



# Minutes from 2021 Annual General Meeting Tuesday, October 26, 2021 Virtual Meeting

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**Attendance:** 36 members, 36 valid voters, 1 non-member

**Elected members of the Governing Board:**

Jonathan Markiewicz  
Dishko Hristov  
Rodney Bushey  
Rick Costa  
Ligeo Kattackal  
Olga Colgue

**Regrets**

Catherine Renaud

**Appointed Members of the Executive Committee:**

Lisa Artuso  
Christopher White

**Other Soccer Pointe-Claire voting members:**

Marilyn Lamontagne	Gary Harvey	Mara Welch
Mary O'Farrell	Zakariya Mohammed	Michael McGrath
Aziz Benzouak	Patrick Walsh	Jackie Ayotte
Annette Daley-Butcher	Christophe Leconte	Dawna Hobbs
Derek Kopke	Kim Harper	Meghan Hunt
Nick Von Roretz	Olav Kappert	Joshua Fireman
Raf Zaklama	Daoud Darazi	Nancy Cox
Carmen Cloetta	David Young	Kathay Carson
Mitchell Ferguson	Craig Buchanan	Devin Shanks
Valerie Daley		

**Non-voting attendees:**

Mark Israel (City of Pointe-Claire)

Minutes were taken by Catherine Renaud from the recorded Teams meeting.

**1. Opening of the 2021 Annual General Meeting**

**19:37: Meeting is called to order**

The meeting is chaired by Jonathan Markiewicz, (Soccer Pointe-Claire) President and assisted by Joshua Fireman who explains how the meeting will be run.

Motion to open the AGM by Olav Kappert. The motion was seconded by Mara Welch. **Motion carried.**

The link to the annual report for 2020-2021 is available to all present.

## **2. Approval of the Agenda for the 2021 Annual General Meeting**

A Motion to approve the agenda was made by Rodney Bushey and it was seconded by Dishko Hristov. **Motion carried.**

## **3. Review and Adoption of the Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting**

The minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting (AGM) were reviewed.

Dishko Hristov made a motion to approve the minutes from the 2020 AGM and this motion was seconded by Olga Colque. **Motion carried**

## **4. Executive and other Reports – only President, Finance and Technical reports will be presented.**

### **President's Report:**

Jonathan Markiewicz presents his report. The full report is available on the Soccer Pointe-Claire website, under the AGM tab, in the 2020-2021 Annual Report.

Highlights of the president's report:

- 97% of our members returned to soccer this summer, one of the highest rate in the Region
- This showed the Community support towards Soccer Pointe-Claire with members wanting to be active and staying safe while respecting the sanitary protocols
- Soccer Pointe-Claire thanks the City of Pointe-Claire for the improvement of the infrastructures (turfing of TC1 in 2021 and resurfacing TC2 and TC3 in 2022).
- This season Soccer Pointe-Claire launched a new logo and added sponsors on our jerseys.
- The future of the club structure calls for proactive governance, sustainable administration, collaborative management and directed operations.
- The CDC training system has been implemented.
- Long term includes a policy review as well as long term planning.

Questions and comments from the floor:

Q: How long will TC2 and TC3 be unavailable during the summer next year?

A: We have asked the city and it should take one month per field, and they will be done sequentially, so not both at the same time. We are not sure of the start date.

### **Financial Report:**

Ligeo Kattackal presents the financial report.

In summary, we ended the year with a 43,000\$ surplus, mainly because a reduced spend on Technical, increased number of registrants (which was a surprise and not budgeted). This has permitted us to eliminate the club deficit that we had accumulated for the last 4 years.

The goal is now to remain self-sufficient in the upcoming years.

The financial summary is presented. In comparison to 2020, in 2021, there were increased revenues in registrations and sponsorships, and a reduction in federal and municipal Covid subsidies. For the expenses, they are lower partly because we did not have a winter program and partly because of the difficulty to staff all the positions we have.

