

**MINUTES**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**West Ottawa Soccer Club Inc.**  
**For the Year Ending September 31st, 2016**

Held on Tuesday, January 24, 2017  
At the Richcraft Recreation Complex, Minto Room  
4101 Innovation Drive, Kanata ON

1. Call to Order - meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM
  
2. Establishment of Quorum - The club has 62 members in good standing for the AGM, 31 members required for quorum. 11 members attended and 22 were represented by proxy for a total of 33. Quorum is established.
  
3. Approval of the agenda, Moved by Drew Love, seconded by Dirk Bouwer to approve the agenda. Passed without dissension.
  
4. Approval of Minutes of the Previous AGM - Moved by Jeff Seeton, seconded by Rick Blaiklock, to approve the minutes of the January 26th, 2016 AGM. Passed without dissension. Questions from the floor; Are minutes posted? Contrary to the initial answer given by the GM, the minutes are in fact posted on the club website under the AGM tab
  
5. Presentation of Officers' Reports - The President made a verbal report covering the club's admission into League 1 Ontario, progress at the Wesley Clover Facility and the current status of the Eastern Ontario District Soccer Association. Moved by Drew Love, seconded by Stephanie Potter on behalf of Steve Rosettani (proxy) to receive the President's report, Passed without dissension. Questions from the floor:
  - Given the current situation at the EODSA should the club be sending any funds to the EODSA? The club will be very careful to ensure that any funds sent to the EODSA will not become entangled in the bankruptcy proceedings.
  - What is the likelihood of a future dome at the Wesley Clover Facility? At this time it is not likely given the property is owned by the NCC and its desire to maintain a certain natural aesthetic.
  
6. Treasurer's Report - The treasurer made a verbal report covering the changes to and the highlights of the Club's finances during the year. The report noted that the Club was financially very healthy; that the cash reserves allow the Club to consider and pursue facility

opportunities; and that the challenge going forward was to bring in more non-fee revenue to support elite programs. Moved by Colin Arsenault on behalf of Andre Fortier (proxy), seconded by Drew Love to receive the Treasurer's Report. Passed without dissension.

Questions from the floor:

- Members posed a number of questions about the \$500,000 contribution to the Wesley Clover Foundation. These questions revolved around the risks, the agreements and the benefits that would accrue to the club as a result of the relationship with the Wesley Clover Foundation. In response, the board replied that though the current situation is not ideal there were operations agreements in place for 2015 and 2016. There is a Memorandum of understanding in place which articulates exclusive benefits to the club for a period on not less than 15 years and that a detailed operations agreement is in draft form for multiple years commencing in 2017 and should be signed in the next few months. Overall the board feels the risk is manageable and that this initiative conforms to the strategic plan.
- Does the board have the authority to spend \$500,000 without consulting the members? As per the minutes of the last AGM the members were informed that the Club was actively pursuing this opportunity. In the end the board does not have to consult the members. If the members disagree with decisions of the board then it is the right and responsibility of the members to seek to elect different directors.
- Has the club been approached by DND regarding usage of the facility during the daytime? No, but the Club will monitor the impact of DND employees working in the area and explore the opportunity.
- What was the cause of the drop in sponsorship monies? Subway discontinued its support of local organizations as a result of a review of its marketing objectives. Tim Horton's now sends the club uniforms and balls as opposed to a cash donation. The club was also focused on internal reorganization and there were no staff members able to pursue new sponsorship opportunities.
- Could more information regarding the finances be sent to members in advance of the meeting? Yes, the board committed to ensuring that information be made available at least 48 hours in advance of the next AGM.

7. Report of the Auditors - At the time of the AGM the financial statements were only in draft form and as such the receipt of the Auditors report has been deferred.

8. Appointment of Auditors - Moved by Dina Bell-Laroche, seconded by Dirk Bouwer to appoint Collins Barrow LLP as the auditors for the coming fiscal year. Passed without dissension.

Questions from the floor:

- How long has Collins Barrow been the auditor? Since the club's inception in 2011. They were successful when the club sought tenders for the assignment. They had previously been the auditors of the Kanata City Soccer Club.
9. Election of New Directors - The Club would like to thank outgoing Director at Large Peter Kuciak for his many years of effort in support of the club. The club especially appreciates Peter's role in establishing the relationship with the Wesley Clover Foundation. The following directors were elected:
- Dirk Bouwer, Vice President (2 years) by acclamation
  - Sam Sgabellone, Treasurer (2 years) by acclamation.
  - Rick Blaiklock, Director at Large (2 years), by vote.
  - Drew Love, Director at Large (2 years), by vote.
10. Adjournment - There being no further business the meeting was concluded. Moved by Dirk Bouwer, seconded by Rick Blaiklock to adjourn the meeting. Passed without dissension.

The board and a number of the members remained and had informal discussions on various issues which the General Manager will address over the coming year.