



**KDSC 2016 AGM-Final Minutes v2017-10-18
October 18, 2016 at 19:00
North Grenville Municipal Centre Suite B**

**Meeting called to order 19:02
Roll Call**

Credentials Report

The members of the current board who were in attendance were introduced. There was one member whom provided a membership proxy vote attributed to the club administrator.

President's Report

Darryl Lapenskie mentioned his report is available on the KDSC website. He read out key points of his report. Darryl has decided that after ten years within the Board of Directors, he is stepping down as president; but, will continue to be involved with the field maintenance and keeping an on-going relationship with KDSC and the township and with St. Mike's School. A standing member commented that the membership appreciated Darryl's leadership and the building of positive relationships with various groups within the community during his tenure.

Approve Minutes of 2015 AGM:

Ben Thompson moved to approve 2015 AGM minutes, Chris Moore seconded, all in favor. Motion to accept 2015 AGM minutes was passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Financial report for 2014 and 2015 was available to all in attendance. The 2016 membership registration fees were increased by 4% to offset a 2015 financial deficit. Photographer contract is still outstanding.

Auditor's Report:

2016 Auditor's report was available to all in attendance. Audit report dated 2016-10-13 showed KDSC passed the audits of their financial statements for the years of 2014 and 2015. For year 2014 showed about an \$11 000 surplus while 2015 showed a deficit of about \$13 000.

Appointment of Auditor for 2016 Financial Audit:

The club administrator recommended continuing with Walker and Associates for the 2016 financial audit. From experience, they have lower service fees than previous vendors and they provide a good level of

service with their detailed reports meeting the requirements of KDSC. Lou Judge moved to engage Walker and Associates for the 2016 Financial Audit. Ben Thompson seconded, all in favor. Motion was passed.

Registrar's Report:

2015 saw 1398 registered players while 2016 saw a decrease to 1308 registered players (Annual Decrease of 6.4%). Decrease attributed primarily to two elements; approximately 45 Merrickville area players did not register in 2016 with KDSC and there was one less Competitive team registered with ERSL for this season (representing 18 players of U14 girls' age group).

General questions from Membership:

Is KDSC seeing any difference in terms of the early registration versus a later registration of players' year over year? Is there a noticeable downward trend in registration of players within KDSC? Is KDSC doing enough to draw players in from the smaller clubs such as that represented by Winchester?

Responses:

Darcie Flagg and Lou Judge: KDSC has seen a consistent yearly pattern of player registration numbers with the early on-line registration process especially with Competitive and Development players (Their registration required to be completed by Jan/Feb prior to assessment camps) with the vast majority of house league players registration completion by mid-April This season KDSC had only a very small number of U10 players (about 3-4 players) register past the registration deadline. The U14 to U18 age group historically has lower participation numbers due to competing priorities at those age groups but this year for U8 level, KDSC had a historical high of 12 teams of 12 players thus expecting an influx of players going through the Development stream commencing next season.

Darryl Lapenskie in speaking with similar sized club such as Russell District Soccer Club, this season also saw their numbers decrease by about 50 players. For the first time in their history ERSL League had to create a league with a mixture of U15/U16 teams so that age group is showing a downward trend in participation. OSA too is seeing a provincial drop of around 7% of their classification of OSA Super Soccer Athlete program or staying within the sport in general.

Alan Archer indicates that Winchester typically play within the Hallville and Chesterville areas. KDSC is drawing a smaller number of players in from smaller clubs such as Smith Falls, Merrickville, Brockville and a few players also trickle in from larger Ottawa Clubs of WOS and OSU. Club Head Coaches should be identifying highly skilled players in the smaller programs and pushing these players to higher development leagues. KDSC sees some of their highly skilled players move onto the larger Ottawa Clubs.

Other Reports:

Head Coach Report:

Alan Archer mentioned his report is available on the KDSC website but did discuss some of the key points of his 2016 season report.

Head Referee Report:

John Tucker mentioned his report is available on the KDSC website but did discuss some of the key points of his 2016 season report.

Question from Membership:

How does a new interest to referee get into an entry level course?

Response:

John Tucker: KDSC does advertise for new referees yearly. They must be 14 years of age by end of March 31st. OSA website often has details on the referee process and they are available early in the year.

Unfinished Business:

A motion brought forth to ratify Darcie Flagg as the Director of Registration. There is one year remaining on the position term.

