

Kemptonville District Soccer Club 2021 AGM

President's Report

It has been a challenging past two years navigating through the Global Pandemic.

I would like to start by thanking each and every one of our Board members and contractors for the sacrifices they made, for staying on beyond their respective committed terms and for ensuring the survival of this Club.

In March 2020, recognizing what COVID-19 could mean, the Board met on an emergency basis and voted on reducing all non-essential costs. This included suspending payments to all of our contractor roles. This is a measure that the EODSA, ERSL and the OCSL all failed to take, adding additional burden to financially strained Clubs. This move ensured the continuance of our Club and we would have had to file for bankruptcy had this measure not been taken.

Our Club historically carried a financial reserve of ~\$30k+ to ensure that we could meet cash flow obligations and that we could plan for future improvements. This reserve was wiped out in paying for a season that did not take place and in covering life support costs throughout the Pandemic. We ran our not-for-profit Club for nearly two years without revenues and had soccer not taken place this past summer, we likely would have filed for bankruptcy.

It was a joy seeing soccer played this summer and it was a breath of fresh air returning to some sense of normalcy. It was not a normal season, having Health Unit rules finalized at the 11th hour and having planned and kicked off a season in less than two weeks. We played in Kemptonville only this past year, which de-risked potential Health Unit guidance changes and we saw the return of ~60% of our pre-pandemic members. We were very happy with this number, given the late and quick season start, and given the fact that the Pandemic continued.

We look forward to a more traditional in 2022!

Mike Sutherland