



**GLOUCESTER DRAGONS RECREATIONAL SOCCER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Tuesday, December 9, 2014 – 7:30 p.m.
1-5510 Canotek Road, Gloucester, ON**

MINUTES

PRESENT:

David Lowe, Chair
Guillermo Alvarado, Director, Youth Boys (13-18)
Irina Nikolova, Treasurer
Leah Hutchison White, Director, Micros (7-8)
Judith Headley, Director, Micros (5-6)
Michel Beaulieu, Director, Mini Boys (9-12)
Oscar Vargas, Director, Coach Development
Rémi Beaudin, Director, Equipment and Facilities
Susan Morris, Director, Mini Girls (9-12)

REGRETS:

Jonathan Trottier, OGSC Head Referee
Luc Beauchamp, Director, Youth Girls (13-18)
Owen Brady, Director, Marketing and Community Relations

1.0 Approval of Agenda

**MOTION: That the agenda be approved.
Moved by Guillermo Alvarado
Seconded by Susan Morris
CARRIED**

2.0 Approval of the minutes of the November 15, 2014, meeting

**MOTION: That the minutes of the November 15 meeting be approved.
Moved by Guillermo Alvarado
Seconded by Michel Beaulieu
CARRIED**

3.0 Old Business

3.1 AGM

The AGM was held from 7:00 to 7:30 tonight. There are separate AGM minutes.

3.2 Book gyms for coaching clinics

Oscar was not present for this item; he arrived later. David will follow up with him to make sure the gyms are booked for coaching clinics.

4.0 **New Business**

4.1 Club Excellence Award

David mentioned that the OGSC has received the gold club-excellence award from the OSA. We had silver two years ago. The gold logo will be added to our website along with a brief description of what this means. Paolo F from the Seniors was instrumental in the club's application for this award and deserves much credit.

4.2 Ottawa Fury

Guillermo and David were contacted by the Fury to see whether the Dragons wanted to set up a Dragons night at the Fury. The board decided that we should pursue an OGSC night at the Fury. David will raise this issue at the next OGSC meeting.

4.3 Director of operations position

Ideas were discussed with regard to filling board positions. We will send another message to our membership seeking nominations. The message will be sent in early 2015. If no one steps forward, the Dragons could hire our former summer student for approximately one week to do the scheduling for us. David said he would contact Pat to obtain a list of his key duties. David will then write a message to send to the membership and will circulate it first for board approval.

4.4 Soccer games on World Cup game nights

The board discussed whether we should not have games on the nights of play of the women's World Cup. Given that only about 50 stadium passports have been purchased from Dragons members and given that games are each on different nights, no changes to our schedules will be made.

4.5 First Aid Training

The board agreed to look into a first aid course for coaches around the end of May/ early June. David will ask Bridget to make some enquires.

4.6 Funsal program

There are enough players only in the U13-16G category. All the other categories will be cancelled. The board discussed whether to continue the program in the fall of 2015 given the low numbers (the equivalent of 1% of our membership).

**MOTION: To try Funsal one more year with better marketing
Moved by Oscar Vargas**

Seconded by: As no one seconded this motion, the motion was abandoned.

4.7 OGSC meeting update:

4.7.1 Discussion about U7/U8 program

David reported on the discussion at the OGSC meeting. The Hornets asked at the OGSC meeting whether they could work with the Dragons on our U7/U8 program, to improve the level of play of the U9 players they receive from the Dragons. The Hornets say that their U9 teams have difficulty competing at the U9 level. Some ideas discussed at the OGSC meeting were expanding our Can't Wait to be Nine program and offering their technical coaches as help. This will be discussed further at the January meeting.

4.7.2 Head Referee contract

David reported on the discussion at the OGSC meeting about the head referee contract. Two good candidates are available in 2015, and the OGSC recommends the club sign a contract with Chris Wade, with Jonathan as assistant. This would allow for a transition if either decided to leave.

MOTION: To confirm the OGSC's recommendation to hire Chris Wade as head referee for 2015.

Moved by Rémi Beaudin

Seconded by Oscar Vargas

CARRIED

5.0 **Director Reports**

Rémi was the only one to present a report. He suggests reducing the number of shirts ordered per team at the upper age groups because we are always left with some unused uniforms at the end of the year.

U18, from 22 to 20 uniforms

U16, from 22 to 21 uniforms

Soccer nets for U11 and U12: If we are going to go with our policy of giving coaches the nets in the equipment bags, we need 30 nets. Rémi has found suppliers at \$144/net and \$80/pair of nets.

6.0 **Next Meeting**

6.1 Tuesday, January 13, 7:00 pm.

7.0 **Adjournment**

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