The balance sheet shows that we are in a good position for the cash in bank, but we do have liabilities owed to institutions or creditors. The actual net cash available to the club is about 10 to 15,000\$. From an operational standpoint, it is not sufficient to be able to continually run our club, we do it by managing our expenses over several months. The long-term debt is the federal \$40,000 loan that if we repay by 2023, we only need to repay \$30,000.

The Provincial license has several financial ratio obligations that we must maintain. There is the Current Ration (Current assets over current liabilities) where we do not meet the criteria and that we will work to attain next year.

For the 3rd year in a row, we will have our financial statements reviewed by Thorton Grant and Chabot. This will be done within a week and any member wanting to see them can request them from the club starting in mid-December.

Questions and comments from the floor:

Q: What is the long-term debt and what are the plans to pay it down?

A: The long-term debt is the federal \$40,000 loan that if we repay by 2023, we only need to repay \$30,000.

Q: Will you announce when the auditor's report is available?

A: The 2019 and 2020 reports are already available and are available at the office and can be requested at any time and the 2021 report should be ready by mid or end of December.

Q: How were the sponsors found?

A: solicited West Island companies last January

**Technical Report:**

Jonathan Markiewicz presents the Technical report. The full Technical report is available on the Soccer Pointe-Claire website, under the AGM tab, in the 2020-2021 Annual Report.

It has been a roller coaster year, with the Technical Director Frederic Bakhach-Lord leaving the club for family reasons, and the person hired as Sporting Director did not show up, so the job was posted again, and we are working on hiring a new Sporting Director soon.

Highlights of the Technical report:

- Season of positive return for Micro and Recreational players
- A new structure was established for the CDC, with one staff in charge of 2 age groups
- We will review and look for ways to continue to improve
- 12 youth competitive teams, overall did well and looking forward to next year
- Educators showed dedication and provided positive experience
- Actively seeking Sporting Director
- Club is looking to apply for the provincial licence

Questions and comments from the floor:

None

**5. Election of the 2021-2022 Governing Board**

There are 4 governor positions to be elected.

As part of the 2021 Nominating Committee, Joshua Fireman explains the process of the elections to the assembly including who is eligible to vote.

The mandate of the nominating committee ends two weeks prior to the general meeting. At that point the following governor nominations had been submitted to the committee:

- Olga Colque
- Dishko Hristov
- Rodney Bushey
- Daoud Darazi

Candidates introduced themselves.

Joshua Fireman calls for the Election of the Governing Board members ("Election") to commence.

Q: Are there any nominations from the floor for the Governor position?

A: No nominations

**Elected by acclamation** - Congratulations to Daoud, Dishko, Olga and Rodney!

## **6. Constitutional Amendments**

The constitution changes have been sent and are available on the website.

Constitutional changes are being proposed:

- Updates related to nomenclature
- Improved service through enhanced collaboration

One of the reasons for the changes is that the club is changing because of the Club licensing, and we need to adapt the way to run the club. Many changes have been made for nomenclature, e.g., "Federation" became "Soccer Québec". Changes were also made to reflect the differences between the Governing board and the operational committees, so that the Governing Board is able to plan for the long term.

Q: Can you give some examples of what sort of sub-committees the governing board would form, and the executive committee would form?

A: A good example is the Finance committee which is a sub-committee of the governing board, and a Tournament committee would be an example of an executive board sub-committee. Other examples are the Discipline Committee which is a standing committee that reports to the Governing Board, and the Ethics Committee reports to the Executive Committee.

The link for the constitutional change vote has been sent. Participants are being asked to vote yes or no to the constitutional changes.

Voting is open until 11 PM. Results will be sent subsequent to the meeting.

## **7. Closing of the 2021 AGM**

Closing remarks from Jonathan, welcoming Daoud to the board and looking forward to working with all the governors on the future planning.

Joshua Fireman thanks the Governors of the club on behalf of the coaches and players for all their work during the Covid pandemic to keep the club going and players active.

Kim Harper makes a motion to close the Annual General Meeting. The motion was seconded by Annette Daley-Butcher. **Motion carried.**

**Meeting adjourned at 20:46**