



## MINUTES OF 2020 Annual General Meeting

Eastern Ontario District Soccer Association

January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:00 pm  
Virtual Meeting

1. The President (Ralph Ehlebracht) called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.
2. **National Anthem** - was not played due to it being a virtual meeting.

### 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.	1	✓	✓	Ottawa Eagles S.C.	1	✓	✓
Almonte S.C.	1	✓	✓	Ottawa Falcons S.C.	1	✓	✓
Arnprior McNabb Braeside SC	2	✓	✓	Ottawa Fusion S.C.	1	✓	✓
Burners S.C.	1	✓	✓	Ottawa Futsal Club	40	✓	✓
Capital City Ambassadors F.C.	1	✓	✓	Ottawa Gloucester S.C.	54	✓	✓
Carleton Place S.C.	20	✓	✓	Ottawa Hellenic A.A.	1	✓	✓
Casselman Nation	2	✓	✓	Ottawa Internationals	37	✓	✓
Coliseum Inc.	1	✓	✓	Ottawa Korean S.C.	1	✓	✓
Croatian S.C. Jadran	1	✓	✓	Ottawa South United	80	✓	✓
East Region S.L.	1	✓	✓	Ottawa St. Anthony	15	✓	✓
F.C. St. Stefan	1	✓	✓	Ottawa TFC	47	✓	✓
Fitzroy Harbour S.C.	1	✓	✓	Perth United S.C.	1	✓	✓
Glengarry S.L.	9	✓	✓	Prescott Gunners	1	✓	✓
Goulbourn Lanark S.L.	1	✓	✓	Pro 17	1	✓	✓
Inter Milan S.C.	1	✓	✓	Rockers United S.C.	2	✓	✓
Istanbul Spor S.C.	1	✓	✓	Rockland United S.C.	1	✓	✓
Kemptville District S.C.	2	X	X	Russell S.C.	8	✓	✓
Latinamerican Community	1	✓	✓	Seaway Valley S.C.	8	✓	✓
Lusitania	1	X	X	Smiths Falls & District	1	✓	✓
Lynwood Centennials S.C.	1	✓	✓	Soccer Club Bosnia	1	X	X
Merrickville S.C.	1	✓	✓	Soccer Multiculturel	1	X	X
N.C.I.S.L.	46	✓	✓	Spitfires S.C.	1	✓	✓
Nepean Hotspurs S.C.	21	✓	✓	Sporting Peru S.C.	1	✓	✓

North Dundas United S.C.	2	✓	✓	Sunset Lakers S.C.	1	✓	✓
Ottawa Bears S.C.	1	✓	✓	West Carleton S.C.	11	✓	✓
Ottawa Bolides	1	✓	✓	West Ottawa Soccer	111	✓	✓
Ottawa City S.C.	34	✓	✓	Westboro Wolves S.C.	1	✓	✓
Ottawa Cosmos S.C.	1	✓	✓	White Eagles S.C.	1	✓	✓
<b>sub-total</b>	<b>157</b>			<b>sub-total</b>	<b>430</b>		

#### 4. Period of Remembrance

#### 5. Introduction of Guests

##### EODSA Board of Directors

Ralph Ehlebracht	President	Present
Valerie Hughes	Vice-President	Present
Andrew Donelle	Secretary	Present
Keith Penny	Treasurer	Present
Craig Stead	Director-at-large	Present
Scott Stuart	Director-at-large	Present
Harold Visser	Director-at-large	Present
Dan Popescu	Director-at-large	Present
Alison Wark	Director-at-large	Present
Vacant	Director-at-large	

##### 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
Jason Robinson	Sports Law & Strategy Group – Vote Facilitator and Scrutineer
Stephanie Oliveri	Board Position Nominee
Melat Cherent	Board Position Nominee

#### 6. Minutes of Previous Year's AGM

No corrections were recommended from Members.  
Unanimous Consent approval.

#### 7. Minutes of Other General Meetings

The Minutes of the December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 SGM were presented.  
No corrections were recommended from Members  
Unanimous Consent approval.

