



**GLOUCESTER DRAGONS RECREATIONAL SOCCER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Tuesday, September 8, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.
1-5510 Canotek Road, Gloucester, ON**

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Bill Coleman, Director of Operations
David Lowe, Chair
Guillermo Alvarado, Director, Youth Boys (13-18)
Irina Nikolova, Treasurer
Jason Gauthier, Head Referee
Leah Hutchison White, Director, Micros (7-8)
Michel Beaulieu, Director, Mini Boys (9-12)
Owen Brady, Director, Marketing and Community Relations
Rémi Beaudin, Director, Equipment and Facilities
Susan Morris, Director, Mini Girls (9-12)

REGRETS:

Judith Headley, Director, Micros (5-6)
Luc Beauchamp, Director, Youth Girls (13-18)
Michael Nigro, Secretary
Oscar Vargas, Director, Coach Development

1.0 Approval of agenda

MOTION: That the agenda be approved as presented.

Moved by Bill Coleman

Seconded by Guillermo Alvarado

CARRIED

2.0 Approval of minutes of July 28 meeting

MOTION: That the minutes of the July 28 meeting be approved

Moved by Bill Coleman

Seconded by Rémi Beaudin

CARRIED

3.0 Old Business

Costs of lining fields: Bill stated that we would raise this question with the City of Ottawa during negotiations for the 2016 season.

4.0 Finance

Irina reported that we are in good financial shape. We have our three GICs and approximately \$120,000 in cash in the bank. Irina will have the unaudited financial statements for 2015 at our AGM. Irina recommended that we post a

message on our website to the effect that we are a not-for-profit organization.

5.0 Director Reports

5.1 Executive Director, Operations

Bill led the board through a post mortem on Soccer Day:

Red (bad) items:

- Lack of people (alone with 1 volunteer)
- Games finishing at the same time
- Garbage collection
- Some coaches did not pick up their corner flags
- Age group in different locations
- Had to referee at one location but be AGD at another

Yellow (good) items:

- One weekend instead of two was great
- Bags of medals with team names
- Videographer
- Many thank-you comments received
- Time between age groups
- Sponsors were happy
- U9 and U10 at Potvin was good
- Team pictures with Canon logo
- Fury mascot

Green (opportunities) items:

- Better communications for medal distribution
- Should coaches pick up medals on way to field?
- Canteen available
- Golf cart
- Each director's teams at same location
- Having all full-field games the same day was a problem for assigning refs. Split full-field games as such: U13-U15 one day, U16-U18 the other

5.2 Equipment and Facilities

Many pinnies were not returned. U8 goal posts break a lot. Michel will sort goalie gloves over the winter.

5.3 Micros (5-6)

Judith was absent.

5.4 Micros (7-8)

Leah reported that the two extra weeks this year were welcomed. Some U7 and U8 boys' parents were too competitive.

5.5 Mini Girls (9-12)

Susan described the season as a "rough" year: she received complaints in all age groups about girls playing too rough. For 2016, we need to work on communications to stop aggressive behaviour.

5.6 Mini Boys (9-12)

Michel echoed Susan's comments about rough play, said some parents are encouraging it.

5.7 Youth Girls (14-18)

- Luc was unable to attend.
- 5.8 Youth Boys (14-18)
Guillermo informed the board about one U16 player who was given three red cards this summer. The Discipline Committee will hold a hearing to determine the sanctions for this player.
- 5.9 Coach Development
Oscar was unable to attend.
- 5.10 Marketing, Community Relations and Registrar
Pro+Sports could not fulfill its agreement to help one team by conducting two practices. Total sponsorship in 2015 was \$3,250, including Active Soccer Fest, Pita Pit's donation of one free sandwich per younger player, and Orleans flooring. The OCFL will provide some sponsorship if they are able to establish a league in the east end.
- 5.11 Head Referee
Jason said that he was interested in continuing in 2016 if the OGSC voted to have him replace Jonathan as head ref. The end-of-year pizza party and cheque distribution was held the Sunday of Soccer Day. Some referees will be taking a winter development course. Jason reported that referee fees will rise approximately 20% in 2016 as the OSA standardizes rates for the province. He also mentioned that at U11 we should be consistent with the Hornets for the offside rule. Mentoring in 2015 was successful but can be improved in 2016 perhaps by having some high-school students earn volunteer hours doing this. After Jason left, the board passed the following resolution:

MOTION: That the Dragons recommend to the OGSC that Jason continue as head referee in 2016
Moved by: Bill Coleman
Seconded by Leah Hutchison White
CARRIED

- 6.0 New Business
- 6.1 Returning board members
David asked who would be returning/standing for election for the 2016 season. Irina is leaving. A couple of others are still undecided.
- 6.2 OSA Best Practices
Postponed until November meeting.
- 6.3 Coaching tip of the week
Postponed until November meeting.
- 7.0 Next Meeting
- 7.1 Coach appreciation night: Sept 17 at 6:30
- 7.2 Tuesday, October 13, 7:00 pm? The board will decide in September whether or not to cancel this meeting.
- 7.3 AGM, Tuesday, October 20, 7:00
- 8.0 Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.