

**2014 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Sunday January 18, 2015**

**Roll Call**

Roll Call taken of all members signed in and present at 10:30am - 24 Present  
Also present was Club Manager Pat Leonard

**Period of Remembrance**

Moment of Silence in Memory of all OMSC families who had a loss during the 2013-14 year.

**Approval of Minutes from 2013 AGM**

Motion to accept by Peter Mortson and Seconded by Chris Widdop. PASSED

**President's Address** – Peter Mortson

Peter presented a written Present's Report.

This will mark the end of my current 2 year term as club President and I am pleased to say it has been a very rewarding experience. I have been involved at the Board level for the past 5 plus years and each year I have had the privilege of working with some incredible people while watching our club grow to great heights. Every year we have volunteers come and go for various reasons and OMSC appreciates every person that puts their own time into assisting our club. After 7 plus years of service, Laura Horn has decided to step away from the Board. Laura has been primarily involved with OMSC as our sponsorship co-ordinator and has worked hard to build an incredible relationship between OMSC and our community partners. She will be missed around the club but we wish her all the best and hope to see her back in the future. Thanks Laura!

Over the past 12 months I was tasked with the added duty of Head Referee and the Indoor portfolios after the early departure of Kris Deshais from the Board. I want to thank Kris for his efforts and his continued volunteer work with the club as a coach at multiple levels is appreciated. The Indoor program this year has been a huge success and a bit surprising. We had not anticipated the number of players that registered, which forced us to add 2 more teams to our U10 and U12 divisions. If we had the space I believe we could have added more teams in both U10 and U12 and in our U8 division as well. The draw back this year was our loss of time for house league development, a program we started last Indoor session that was well received. Our hope is to add additional time next year to the program to allow for development sessions that are separate from the house league games. For this season we have designated two game days, January 25 and February 22 as development days for our U8-U12 divisions. With respect to the Head Referee position we saw quite a few new faces join the ranks of officiating this season at OMSC. It was a challenge to address referee development and it is an area of focus for the incoming Head referee. New guidelines from the OSA were implemented this season requiring mandatory fitness testing for referees to keep their level of designation. OMSC has few older referees in this category but it is our objective to continue to grow our pool of local adult referees. At closing weekend we experimented with the 2 person referee

system for our U12 division with great success. We will be looking at implementing that again this outdoor season and possibly introducing this to the older house league divisions.

Overall the club has had a strong year in all areas, most notably development and our commitment to that concept. Our success will depend on our ability to improve our grassroots programs. Over the last two outdoor seasons we have implemented a group practice initiative at our U6 and U8 house league levels. The idea was to hold a divisional practice night where any player registered with OMSC could attend and have the house league coaches run the session together. In this environment players develop similar skills, meet new friends and learn from a variety of coaches. Many parents of multiple children have remarked that the program has made better players out of their younger child and would have loved for a similar program for their oldest. I would like to thank our volunteers for making this program a continued success. The true value of the product, I think, was at Rep tryouts this year, where we saw two U9 Girls Rep teams, a first ever for OMSC at any level. A special thanks to James Cuthbertson, Chris Broom, Glenn Holmes, Blair Donnelly, Thomas Witte, Nicole Godfrey, Darryn Stephenson, Paula Bigler and Tracy Oughtred. These individuals have had a huge impact on our player development over the last 2 years, thanks so much!

Our future as a club will be based on how we grow our development programs and how we deliver our service to the community. Parents should be concerned with what their child is learning at soccer and the environment that learning takes place. More often than not parents ask about whether a game was won or lost. The two most important questions should be did you have fun and what did you learn/work on today. I cannot stress enough the importance of development over victory at all levels.

It has been a most enjoyable 2 years as OMSC President and I thank all those members that have made that possible. One of those members that has been outstanding in her efforts and due diligence with club matters is our club administrator, Pat Leonard. She has done an exceptional job during my two year term and I have appreciated her support and hard work. Thanks Pat, it's a daunting job but you do it with ease! I look forward to working with the club in the future and the many wonderful people around town involved in soccer.

### **Board of Directors Reports**

**Director of Financial Operations Report** – Anthony Irwin (absent)

**Auditor's Report** – Cathy Campbell

**Auditor's Report** – Cathy gave an overview of the auditor's report, and advised that she had found no issues with the audit and it is a clean opinion.