Motion moved by Lou Judge, seconded by Mike Sutherland, all in favor. Motion was passed.

Amendments to Bylaws and Constitution:

There were no proposed amendments for the 2016 AGM.

Break: 19:34

Meeting Resumed: 19:42

Roll Call

Elections of Officers and Directors:

The positions up for election at the 2016 AGM are the following: President (2 year term), Vice-President (1 year term), Treasurer (2 year term), Director of Equipment-House League (2 year term), Director of Competitive Operations (2 year term), Director of Mini Soccer (1 year term), and Director at Large-Developmental Age (2 year term). Volunteer role descriptions are available on the KDSC website.

President: Mike Sutherland was nominated. There were no other nominations or volunteers. Mike Sutherland is President by acclamation.

Vice-President: Chris Moore was nominated. Cameron Duff was nominated. Chris Moore requested he be removed from nomination as he fully supports Cameron's nomination. There were no other nominations or volunteers. Cameron Duff is Vice-President by acclamation.

Treasurer: Ben Thompson volunteered to stand. There were no other nominations or volunteers. Ben Thompson is Treasurer by acclamation.

Director of Equipment-House League: Kevin O'Shea volunteered to stand. There were no other nominations or volunteers. Kevin O'Shea is Director of Equipment-House League by acclamation.

Director of Competitive Operations: Rob read the volunteer description of the position. There were no volunteers or nominations for the position. The position of Director of Competitive Operations remains vacant.

Director of Mini Soccer: Heather Unger volunteered to stand. There were no other nominations or volunteers. Heather Unger is Director of Mini Soccer by acclamation.

Director at Large-Developmental Age: Chris Moore was nominated. There were no other nominations or volunteers. Chris Moore is Director at Large-Developmental Age by acclamation.

The position of Director of Competitive Operations currently is vacant. Please pass the word and KDSC will advertise on the website.

Other Business:

Other business by the membership for discussion: There is a ten minute maximum per item will be allowed in order to ensure timely adjournment. If members feel the issue is unresolved it will be added to the first meeting of the new board.

- One memberships' personal story of their families experience with KDSC. Had been a positive experience for a number of years; but, concern raised with the eldest sons' poor experience endured particularly the last two seasons and thus questions the future of his son as a member within KDSC. Generally felt their concerns were not appropriately addressed by the team/coaching staff carried forward from last season and that this season there was a general lack of transparency in the spring assessment process in their son was not even offered an affiliate role with the squad for which he in the past has been associated with.
- Mike Sutherland responded. For the 2016 season based on the direct 2015 poor team experience of the boys' U13 Tier 1 and having half of the team not return for this season, the Board has made recommendation that for future years that KDSC U12 Development teams will be placed in U13 Tier 2 only to allow the segregation of OPDL and Regional teams by U14 level. Secondly, for Competitive players, there is a general standard template used by each assessor for the Competitive Assessment process that utilizes the five OSA criteria for standardization in the assessment process. Thirdly, during the assessment phase for the sessions offered, there are 3-5 assessors used that are both internal and external to the team itself. The assessment data is provided to the team representation such that they are able to make informed final team roster decisions and historically have found that the data between assessors is fairly consistent with decisions resting with the team membership. Fourthly, currently the Board of Directors is reviewing and updating the existing Competitive bylaws to address any identified gaps which will help to improve the process for volunteers for future years.
- Question raised on U10 small field sizes used this last season? Darryl Lapenskie responded that it is OSA guidelines that set the standards of field sizes for all age groups. There were a number of other factors to consider for the South Gower fields for this season, the requirement for more larger fields, more players/teams at lower age groups, wildlife-skunks ate some fields up, the summer vast heat and having no sprinklers did a number this year on the fields this season. Need to assess but recommend that for next season look to move back to full fields to get larger field sizes.
- Darryl Lapenskie reported to membership that KDSC proposing to look at putting in lights to two South Gower Fields. Requires committee work. Approximate costs looking at \$90 000 with the club looking to input \$30 000 and will look to the township and support from the community towards this initiative.

Adjournment

The next board meeting is Tuesday, November 01st, 2016 19:00 at the KDSC office. The board meets on the first Tuesday of every month and generally does not meet in the summer.

Motion to adjourn the 2016 AGM was made by Rob Fnukal, seconded by Lou Judge, all in favor. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned 20:35