

FITZROY HARBOUR SOCCER CLUB

AGM Minutes 15 January 2017

Location: Kinburn Community Centre, 1.30pm Start.

Agenda

- Roll Call
- Review of 2016 AGM Minutes
- President's Report
- Secretary's Report
- Tournament Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Election of Board Members
- Dates to Note
- Any other business

Roll Call

19 members were in attendance, with a further 9 proxies put forward.

Review of 2016 AGM Minutes

Copies of the 2016 AGM minutes, as well as the 2017 Treasurer's Report, were handed out at the start of the AGM for review.

President's Report

Shar Sumner presented the following topics:

- The MR6 DubC Team had a successful season with just one defeat, and are looking to play MR4 this coming season.
- This will be Shar's last year as Club President, and in addition, has been appointed as chairwoman for the OCSL.
- As this is FHSC's 30th anniversary and the 25th year for the annual tournament, we should look to commemorate these events.
- After a series of SGMs, EODSA took the decision to file for bankruptcy in order to avoid further repercussions from a longstanding lawsuit brought about by the owner of Oz Merchandising.
- Changes in the way that the City of Ottawa assigns home soccer fields for 2017, means that FHSC cannot guarantee field availability for practice or game nights.

Ian MacDonald enquired into the current relationship between FHSC and West Carleton Soccer Club, with respect to graduating players. No-one was familiar with the West Carleton board members and the relationship is not strong at the moment. We have been and will continue to look at West Carleton sharing the cost of field lining.

Secretary's Report

Derek Curry shared a summary of 7 board meetings held over the course of the past year.

- April 4, 2016 – Focused on an Article 4 Constitution Amendment to support interact payment through a single signatory for bank transactions, as well as player registration and the current financial operating statement.
- April 25, 2016 – Focused again on player registration, plus equipment supplies and the upcoming training sessions. It was identified that we should ensure player registration is encouraged prior to the OCL deadline for team withdrawals.
- June 13, 2016 – Identified that pre-season friendlies are a good way to ensure that teams are acquainted and ready for the start of the league season. A date was set for the annual Fitzroy Tournament, and a decision was taken to partially subsidize the MR6 Team when participating in the Kingston Tournament, in lieu of participation in the Fitzroy Tournament.
- August 8, 2016 – Ensured documentation was collated for EODSA Membership renewal. Renewal of First Aid Equipment was planned for the close season, and an approach to West Carleton was discussed for sharing the cost of field lining.
- October 17, 2016 – Discussed opening player registration for 2017 immediately after the AGM, MR6 Team moving to MR4 and plans to purchase one new game ball per team for 2017. Reviewed the Fitzroy Tournament profits. Discussed plans for the upcoming curry night/combined awards presentation and also plans for commemorating the club and tournament anniversaries in 2017. The current board members also agreed to remain in their roles for one more season, at least.
- November 24, 2016 – Reviewed player anniversaries. Discussed the latest EODSA SGMs regarding the EODSA option to file for bankruptcy.
- January 9, 2017 – Prepared for upcoming AGM. Reviewed candidates for lifetime club membership.

Concerns were expressed over moving to a single signatory for online transactions. While the Club Constitution aims to cap outgoings at \$8000 per annum for soccer governing institutions and at \$5000 per annum for non-soccer governing institutions, there is nothing in place with the bank currently to enforce this.

Richard Bekolay motioned to accept the Secretary's Report, seconded by Frank Shepherd and the report was accepted.

Bob Green motioned to accept a single signatory on bank transactions, seconded by Mike Mellor and this was carried.

Frank Shepherd motioned to accept the Constitution Amendment, seconded by Derek Curry and this was carried.

Tournament Report

Shar Sumner presented a summary of the Annual Fitzroy Tournament.

- There was good club signup and 24 seems to be the optimum target for paying team entries.
- There was a lot of positive feedback on the referees assigned, with only one red card and 14 yellow cards shown within old-timers.
- The tournament involved 44 games using 6 fields, supported by 11 volunteers.

Frank Shepherd enquired whether we track major injuries, but no-one was aware of any.

