



**Meeting Minutes
Annual General Meeting
West Ottawa Soccer Club Inc.
Year ending September 30, 2021**

**Monday, January 25th, 2022 at 7:00pm
Virtually through Google Meet**

1. **Call to Order** - meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM
2. **Establishment of Quorum** - The club has 32 members in good standing for the AGM, 16 members required for quorum. 18 members attended and 13 were represented by proxy for a total of 31. Quorum is established.
3. **Approval of the agenda** - Moved by Jeff Seeton, seconded by Steve Rosettani to approve the agenda. Passed without dissension.
4. **Approval of Minutes of the Previous AGM** – Moved by Brian Mason, seconded Jeff Seeton to approve the minutes of the January 22nd, 2021 AGM for Year ending September 30th, 2020. Passed without dissension.
5. **Approval of Minutes of the Previous SGM** – Moved by Gregory Ptolemy, seconded Steve Rosettani to approve the minutes of the March 22nd, 2021 SGM for Year ending September 30th, 2020. Passed without dissension.
6. **Presentation of Officers' Reports –**
One Officer's Report was delivered – The President's Report.

The President made a verbal report covering the year during a yet again, challenging reporting period due to COVID-19 delays and lockdowns that saw the pandemic directly affect our club's programs, members, and staff. WOSC was focused on overcoming all of the pandemic adversity we were very pragmatic in following a logical; practical and sensible approach to engaging with the soccer playing community; soccer governing bodies; local and provincial health organizations as we followed Return to Play (RTP) restriction after restriction.

A technical update was provided that first addressed the newly hired Kwame Telemaque as Technical Director with a special mention & thank you to WOSC's previous TD, Kristina Kiss. Highlights addressed were the collaborative and creative scheduling focus for our on-field coaching hours throughout various blocks of the year to reduce club expenses,

receiving the highest level of recognition from a club perspective (awarded to Canadian Youth Licensing provisional membership) as a 'member in good standing', the creation and soon to be rolled out and implemented of the new "Warrior Mentality", WOSC's Wee Warrior program selling out even coming out of a covid lockdown this past fall (Thank you to Cathy Briggs), our OPDL and representative programs returning to normal participating, and finally our recreational programs nearly recovering and exceeding in some areas for registration to pre-covid levels.

An operation update was provided that addressed the delivery of numerous solutions throughout the pandemic, such as WOSC's fitness program that moved from an external vendor to an inhouse approach with a dedicated fitness regimen implemented, successfully obtained government grants to support two (2) student hires for the summer, continued leverage of government subsidy programming to provide financial relief during our numerous lockdowns (thank you for David & Greg), hired new auditors for 2022 and have successfully provided audited statements for this year's AGM, and finally WOSC's strategic plan reviewed and updated for FY2021 to be reviewed and updated in 18-24 months.

The president also provided an update on sponsorships & grants, a new strategic initiative for the club that saw great momentum being built in 2021 due to the leadership and passion of Hank Shannon. Some highlights included receiving a Canadian Tire Canadian Tire Jumpstart Grant 10K, a Canada Student Employment Grant, a new program sponsor in Scholars for Wee Warriors and Mini Ball Mastery Programs, and a new program sponsor in Ottawa Physiotherapy & Sports Clinics to offset costs for Regional U13/18 and OPDL Teams. WOSC is currently in communication with 2 potential new sponsors for 2022.

The president provided a report on WOSC staff additions that saw Sarah Ouellette (registrar and events leads), Simon Wilshaw (U13-U17 Club Head Coach & OPDL Manager) and Shawn Edward (OPDL & Showcase Head Goalkeeper Coach) join the WOSC team.

For coach highlights and accomplishments, the President acknowledged Simon Wilshaw obtaining his UEFA Elite Youth A License, Hank Shannon completing fitness training qualifications and progressing on his Canada Soccer UEFA A License, Shawn Edward enrolling in the Canada Soccer Youth GK License, and 4 additional coaches in their final stages of completing their Canada Soccer Youth License.

For player & team highlights and accomplishments, the President acknowledged that, despite a COVID year affected by lockdowns, the Club had some amazing highlights with the 2005 Boys winning the East Division of the OPDL and crowned the Gary Miller Community Shield Champions. 6 players from the 2003 Showcase Girls program committing to varsity university programs, and 5 players from the 2003 Showcase Boys program committing to varsity university programs.

In closing, the president acknowledged that the WOSC Board of Directors would like to extend their thanks to all of our staff and coaches, for their hard work in showing true resilience this year as we look to come out on the other side of the pandemic. Thanks to our community for continuing to have faith in the WOSC way!

Moved by Jeff Seeton, seconded by Nick Covelli to accept the President's Report. Passed without dissension.

7. **Treasurer's Report -**

The Treasurer did not present a Treasurer's report and instead spoke to the complete audited financials presented for Year ending 2021 with corresponding financial schedules.

As no Treasurer's report was presented, there was no need for a motion.

8. **Report of the Auditors -**

The Treasurer spoke to the complete audited financials presented for Year ending 2021 with corresponding financial schedules, prepared by **Kelly Huibers McNeely Chartered Accountants**.

The Treasurer acknowledged that Year ending 2021 was disappointing as anticipated or expected due to the pandemic and return to play restrictions/lockdowns. A question raised from the floor was whether the Club ended up in the 'red or black'. The Treasurer acknowledged that the Club ended up with a surplus for this reporting period that was 40% attributable to the way we operate and 60% due to the government subsidies that we received, such as the Canadian wage subsidy or rent subsidy. Special thanks to David Cooper and the team at **Kelly Huibers McNeely Chartered Accountants** this past reporting period.

Moved by Jeff Seeton, seconded by Colin Arsenault to accept the Report of the Auditors. Passed without dissension.

9. **Appointment of Auditors -**

Kelly Huibers McNeely Chartered Accountants have completed their first year of a three (3) year contract as the auditors for the Club. There was no motion required for this item.

10. **Election of New Directors -**

Going into the AGM, the club has seven (7) current board members with four (4) spots up for election: the position of President and three (3) positions of Director at Large. Three (3)

members were up for extensions and 1 (one) new individual was nominated. The following directors were elected by acclamation:

- Steve Rosettani, President (2 year) by acclamation
- Jeff Seeton, Director at Large (2 year) by acclamation.
- Julie Springer-Aass, Director at Large (2 year) by acclamation.
- Marriam Kinny, Directory at Large (2 year) by acclamation

As a result, the board members for the club moving forward into the reporting period ending 2021 are as follows:

- #A. Steve Rosettani, President (2 year)
- #B. Rick Blaiklock, Vice President (1 year)
- #C. Greg Ptolemy, Treasurer (1 year)
- #D. Jeff Seeton, Director at Large (2 year)
- #E. Marriam Kinny, Director at Large (2 year)
- #F. Julie Springer-Aass, Director at Large (2 year)
- #G Nick Covelli, Director at Large (1 year)

11. **Adjournment** - There being no further business the meeting was concluded. Adjourned at 7:46pm.