



**GLOUCESTER DRAGONS RECREATIONAL SOCCER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Tuesday, January 13, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.
1-5510 Canotek Road, Gloucester, ON**

MINUTES

PRESENT:

David Lowe, Chair
Guillermo Alvarado, Director, Youth Boys (13-18)
Irina Nikolova, Treasurer
Jonathan Trottier, OGSC Head Referee
Judith Headley, Director, Micros (5-6)
Michel Beaulieu, Director, Mini Boys (9-12)
Oscar Vargas, Director, Coach Development
Rémi Beaudin, Director, Equipment and Facilities

REGRETS:

Leah Hutchison White, Director, Micros (7-8)
Luc Beauchamp, Director, Youth Girls (13-18)
Owen Brady, Director, Marketing and Community Relations
Susan Morris, Director, Mini Girls (9-12)

1.0 Approval of Agenda

**MOTION: That the agenda be approved.
Moved by Michel Beaulieu
Seconded by Guillermo Alvarado
CARRIED**

2.0 Approval of the minutes of the December 9, 2014, meeting

**MOTION: That the minutes of the December 9 meeting be approved.
Moved by Guillermo Alvarado
Seconded by Oscar Vargas
CARRIED**

3.0 Old Business

3.1 Book gym for coaching clinics
Oscar is in the process of booking the coaching clinics and the one school gym needed for the course occurring before May 15.

- 3.2 Message to attract board members
The board agreed that all positions be advertised at the same time via an e-mail message to our membership. David to prepare the message.
- 3.3 First aid training
Saint-John's Ambulance responded to our inquiry with two possibilities: a half-day course without a certificate and a full-day course with certificate. The board decided to pursue the full-day course option, for some time in June. We need a minimum of 10 participants.

4.0 **New Business**

- 4.1 2015 Nights of Play
Night of play were selected so that there would be no conflicts with the ERSL, so that our U18s are aligned with the South Side Soccer League, so that we have enough fields and refs each weeknight and in an effort to ensure that families with children two years apart do not play on the same game night.
- 4.2 Handbook
David is updating the Handbook and will send it to everyone for comment once he has completed the update.
- 4.3 Additions to website
David mentioned that some additions were made to the For Coaches tab on our website, including the OSA's coach's toolkits, information on the retreat line and the game leader program. Guillermo suggested we find a way to indicate that these are new to the site, perhaps by adding a red "new" beside the title.

5.0 **Director Reports**

- 5.1 Treasurer
Irina reported that the 2014 audit is progressing well and that it should be completed by February or March. Irina also provided some information on the Ontario grants program for students.
- 5.2 Equipment and Facilities
Remi discussed the uniform purchase for 2015, which is based on 2,500 players. We will be able to use some unused team uniforms from 2014. We have enough soccer balls.
- 5.3 Coach Development
The board decided not to hold the Making Ethical Decisions course but to continue with the Respect in Soccer course. Oscar said that he would like to discuss the coaching mentorship program at the next meeting.
- 5.4 Micros (5-6): nothing to report
- 5.5 Micros (7-8): Leah had suggested in her 2014 year-end report that we consider a "rules and soccer skills 101 course" in 2015. Given that Leah was unable to attend, this will be added to the next meeting.
- 5.6 Mini Girls (9-12)

5.6.1 Access to game scores

In Susan's year-end report, she asked whether AGDs could receive the scores of the games for their age groups to ensure that our policy of not running up the score is followed at this level. The board recommends that the summer student verify the scores and inform the AGDs of any lop-sided games.

5.6.2 Uneven number of teams

The board agreed that an uneven number of teams in a division is doable; it may be better than having to add an extra team and all teams being short players.

5.7 Mini Boys (9-12) Nothing to report

5.8 Youth Girls (14-18) Nothing to report

5.9 Youth Boys (14-18) Nothing to report

5.10 Marketing, Community Relations and Registrar

Owen was unable to attend but sent in his marketing plan for 2015. The board felt that radio spots and the Fury insert were not worthwhile but agreed with Owen's other suggestions, such as ads in local papers and signage.

5.11 Head Referee

Jonathan reported that the referee courses have been booked:

Entry level 1: April 11 and 12

Entry level 2: April 25 and 26

Mini 1: May 9

Mini 2: May 10

The OSA has raised the cost of the courses this year by around 25%.

MOTION: To accept the proposal of the head referee to charge the following fees for the referee courses in 2015, on a cost-recovery basis: small-sided course \$95; entry level \$125

Moved by Oscar Vargas

Seconded by Rémi Beaudin

CARRIED

Jonathan also discussed the price of referee uniforms. The OSA is entering the first of a four-year cycle for referee uniforms. We will need approx 75 uniforms for new referees and 25 uniforms for returning referees. These are sold to them on a cost-recovery basis or are part of their course fee.

MOTION: To spend up to \$6,500 to order 100 referee kits (shirts, shorts, socks, flags, cards, and whistle)

Moved by Oscar Vargas

Seconded by Rémi Beaudin

CARRIED

5.12 Assign evaluations through RefCentre?

Jonathan said that this would be easier for allocating the evaluations and for payment, but he does not think that this is possible.

6.0 Next Meeting

6.1 Tuesday, February 10, 7:00 pm.

7.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.