



**GLOUCESTER DRAGONS RECREATIONAL SOCCER  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Tuesday, May 13, 2014 – 7 p.m.  
1-5510 Canotek Road, Gloucester, ON**

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**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:**

Currie Rowe, Director, Micros (5-6)  
David Lowe, Chair  
Guillermo Alvarado, Director, Youth Boys (13-18)  
Irina Nikolova, Treasurer  
Jonathan Trottier, OGSC Head Referee  
Luc Beauchamp, Director, Youth Girls (13-18)  
Leah Hutchison White, Director, Micros (7-8)  
Michel Beaulieu, Director, Mini Boys (9-12)  
Oscar Vargas, Director, Coach Development  
Owen Brady, Director, Marketing and Community Relations  
Pat Lacasse, Executive Director, Operations  
Rémi Beaudin, Director, Equipment and Facilities  
Susan Morris, Director, Mini Girls (9-12)

**REGRETS:**

None

**1.0 Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION: That the agenda be approved.  
Moved by Rémi Beaudin  
Seconded by Luc Beauchamp  
CARRIED**

**2.0 Approval of minutes from April 15 meeting**

**MOTION: That the minutes of the April 15 meeting be approved.  
Moved by Luc Beauchamp  
Seconded by Rémi Beaudin  
CARRIED**

**3.0 Old Business**

**3.1 Outstanding action items**

David went over the list of outstanding action items. The South Side Soccer League came back saying that Dundas has dropped out and that

at U18G, there are only 3 teams and they would like to play some games against us if we can work something out.

#### 4.0 **Finance**

Irina said that our cash position was good, the GICs were well invested and that we had approx \$300,000 in revenue at the end of April (registrations). The auditor has completed the 2013 audit; the audit package will be distributed to the board at the next meeting.

##### 4.1 Second computer screen for the office computer?

David raised the idea of connecting a second computer screen to the main office computer, which would allow e-mails to be open on one screen and another application on the second screen. Several members said a special cord was available for this purpose and was very inexpensive.

##### 4.2 Laptop for coaching and ref clinics?

The OSA required clubs to provide a laptop and projector when hosting coaching or ref clinics. Discussion was held regarding purchasing a laptop. Oscar suggested that it should be up to the OSA to provide one given that they may have some special technical specifications. If we provide a laptop, some files may not open, which was the case recently.

**Action: David to contact the OSA to suggest they provide laptop.**

#### 5.0 **Director Reports**

##### 5.1 **Executive Director of Operations**

Schedules are done except for U18: waiting on confirmation about games against other clubs. Field allocation is complete. Pat will close on-line registration for certain age groups, at the request of the age group directors, when the age group is full.

##### 5.2 **Marketing, Community Relations and Registrar**

Owen has secured the Active Start Soccer Fest for our soccer day again this year. All our election-style lawn signs have been placed. It would be nice to know whether they were successful: did the signs generate more interest in Dragons' soccer? We placed an ad in the handout at the Fury opener.

##### 5.3 **Equipment and Facilities**

Equipment distribution day was on Saturday. The remaining equipment was brought to the office. One bag was taken by accident (a boys Holland bag was taken instead of a girls Holland bag.) Remi would like a list of the bags that need to be picked up by age group. Coaches can come to pick up their bags May 20-23.

The nets for U11 and U12 have been placed on the fields. The nets

provided in the U11 and U12 equipment bags are for mini-goals and will not fit on the new 9v9 goals. The portable goals need to be assembled. This will happen on May 23 at 7:00 p.m. at the office.

**5.4 Coach Development**

Oscar reported that there were not many registrations for the Active Start and Fundamentals courses. He asked the respective age group directors to get the word out. There will be a second Learn to Train course toward the end of June. Oscar would like to meet the youth coaches from the Hornets before the start of the season. "Soccer 101" course will be on Saturday, June 7 from 10:00 to 12:00 at the office. Oscar, Davie, Currie and Leah said they would attend.

Update on keeper clinics: players have to be age 10 or above. Coaches of younger age groups can attend the keeper session for coaches, however. Maximum 2-3 keepers per team. One coach per 4 players.

**5.5 Micros (5-6)**

Currie is still working on finding coaches. E-mails will be sent this week.

**5.6 Micros (7-8)**

Leah reported having 52 teams and 39 coaches. Team rosters are done; there were a lot of special requests this year.

**5.7 Mini Girls (9-12)**

Susan reported that given a sudden surge in U11G late registrations, she decided to separate the U11-U12 age group into two divisions. She also discussed the issue of playing up from U8 to U9.

**5.8 Mini Boys (9-12)**

Michel reported that he has added two teams at the U10B level because of numbers. Three teams are still missing coaches. Team rosters are done. Michel discussed an issue involving a coach who e-mailed some of his players from last year asking them to join his team even though there was no more room on the team.

**5.9 Youth Girls (14-18)**

Luc has 18 teams and all his coaches. He has two coaches returning from last year who no longer have kids in the club, one at U18 and the other at U16.

U18G is full. U14G has a decent number of players per team. U16G has decent numbers except for the team in Leitrim, which has 12 players. Luc asked for an exception to the call-up rule for this team so that the team could have 16 players on its roster. The board agreed to this request.

**5.10 Youth Boys (14-18)**

Guillermo has 16 teams, all with coaches. Late registrations are a problem for proper team building. Guillermo suggested gathering registration information to try to determine what the best date is to start building teams. He also suggested a message to parents to explain the process.

**5.11 Head Referee**

Jonathan reported that 100% of students passed the mini ref clinic and that there were two failures at the entry level course. Approximately 30 referees have registered for each of the two referee refresher courses. Jonathan discussed the referee mentorship program. The board also discussed the OSA requirement for referees to wear black shoes.

**6.0 New Business**

**6.1 Discipline Committee members for 2014**

Oscan and Owen agreed to continue sitting on the discipline committee.

**6.2 Social media**

**6.2.1 Twitter: create account?**

David said that Simon has suggested creating a Twitter account for the Dragons. The Twitter feed could be posted on our website. The board was in favour of asking Simon to proceed.

**6.2.2 Facebook: close account?**

The Facebook account is not being used. Currie will inquire about closing the account.

**6.3 OGSC meeting update**

David provided a summary of the previous OGSC meeting, including the suggestion of creating an OSGC webpage from which people could click through to the three members' sites (Dragons, Hornets, and Seniors).

**6.4 20 Questions Directors of Not-for-Profit Organizations Should Ask about Governance**

Deferred to next meeting

**7.0 Next Meeting**

7.1 The next meeting will be held on June 10, 2014, at 8:00pm.

**8.0 Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.