

FITZROY HARBOUR SOCCER CLUB

2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, 30 January 2016, 1:30 PM, Kinburn Community Centre, Kinburn

Arrival and Sign-in – at 1:30 pm 19 members were in attendance and 9 of those present each brought a single proxy representation. President Dave Howe called the meeting to order at 1:40 pm and the Secretary Colin Smith did a roll call. The following teams were represented: Dambusters, United, Wanderers and Men's Rec. After approximately 15 minutes two more members came to the meeting.

President's Address – Dave welcomed and thanked attendees. He also thanked members of the Board of Directors for their efforts on behalf of the club during the 2015 season.

The President then reviewed the main points of the season:

- We ran an unplanned deficit in 2015, there was some unforeseen expenses and reduced revenue from memberships and the Tournament.
- There is a general reduction in membership across the soccer community
- This year we expect to have four teams and because of the deficit charitable donations are not planned.
- We are pleased to have the backstops installed at the Fitzroy fields.

Dave reported on the recent EODSA and SGM (Special General Meeting). The AGM was completed within an hour but the SGM lasted three hours and was contentious as it was related to breaking away from the OSA. The motion wasn't passed but a working group will be put together and most likely there will be another meeting around the end of April (we'll have to attend or face a fine). The registration tool, AMES, is being replaced and some concerns were made about where the personal data goes.

G. Avann asked if the OSA was represented at the SGM. They were but didn't comment apart from stating that they will look into things. A potential issue with the EODSA leaving the OSA is that the CSA only recognizes one provincial jurisdiction.

A full transcript of the President's report is attached to the minutes. A motion was made by T. Rachwalski to accept the report and seconded by S. Jones. The motion was carried.

Secretary's Report – Colin Smith gave a summary of the executive meetings during 2015 and also the minutes of the 2015 AGM. A motion to accept both was made by B. Green and seconded by G. Williams. The motion was carried.

Tournament Report – Shar Sumner gave a report on the Tournament; major points were:

- We had fewer teams in 2015 – 22. The fields at WCSS weren't used as they are poor and Kinburn wasn't used as it is small
- We had 13 volunteers, the referees were good and there were no issues with them.
- There were no red cards until a shoot-out in a final game. Eight yellow cards were issued.
- The proposed date for the 2016 Tournament is September 16.

T. Rachwalski mentioned that food is traditionally the main source of income at the Tournament and wondered if that was considered in the future. Shar responded by stating that we need more volunteers if we wish to supply food and we need somebody to organize the Tournament in 2016.

There was some additional discussion about approaching Maple Grove to organize the Tournament for us or combining a Tournament with Kanata but commensurate follow-up interest was minimal.

Shar added that the 4 canopies that were purchased in 2015 were put to good use and also thanked the Tournament volunteers.

M. Mellor proposed acceptance of the Tournament report, it was seconded by M. Mellor and the motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report – Steve Pogson presented the following:

1. Treasurer's Report including details on:
 - a. Bank Account
 - b. Reserve Fund
 - c. Financial History
 - d. Operating Statement
 - e. Registration Fees
 - f. Accountants
 - g. Three proposals
2. Balance sheet for 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015
3. Operating Statement Summary covering years 2014, 2015
4. Tournament Summary covering years 2013, 2014, 2015
5. Proposed Budget for 2016

Steve reported that from a financial and membership aspect the club is in decline. From the operating statement we had to pay for both fields at Fitzroy as we have the only teams playing there and the lining fees went up by 20%.

The accountant report is still pending from Bradley & Associates but no major surprises are expected. With respect to the Tournament summary it was pointed out that fewer teams means less revenue but fixed costs don't change.

J. Akers asked if we had looked into the cost of buying a field liner. The response

stated that we used to have one but it wasn't well maintained by the community centre and went out of service.

The Treasurer's proposals were discussed:

1. To retain Bradley & Associates as accountants:

A motion to accept was put forward by T. Rachwalski, seconded by D. Howe and the motion was carried.