Ian Macdonald enquired whether we ensured that teams rotated through the Carp fields over lunch in order to take advantage of the food provided, and increase revenue. This was not the case, as the schedule and field assignments for 2016 were based on divisions and division sizes. This is something we should keep in mind for 2017.

Andy Homan enquired as to whether we had enough canopies. We were one short in 2016, but will ensure we have one per field for 2017.

There was discussion around the fact that the Saigon Team had 25 players dressed to play when the rules legislate for only 22. This was addressed on the day and we should monitor this again in 2017.

Ian Macdonald enquired into the guest rules, thinking they are overgenerous and that teams have been known to stack their team. The rules call for a 3 club player (from up to 2 divisions up) and a 3 guest limit, and this is tighter than the Kanata Tournament or league rules.

Keith Williamson motioned to accept the Tournament Report, seconded by Troy Rachwalski and the report was accepted.

Treasurer's Report

Steve Pogson presented the attached Treasurer's Report.

Stuart Jones enquired as to whether player registration factored in tournament participation, but was told that this was removed in a previous season.

Steve Pogson explained that field rental costs were reduced, given that we no longer have a ladies team or use the OzDome for training, and that the 2017 budget includes spending on renewing the first aid kits.

Steve Pogson motioned to accept budget proposals for tournament budget, tournament team entry and player fees, seconded by Stuart Jones and this was carried.

Troy motioned to accept the proposal for a \$50 late payment surcharge on player registration, effective 23 April (ahead of the OCSL team withdrawal deadline date of 1 May), seconded by Mike Mellor and this was carried.

Troy motioned to accept Steve Pogson's proposal to continue to engage Bradley and Associates for Accounting Services, seconded by Stuart Jones and this was carried.

Election of Board Members

- **Webmaster:** Bob Green offered up **Mike Arnkvarn**, else **Bob Green** himself to fill this role, seconded by Jack Adams and accepted.
- **Equipment Manager:** **Shar Sumner** offered to fill this role, seconded by Steve Pogson, and accepted.
- **Head Coach:** **Eric Mayer** offered to fill this role with support from Gary Avann, seconded by Keith Williamson, and accepted.
- **Tournament Organizer:** Since no-one else offered to accept this role, **Shar Sumner** said she would take this role one more time, seconded by Gwyn Williams and accepted.
- **Vice President:** There were no offers to accept this role and team coaches are encouraged to reach out to players over the next 2 weeks for a volunteer.
- **Treasurer:** **Steve Pogson** agreed to continue in the role.
- **Men's Representative:** **Jack Adams** was nominated by Shar Sumner, seconded by Stuart Jones and accepted.

Frank Shepherd enquired as to whether charging players to attend practice would encourage attendance and commitment, but general opinion was that this would have a negative effect. The same was said regarding switching practice to another night of the week.

If booking the training sessions in Kinburn becomes an issue, we should seek to secure a practice field close to Kanata.

Dates to Note

- Player registration opens **16 Jan 2017**.
- Late payment surcharge for player registration is effective after **23 April 2017**.
- OCSL deadline for team withdrawal, after which there is a \$500 surcharge, is **1 May 2017**.

Any other business

- Andy Homan will assume the role of Team manager for Fitzroy Wanderers Masters Team.
- Ian Macdonald enquired whether we can appoint a Recruitment Manager for the club. We will seek a suitable candidate for the role. Keith Williamson pointed out that

Arnprior have been advertising for players on the local radio station and that is an option open to the club.

- Colin Smith and Frank Shepherd were announced as newly appointed lifetime members of the club, in recognition of their services over the years.
- While we will continue to combine the curry night with the awards presentation, Keith Williamson motioned that we hold a separate club 30th anniversary dinner, seconded by Stuart Jones, with Eric Mayer and Troy Rachwalski to present cost options, capped at a \$5000 upper limit, inviting past members and encouraging those who attend to bring any photos or memorabilia. This was carried.
- Furthermore, Shar Sumner proposed the date for this event to be 19 August, seconded by Eric Mayer, and carried.
- The next FHSC Board meeting will focus on team equipment distribution, including balls, nets, corner flags, first aid kits and new shirts for the Masters Team.

Adjournment

Proposed by Shar Sumner, seconded by Rob Sutherland. Accepted 4.15pm.

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