

President's Report
2021/22 Soccer Season
Kemptville District Soccer Club

The 2021/22 season began as a challenge, with continuing to rebuild the financial depth of the Club from a critically low of \$20 in the bank during our COVID-cancelled season to the challenges that we faced with the Ontario Soccer Association's new card system. Despite these challenges our Members returned, we returned to the EODSL travel soccer and we re-built our financial reserves to more than pre-pandemic levels, which we now know is very, very necessary.

It was fantastic to return to a normal season.

This is my last year as Club President, with more than 20 years of volunteering as a coach, as the Director of Competitive Soccer and then taking on the President role 8 years ago. I am proud that we were an early adapter of Development soccer, our Club is much stronger as a result. I am proud that we invest in coach development, in referee development and that we fund making our soccer support structure stronger. I am proud that we made early decisions during the early uncertainty of the pandemic that allowed us to avoid bankruptcy and I am proud that we have such a great group of volunteers on the Board that make our program one of the best in the region. We cannot operate without these volunteers and they are under-appreciated for what they put into the roles and what they deliver to make soccer in Kemptville great.

The Club is set to be stronger financially go forward and the proper strategic direction is in place to ensure continued growth, competitive success and improvement. Our Club knows what we are and what we are not. It is a place where players can play with their friends, where they can enjoy continuous improvement and success on the field and where they can learn that passion to play soccer for life.

Thank you to all of our players, parents, referees, coaches, team managers, contract roles and to our Board volunteers. We could not do this without you.

It has been an honour and a privilege in serving the Club,

Mike

President of Kemptville Soccer (at least until the AGM)