2. To apply a late membership payment surcharge of \$50:

A motion to accept was put forward by S. Pogson, seconded by B. Green and the motion was carried.

3. Budget for 2016:

This provoked much discussion before conclusion with the assistance of some on-the-fly rapid mathematical computation. Salient points were:

From K. Williamson "it's ok to go in the red." R. Inchley countered that we should strive to break even. T. Rachwalski stated at we should go in with a balanced budget and maybe it's ok to end up with a small deficit.

B. Green asked if we know how our proposed fees are in line with other clubs. S. Sumner responded that they are similar to Almonte and the Bears. L. Norgaard asked if we should have different (lower) rates for new members.

T. Rachwalski said that in hindsight we should have increased the membership fee by a small amount (\$10) each year. S. Jones said that we need to be careful to retain the membership that we already have and B. Green asked if people are prepared to pay the increase.

D. Howe stated that the banquet doesn't attract new members and J. Adams said that the banquet means nothing to him. S. Pogson advised that if there was no banquet we may not need to increase fees.

S. Jones achieved, by his standards, a high degree of congruence by proposing that we hold an annual "Curry Banquet" where attendees pay for their own food and the ten and twenty year mugs are awarded. This proposal was universally accepted. G. Avann proposed an amendment to also include the annual player award trophies but it wasn't seconded.

After some computations it was finally agreed that the fee increase should be \$10 for members and \$10 for the 4 game pack. Student fees were left unchanged. One set of uniforms will also remain in the budget.

B. Green proposed that the modified budget be accepted with J. Akers seconding and the motion was carried.

S. Pogson agreed to update the budget as per final discussion and it's the updated version that is attached to these minutes.

Election of Director's and Officers

Prior to the meeting Shar Sumner offered to be President for 2016. There were no other nominations so Shar was acclaimed as President.

There were no nominations for Vice-President and the position wasn't filled.

Prior to the meeting Derek Curry offered to be Secretary for 2016. There were no other nominations so Derek was acclaimed as Secretary.

Steve Pogson will carry on as Treasurer.

The position of Registrar wasn't discussed.

There were several volunteers for Officer positions, all positions were unchallenged but some were not filled.

Board of Director and Officer positions for 2016:

Directors

President:	Shar Sumner
Vice President:	None
Treasurer:	Steve Pogson
Secretary:	Derek Curry
Registrar:	Bob Green

Voting Officers

Men's Rep:	Jack Adams
Head Coach	Gary Avann
Officer at Large	T. Rachwalski/G. Williams (one vote)

Other Officers

Web Master:	None
Tournament:	None
Indoor Soccer:	Richard Bekolay
Trophies/Service Awards:	Richard Inchley
Equipment Manager:	Shar Sumner/Mike Mellor
"Curry Banquet":	Eric Meyer

Gary Avann said that he would try to find a Web Master and also advised that this will be his last year as Head Coach. It was noted that we plan on having a Tournament but don't have a Tournament Organizer. S. Sumner stated that we will have to cancel the Tournament if the position isn't filled by 1 March.

Coaches and Managers for 2013 Season

- Dambusters K. Williamson, G. Avann

- United B. Green plus TBD
- Wanderers R. Bekolay, G. Avann
- Men's Rec. S. Sumner, J. Adams
- United Bob Green, Stuart Jones

Dates to Note –

Team applications have to be made by 1 May (Shar will be making the applications)
 Player registration will be on-line via the club web site, the cut-of date is 30 April.
 The Tournament go/no go decision date is 1 March.

Other Business -

- Shar advised on recent changes at the OCSL. This is as per the Executive meeting minutes of 18 January 2016 plus a ruling that if a game is abandoned each club has to pay half of the refereeing fee.
- All teams are to email Shar with respect to their equipment status.
- For outdoor training T. Rachwalski and S. Sumner will organize the Kinburn sessions and G. Avann will organize the pre-season training at Carp.

Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm

**Fitzroy Harbour Soccer Club
2016 AGM**

AGENDA

**Saturday, January 30th from 1:30-4:00 pm,
Kinburn Community Centre, 3045 Kinburn Side Rd.**

1. Call to Order (D. Howe)
2. Roll Call (C. Smith)
3. President's Report (D. Howe) *Short summary of activities and highlights in 2015.
Review of agenda for this meeting.*
4. Secretary's report (C. Smith) *Summary of directors meetings in 2015, review and
approval of minutes of previous AGM*
5. Tournament Report (S. Sumner)
6. Treasurer's Report (S. Pogson) *2015 Operating Statement / Balance Sheet, proposed
membership fee structure for 2016, Proposed budget for 2016, status of 2015
accountant review*
7. Elections of Directors and Officers (D. Howe)
*Nominations are required for the following 2-year Director positions:
Vice President, Secretary*

*Nominations are required for the following 1-year Officer positions:
Head Coach, Officer(s) at Large, Men's Playing Representative, Women's Playing
Representative (TBD)*
8. Elections and appointments for Other Club Positions (D. Howe)
*Web Master, Tournament Organizer, Indoor Soccer, Trophies/Service Awards,
Equipment Manager, Banquet Organizer*
9. Proposals for Teams / Coaches (D. Howe)
Dambusters, United, Wanderers, DubC, Just For Kicks
10. Upcoming dates/deadlines (D. Howe)
Registration, Outdoor Training, 2016 Tournament, 2016 Banquet, Equipment returns
11. Other Business (all)
12. Adjournment (D. Howe)

FHSC AGM - Held at Kinburn Community Centre, January 30, 2016

President's Report

Welcome to all attendees and thanks for turning up to support the club. I'm sure we'd all prefer just to turn up and play soccer without any of the adminstrivia but this is the reality of organized sport and we wouldn't exist as a club if we didn't all pitch in at meetings and events like this throughout the year. As the outgoing President I'll keep my comments brief and just reflect on a couple of items from last year.

You'll hear from our Treasurer shortly regarding our operating statement for last year. We did run a deficit last year of over \$3K. We did not plan to run a deficit and as the outgoing President of the club I don't feel good about it. Steve will go into the details behind the financials but underlying all of it were some unplanned expenses and reduced revenues both from memberships and the tournament. On reflection we probably shouldn't be surprised by those two data points as the EODSA informed us at the start of the year that they were down in both clubs and registrations. In 2015, our club was no different. The lesson behind all of this is when you are a smaller club every nickel counts. Being in the red versus being in the black can be a bit of a tightrope walk if you plan to run a balanced budget.

We have a healthy bank balance so this isn't the end of the world but it does force us to look harder at every expenditure in the coming years if we remain at the same size and want to keep membership fees low. One of the impacts of the deficit last year was our inability to fully implement the process we put in place to manage charitable donations. When it became clear that revenues were not going to be sufficient to cover expenses the club executive did not think it was prudent to take on an additional hit to the bottom line. Maybe later in this meeting or at a subsequent meeting the club should have some further dialogue on this process as it became clear through the year that there are some strong passions both for and against the club making such donations.

On the field last year, we had some fun. A new MR team brought some fresh blood into the club and our Masters team were the high flyers of the year. Some of our teams again struggled for numbers and this has unfortunately led to the WR team folding for 2016. Chantal informed me last week that there was insufficient interest in the remaining team members to put forward a team. So for 2016 we will be down to four clubs which we'll need to bolster with strong squads.

The other item of note from 2015, was the installation of a backstop for the main field at Fitzroy. This has been talked about for years and we finally got agreement from the city, and the community centre to jointly fund it. I believe this is a sensible use of the field development fund and is a way of continuing to be part of the Fitzroy community. A big thanks to Gwyn and Steve for getting the ball rolling on this.

I'll end my report with a special thanks to all of the club members, especially those who have sat as directors and officers for their support and friendship over my last four years on the executive.