**Statement of Financial Position** – Cathy gave an overview of the Statement of the Financial Position of the club. She advised that the club was in a really good financial position.

**Statement of Operations** – Cathy gave an overview of the Statement of the Financial Position of the club, noting that registrations had increased, due to higher numbers and slight fee increase. Expenses were down \$24,000 from the previous year mostly due to the Stormfront tournament not being run. The ACTS field rental was also a significant decrease from the previous year due to 70 hours less rental time.

**Statement of Cash Flows** – Shows where the money comes in and where it goes.

**Notes to the Financial Statements** – Cathy gave an overview of the Notes to the Financial Statements.

Jay Dumont inquired about increased Professional Development costs. Peter explained that this was mainly due to the coaching certifications that were required for the Rep Coaches. Jay also asked about the cancelation of the Stormfront Tournament. Peter advised that as this was run on a long weekend, and the changes in the player development increased the risk of losing money on the running of the tournament.

Cathy also noted that a two year paint supply was purchased in 2014.

Geaytan Spiteri inquired about what the bad debit was. Pat advised that this amount was collected in 2015 and would be reflected in the 2015 statements.

Jay Dumont suggested saving some money by renting space in a school for the office. Peter advised that this could be investigated, but that the storage would be the problem with this. Peter did advise that potentially we could rent space with the Town at the Browns farm fields, but that ultimately the club would like to find a location that would be able to have more than just an office.

Motion to accept the Auditors Report by Peter Mortson and Seconded by Chris Widdop. PASSED.

#### **Appointment of Auditors**

Motion to appoint Cathy Campbell the auditor for next year by Peter Mortson and Seconded by Blair Donnelly. PASSED.

#### **Vice President** – Gus Rodrigues

Gus advised that as a 1<sup>st</sup> year in the position he has been working on getting the Discipline in order. During his term there were 2 house league ejections in the U18 division. In the travel teams there were also 2 ejections over the season. There were also 2 coaches with disciplinary action, one of which was unsuccessfully appealed. The club assisted with the fines as the club felt that the coaches' actions were appropriate.

We did take part in the Santa Claus Parade without a float, but hope to have a float for next year.

James Cuthbertson asked if club statics were available for discipline from the association. Gus advised that this information was not presented in that fashion from the Association at their AGM, but could be inquired on. Peter Kirchberger advised that our club was very low in this regard.

#### **Director at Large** – Chris Widdop

As there was no Stormfront Tournament this year he did not have much to do within his own job, but did assist where needed throughout the season. He also acted as the Equipment Coordinator. He felt that all the orders with Inaira went much smoother than in past years. New nets were built and placed at ODSS.

Peter Kirchberger inquired about the teams doing mass ordering of items not supplied by Inaria. Chris Widdop said that he could email all teams to have them advise of their interest.

#### **Director of Travel Teams** – Bill McBride

Bill started by noting team highlights including the 2000 Boys won the Woolwich Tournament in August. The 2002 Girls won a tournament in Lancaster New York. 2001 Girls finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in a Tournament in Muskoka. The 2000 Girls finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in their regular season and won the cup games for their division.

Bill took on the Player Development within the club. He arranged for Goalkeeper training for all the teams. He advised that this program would be continued over the winter. He has also arranged Coach Mentoring for all the rep coaches.

Bill is working with the club head coach to build a Coaching Library on the website to assist all the club coaches by providing information on drills and other tools.

The all rep coach positions have been filled. The U9 rep tryouts in particularly well attended, with over 20 players for this division. Bill would like to see the U8 development program continue to help with the rep programs going forward.

Bill would like to work on increasing community exposure by assisting with things like the Santa Claus Parade, Canada Day to try and increase the interest in soccer within Orangeville. He wants to continue to develop the coaches and players to increase player & coach retention.

Peter Kirchberger inquired about efforts being made in regards to increase rep and house league interaction, including all star teams playing rep teams. Bill advised that efforts were made to do this last outdoor, but was too late to move forward with. He was hopeful that this could be tried again in future. Peter Mortson advised that as there were no playoff games for the 12 and under house league divisions due to LTPD, but all star games were being planned in these divisions.

James Cuthbertson suggested that the Player Development programs introduced in the summer should be expanded to other divisions.

