



SOCCER POINTE-CLAIRE
Governing board meeting minutes
Meeting #GB_22-23-04
July 11, 2023

Present – Voting members

Jonathan Markiewicz, Daoud Darazi, Rodney Bushey, Olga Colque, Ligeo Kattackal

Present – Non-voting members

Lisa Artuso, Catherine Renaud, Grant Needham

Regrets

Rick Costa, Dishko Hristov, Daniel Bertrand (City of Pointe-Claire), Tony Zuikas

Meeting called to order at 19:09. Motioned by Olga Colque seconded by Rodney Bushey.

1. Word from the President

There are 2 major things that have been improved in the past couple of years: the finances have been sorted out and we have established what we want to sell to our membership and assessed a value for activities with a balancing point. We are looking for growth in numbers, not in revenues. 2548 activities, 2452 individual members. Almost a record.

Our efforts trying to provide quality programs are being recognized.

The youth comp program has grown by 50% in number of teams from last year.

The CDC program is improving player development. Over the next 3 to 5 years, we will see if we can develop players and if we have changed our image. We are no longer a feeder club. The question will become how will we find enough fields? Will we have to stunt our growth or start practicing more on the weekends? Although, now with LDP playing games on weekends, there are not that many free fields.

We may have to change how teams book practices, and have to dictate practice times.

Optimization may be possible when have same club practice structures. We are not there right now.

Discussion follows on how we could optimize fields and combine practices with planned practices.

Other avenue is to petition city to have more fields.

For example, Ovide 9v9 could be converted to a lit 11v11.

Growth is not all from Pointe-Claire, it does also come from outside.

However, should we grow so that finding fields and teams include the consideration to include Dorval? If we can't grow the pool of players because of field limitations, maybe we should consider pursuing Dorval. Can we rent/access Dorval fields?

Winter will be a problem. CDL is being looked at for youth, but for LOGS and LOOGS, it may not be obvious. However, if we do not have Senior or LOGS, financially, it is not a big loss, since we generally lose money on all our winter programs.



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We are looking at getting a plan done by paid consultant to lobby city with structured plan of what Soccer Pointe-Claire needs. We have to look at outside help to be able to assess our needs so that Soccer Pointe-Claire does not plateau in the next few years.

Motion: Jonathan would like approval from Board to solicit outside company to find out what costs would be, and then come to a decision as to what proposal we want to support.
All are in favor.

2. Complaint from a member

There is a Sport Québec process for a formal complaint in relation to Harassment, Violence, Abuse and Negligence, which needs to be filed by the player. Soccer Pointe-Claire is not responsible for that part. Soccer Pointe-Claire will then wait for recommendations from Soccer Québec.

As a club, what can we do to have a team reset to avoid things coming to this point? Some clubs have volunteers that go to games and report back on what happened. These are not covert volunteers trying to catch teams, but volunteers visibly present to promote respects. They would be Club Ambassadors and could have t-shirts identifying them!

3. Meeting closure

NEXT MEETING (Tentative Dates/times)

- August 17 – 19h00
- September 20 – 19h00

MOTION to adjourn the meeting was put forth by Rodney Bushey, seconded by Olga Colque and carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 21:19

Minutes prepared by: Catherine Renaud