## **8. President's Report**

Ralph spoke to the President's report:

I want to thank the Members, Board Members and Staff.

This past year has had unprecedented challenges. Committees haven't taken a huge leadership role to help shepherd us through the past 12 months. We have tried to increase communication through borough meetings to get the pulse of Clubs and ensure we are aligned to tackle challenges together. We just had a townhall meeting and we will have monthly townhalls and borough meetings to get opinions, ideas, and thoughts on return to play so we can all be on the same page. We have fostered relationships with other districts. I am now chair of the DPF (District President's Forum) and working with other districts to ensure we are all swimming in the same direction. The EODSA is a major player in the Ontario Soccer (OS) landscape. We always have been and will continue to be. I believe we can only effect change from within. I believe the future is bright for soccer in Ottawa and the district. The inter-provincial pilot at national, regional and district level, with SOSA will join Outaouais, west island Montreal and deux montanges and have inter region play. OPDL inter-provincial play in 2021, Regional in 2022 and District 2023. Second large piece is governance reform and align with ONCA and align bylaws and constitution to the act. We want to ensure there is fairness in governance for all our members. It will be a very consultative approach through the committees. Everyone's point of view will be taken into consideration. Hopefully for 2022 we can bring a reformed model.

## **9. Officer's Reports**

There were no Officer's reports.

## **10. Other Reports**

Other reports were presented 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**

Keith presented the Financial Statements and the Auditor Report (as presented in the AGM Booklet) for the fiscal year ending on September 30, 2020.

Financials are an unqualified report and managed well.

Total assets have gone from \$413,128 to \$305,723.

Total Net revenue is 36% of what was budgeted and lower than 2019 year.

Our Net Expenses were down a net of 45% and a net loss of \$79k loss compared to budgeted \$10K loss.

Cash Flow – Deficiency is \$79k

Page 35 we took the \$40k Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA) Loan from the government.

**Questions:**

**NCISL** – Question with CEBA Loan, first \$10K is forgivable, is that marked as revenue this year?

**EODSA** – No, it will be taken into revenue when it is due.

**WOS** – What about CEWS, is that classified as income in the statements?

**EODSA** – No, it is offsetting wages.

**OSU** – Schedule A of office expenses, can you explain Miscellaneous and Occupancy costs.

**EODSA** – Occupancy is the rent for the first part of year as we only moved to the new location in late January. Miscellaneous is mostly moving expenses.

Seaway Valley and Nepean Hotspurs motioned to approve the financial reports. **Motion approved.**

**14. Appointment of Auditors**

That the EODSA go through an RFP process to choose a new auditor for the fiscal period October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 to September 30, 2021.

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

**Motion approved.**

**15. Proposed Budget**

EODSA staff and Keith presented two Proposed Budgets (as presented in the AGM Booklet) for the fiscal period October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 to September 30, 2021. The first budget is based on a more normal soccer year. The second budget is a contingency budget based on another year of limited soccer and low registration levels. Expenses will be further reduced. A board meeting will be held in early March to decide if the EODSA moves to the contingency budget based on the information available at that time regarding the potential date for the return of soccer.

Optimistic Budget Revenue and Expenses are scaled down 56% of last year's budget.

Contingency budget will allow us to still have some reserve funds to plan for Spring of 2022.

**OSU** – First question, first budget you have competitive soccer. Is the intent to have a flat fee from everyone like this year? Do we know if there will be any fee reduction this year?

**EODSA** - I suspect Ontario Soccer will keep their fee. We don't know about Canada Soccer. We left as is for now.

**OSU** – What is the money burn rate month to month?

**EODSA** – It is about \$4,400 per month.

**OSU** – Are we voting for both budgets at the same time and the board will decide to move to the second budget at the March meeting?

**EODSA** – Yes, it is approval of both budget and the EODSA board will be decided in March. This will be in consultation with Finance committee.