#### **Director of Outdoor House League – BJ Walker**

Bj noted that there were a full complement of convenors for the 2014 Season, and thanked them all for their assistance. Registration numbers were up in a second year in a row, and we were able to alter the use of the ODSS fields to allow the U12's to play on the proper sized fields, and purchase new nets for these fields. The BBQ on the Closing Weekend covered the expense for the Coaches Appreciation.

Glenn Holmes asked what the club is doing to increase the house league coach development. Peter Mortson advised that this was part of the coach development ideas that were being implemented by Bill McBride and that the registration was closing sooner to try to put coaches in place and do some early season training.

#### **Director of Communications & Special Events – Shan Robertson**

Communication has still been primarily via newspaper advertising. We are also involved in the Central Registration at Alder, and Social Media (Facebook & Twitter).

Peter Kirchberger asked if we do any advertising outside the area. Peter Mortson commented that we have considered this, but it is expensive. This could be considered further in future.

Blair Donnelly suggested that posters & flyers be considered for future advertising.

Glenn Holmes suggested arranging celebrity showcases, and Blair suggested arranging Orangeville Minor Soccer week with the Town of Orangeville. Peter Mortson advised that both these suggestions could be investigated.

#### **Director of Indoor House League - Vacant**

#### **Break**

Cathy Campbell leaves.

**Roll Call** – 26 voting members present (Jay Dumont present but not a voting member)

### **Old Business**

### **New Business**

### **Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws**

To add the Volunteer Recruitment Coordinator to the Constitution as added by the Board of Directors in October 2014 – submitted by Pat Leonard

### **Operating Committee**

1. Sponsorship Coordinator
2. Equipment Coordinator
3. Field Scheduling Coordinator
4. House League Convenors
5. Head Coach
- 6. Volunteer Recruitment Coordinator**

### **Duties of the Operating Committee**

#### **Volunteer Recruitment Co-ordinator**

- Develop, organize, administer and manage all volunteer recruitment for The Club
- Report as required to the Director of Communications & Special Events
- Perform such duties as delegated by the President and/or Board of Directors

Peter Mortson motioned to accept the amendment. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gus Rodrigues. PASSED.

### **Motion to Dissolve Board**

Motion to dissolve the board by Peter Mortson and Seconded by Gus Rodrigues. PASSED.

### **Election of the Board of Directors & Operating Committee**

#### **Nominations for Board of Directors**

President – Peter Mortson (accepted)

Elected – Peter Mortson

Director of Finance – Antony Irwin (accepted)

Elected – Anthony Irwin

Director of Outdoor House League – BJ Walker (accepted)

Elected – BJ Walker

Director at Large – Christos Angelou (accepted); Blair Donnelly (accepted); Chris Widdop (declined).

Elected – Christos Angelou

Director of Indoor – Chris Broom (accepted); James Cuthbertson (accepted)

Elected – Chris Broom

### **Nominations for Operating Committee**

Convenor – U12 & U14 Girls – Geaytan Spiteri (accepted). Elected  
Referee in Chief – James Cuthbertson (declined); Bair Donnelly (declined); Peter Sotera (declined) – Vacant.  
Volunteer Recruitment Coordinator – James Cuthbertson (declined) – Vacant.  
Field Scheduler – Chris Widdop (declined); Jason Leonard (accepted) – Elected.  
Head Coach – James Cuthbertson (accepted); Jay Dumont (accepted)  
Elected – Jay Dumont  
Equipment Manager – Chris Widdop (accepted); Blair Donnelly (accepted)  
Elected – Chris Widdop  
Sponsorship Coordinator – Blair Donnelly (accepted) – Elected.  
Convenor – Tiny Tots – Kris Deshaies (accepted) – Elected.  
Convenor – U6 & U8 Boys – James Cuthbertson (accepted) – Elected.  
Convenor – U6 & U8 Girls – Kim Bentley (accepted) – Elected.  
Convenor – U10 Girls – Glenn Holmes (accepted) – Elected.  
Convenor – U10 Boys – Vacant.  
Convenor – U12 & U14 Boys – Peter Sotera (accepted) – Elected.  
Convenor – U18 – Carmine Paolucci (accepted) – Elected.

Motion to destroy the ballots by Peter Mortson Seconded by Gus Rodrigues . PASSED.

Motion to adjourn by Peter Mortson Seconded by Gus Rodrigues. PASSED.