will consider the District's service delivery model for the longer-term and will make recommendations to the EODSA Board.

Many club members and league administrators will be invited to a Strategic Planning weekend. We have challenges re supply & demand, retention, governance models. The preliminary vision is to create 8 EODSA committees with members from the 5 boroughs and the community-at-large: Governance/Planning; Finance; Competitions; Complaints; Marketing; Match Officials; Memberships; Nominations.

The President is active in ensuring that he and the EODSA are participating in pertinent OSA groups. "We work from inside the glass".

Questions from the floor:

Tim Baigent, NCISL, asked why the EODSA did not host an SGM (as originally promised) for members to have a voice regarding paying (or not) the OSCAR fees. He also asked whether the OSA has accepted any concrete accountability for "incompetence and poor performance" regarding electronic registration platforms.

Jim Llanos, OSU, expressed concerns about a total \$105,000 invoiced to District Clubs in 2019 plus an additional \$105,000 in 2020.

Ralph noted that the District Presidents Forum sent a letter to the OSA requesting their responses in 8 areas of accountability. To date, the OSA had not responded.

9. Officer's Reports

The Officer reports were tabled in the AGM Booklet.

With respect to Membership Report and the Development Report, OSU asked questions about how it interacts with Ontario Soccer's recommended player matrix. Vicki and Craig replied that The Advisory Group (of club Technical Directors) will take the lead.

Craig provided a report from Technical Advisory Group, including:

- We do not have readiness/infrastructure for 5 v 5 format;
- No changes for 2020 rules in Developmental divisions;
- In 2020, U10 teams can travel anywhere in Ontario.
- EODSA will approve U9 and U12 travel to west Quebec and Montreal.
- TAG will make recommendations to the Board in March 2020 regarding play formats over the longer-term.

10. Other Reports

Vicki provided updates from a number of EODSA committees, as tabled in the AGM Booklet.

David Smith provided the annual Match Officials report, as tabled in the AGM Booklet.

No questions from members.

11. Strategic Initiatives Report

This item was addressed during the President's Report.

12. Treasurer's Report and Financial Report

13. Auditor's Report

EODSA staff presented the Financial Statements and the Auditor Report (as tabled in the AGM Booklet) for the fiscal year ending on September 30, 2019.

The ERSL and Almonte motioned to approve the financial reports. Unanimous approval.

14. Appointment of Auditors

The EODSA recommended the appointment of Henry Warren LLP Chartered Accountants as auditor for the fiscal period October 2019 to September 30, 2020.

Ottawa City SC and Ottawa Gloucester SC motioned to approve that recommendation.

Unanimous approval.

15. Proposed Budget

EODSA staff and Ralph presented the Proposed Budget (as tabled in AGM Booklet) for the fiscal period October 2019 to September 30, 2020, projecting a 5% decline in revenues based on declining player registrations. OISC encouraged providing more resources for the operations of the EODSA committees. ERSL posed some questions about the gap between referee assignment revenue vs expenses.

West Ottawa and Ottawa City SC motioned to approve the 2019-2020 Budget. Unanimous approval.

16. Ratification of Membership Fees

No changes to the fees structure.

17. Amendments to Constitution

No amendments were proposed by members nor by EODSA Board.

18. Nomination and Election of Life Members None.

19. Unfinished Business None.

20. Roll Call

Only Casselman had departed before the Second Roll Call. Quorum is maintained.

21. Election of Officers

Joe Scheier and Chris Wade presided over the election process.

Vice-President:

Valerie Hughes was nominated by EODSA Board and Ottawa City SC.

Ralph provided an overview of her experience and accomplishments in the soccer community.

Valerie accepted the nomination by letter.

ACCLAIMED.

Treasurer:

Keith Penny was nominated by EODSA Board and Ottawa TFC.

Ralph provided an overview of his experience and accomplishments in the soccer community.

Keith accepted the nomination by letter.

ACCLAIMED.

At-Large Director, 3 positions for 2-year terms:

The Board nominated Dan Popescu to serve another term. Accepted by e-mail confirmation.

The Board nominated Harold Visser to serve another term. Harold accepted the nomination.

Carleton Place nominated Allison Wark from Almonte Soccer. Allison accepted the nomination.

All three candidates were ACCLAIMED to the positions.

At-Large Director, 1-year term:

No nominations. This position will remain vacant.

22. New Business

Tim Baigent asked about progress regarding OSCL discipline issues. Ralph undertook to consider the matter, with Ontario Soccer input.

23. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:17 pm following a motion from OSU and West Carleton.