**Rockland** – With regards to the vote in March, would it help to have a meeting with Clubs just before March to get an idea of what Clubs registrations are like at that point?

**EODSA** - We will be having monthly townhall meeting and will have one right before the meeting to get an idea from Clubs about what the situation is at that point. We will be working with the Finance committee. The board will be transparent and do what the collective is telling us.

**Russell** – Follow up, if Teams are just playing exhibition games against other Clubs, can they just be registered as Rec?

**EODSA** – Yes, if they are not in a League, we will not consider them competitive.

**Almonte** – Could we have a live board to update everyone on current registrations to get everything up to date?

**EODSA** – Yes, we can look at doing that.

**OISC** – Will there be any flexibility to March date?

**EODSA** – Yes, there will be some flexibility based on Townhall meetings and best information at the time. They are moving goal posts, but we will be listening to info from Clubs through the Financial committee and Townhalls.

**Russell** – Last year, Health Unit said they had final say and not Ontario Soccer.

**EODSA** – Yes, Ontario Soccer can provide recommendations, but Public Health Unit has final say on if you can play and the restrictions. City facility may not always be on the same page with Public Health Unit.

**OSU** – Do players have to be registered even if they are just training? Can they just be recreational if training?

**EODSA** – Yes, they all have to be registered before they start training. They can be recreational if just training.

**OSU** – Can we discuss consolidation with leagues based on financial issues this year? Where are committee discussions on this topic?

**EODSA**- The EODSA has set up a focus group with representation from 4 boroughs and Club license group. There were lots of discussions about various league options. It now rests with ERSL and they will engage with their Clubs. Whichever direction the Clubs want to take, the EODSA will be nimble to deal with that. The OCSL is a member of Ontario Soccer and doesn't fall under the EODSA. If OCSL Clubs wish to discuss about consolidation they need to discuss with OCSL. The EODSA is happy to facilitate and are enablers to help soccer grow.

**OSU** – If the ERSL calls an SGM and budget is not approved, could EODSA take on the League.

**EODSA** – EODSA may have to contract some work but not hire new employees.

Sunset Lakers and Rockland motioned That the EODSA proposed budget be approved with the provision that the board review the possibility of achieving the budget at the March meeting and if required immediately adopt the contingency budget in its place. **Motion Approved.**

## **16. Ratification of Membership Fees**

No changes to the fees structure.

## 17. Amendments to Constitution

No amendments were proposed by members nor by the EODSA Board.

## 18. Nomination and Election of Life Members None.

## 19. Unfinished Business None.

## 20. Roll Call

Quorum is maintained.

## 21. Election of Officers

Jason Robinson presided over the electronic election process.

### **President:**

The EODSA Board nominated Ralph Ehlebracht to serve another term.

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

Ralph accepted the nomination.

**Ralph Ehlebracht received a majority of the votes and is elected to the position of President.**

### **Secretary:**

Stephanie Oliveri was nominated by the EODSA Board.

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

Stephanie accepted the nomination.

**Stephanie Oliveri received a majority of the votes and is elected to the position of Secretary.**

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

The EODSA Board nominated Scott Stuart to serve another term. Scott accepted the nomination.

The EODSA Board nominated Craig Stead to serve another term. Craig accepted the nomination.

Ottawa Futsal Club (OFC) nominated Frank Onasanya from OFC. Frank accepted the nomination.

The EODSA Board nominated Melat Cherent. Melat accepted the nomination.

All four candidates provided an overview of their experiences in the soccer community.

**Melat Cherent received a majority of the votes and is elected to the position of Director-At-Large.**

**Scott Stuart received a majority of the votes and is elected to the position of Director-At-Large.**

**Craig Stead received a majority of the votes and is elected to the position of Director-At-Large.**

## 22. New Business

**NCISL** – At a previous Town Hall there was info about a potential emergency fund fee from Ontario Soccer on top of a regular fee. Is that still happening?

**EODSA** – No, that was not approved. Ontario Soccer will be presenting new registration fees for Outdoor 2022.

## 23. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:43pm.