



SOCCER POINTE-CLAIRE
Governing board meeting minutes
Meeting #GB_23-24-03
February 22, 2024

Present – Voting members

Jonathan Markiewicz, Olga Colque, Andrea Connors, Rodney Bushey, Dishko Hristov, Ligeo Kattackal

Present – Non-voting members

Lisa Artuso, Catherine Renaud

Regrets,

Tony Ziukas, Grant Needham, Rick Costa, Vicky Barnes (City of Pointe-Claire)

Meeting called to order at 7:08 PM.

1. Adoption of agenda

MOTION to approve the agenda was put forward by Dishko Hristov seconded by Olga Colque and carried unanimously.

2. Approval of minutes

GB 23-24-02 – December Minutes

MOTION to approve the December minutes was put forward by Dishko Hristov, seconded by Andrea Connor and carried unanimously.

3. Word from the President

Today is Jonathan's last meeting as President as his resignation is effective on February 29. Jonathan says It's been a pleasure for the last 4 and a half years. No one expected the difficult tasks due to Covid to maintain and improve the club. This helped forge a very strong bond quickly, which may or may not have happened without the pandemic. This gave us a functional platform to implement regular soccer.

At the time, one of the biggest problems was the finances. Since then, we have Lisa who now makes the budget and keeps it up, from the bottom up.

The community and financial basis enabled us to grow, which has been unprecedented especially in the past 2 years. People are recognizing our club as one they want to join.

We want to continue to do well with the things we have started in the past 4 years.

Jonathan will continue to be involved as a volunteer and a consultant.



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4. Administration Update

4.1 Review Winter registration

752 activities sold.

Budgeted for 861, therefore 114 short which is a \$35,000 revenue shortcoming

In the future, when preparing the budget, we have to recognize that growth in the summer does not translate to growth in the winter.

4.2 Update on summer registrations

1288 activities sold so far, just over halfway of our budgeted 2676.

We are on target for this time of year.

For the teams, we budgeted for 16 Youth Comp teams, but we will only have 13.

Senior Rec: budgeted 7 but will have 6

Senior Comp: budgeted 13 but will have 12

We may have other Senior teams join. Conversations are being held. We cannot take a team that plays Mon-Wed, but could take one that plays Tues-Thur

Uniforms:

A \$5 handling fee that we didn't know was added to each order.

Sports Experts has agreed to remove it off for now, and add it back on April 1, at the same time as our late fees. Members that already ordered had the \$5 reimbursed directly from Sports Experts.

Next year, they will revise their online prices and include it.

Sizing charts did not make sense. They have been changed online and are now ok.

Still waiting for a sizing event because did not have the samples. Now they have received a shipment of uniforms (no track suit) and dates are forthcoming.

Summer Camp registrations so far: 14 in week 1 and 15 in week 2

4.3 New hires

HR Advisor: Jhon Sterling starts on Monday

Soccer Field Facilities Consultant: Jonathan Markiewicz. Andrea and Jonathan will meet next Thursday to have the initial meeting with to discuss details of his contract and deliverables.

Senior House League Coordinator: interviewing 2 people next week and choice will be finalized next week



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5 Technical updates

5.1 Winter Program Highlights

Had a CTC with CF Montreal and onfield is coming up.
Working with coaches for communication regarding cuts

5.2 Summer Program Updates

There is a current Lakeshore exodus. Not sure how many players we will get.
A group of M10 players (16 families) are looking to move to Pointe-Claire and have contacted us. However, they may not get the approved player movement from Lakeshore. We have advised the coaches of the group in question that the Player Movement Protocol must be followed to a tee.

Referees:

Last year, we had low referee numbers, but they were well scheduled.

However, we need to have strong recruitment this year.

Information session: March 16

Will put an ad in the Pointe-Claire Record

Training sessions: mid-April

Looking to have Champagne games at Voyageur on Fridays. For referees, Daniel and Chris said it might be difficult at the beginning of the season, but feel that afterwards they should be ok.

Champagne league issue

Andrea brings up an issue from the Champagne league that accidentally allowed a Division 3 player last summer. This player was refused this year. The captain of that team sent an email to the other captains, that if it was accepted by all captains, this player would be allowed. Andrea feels that certain issues, when left up to the teams or team captains, could cause friction depending on how it is managed. This is one example of how team captains could feel pressured into an answer and cause friction between teams as it became uncomfortable in the emails, especially since it was not accepted by all the captains. It would be good to have these situations managed differently in the future should it happen again and Andrea suggested the GB lead the resolution of the situation or some other neutral party. There is disagreement on that since the GB no longer gets involved in these types of issues. It should have been the Senior House League Coordinator that would have taken care of this, had we had someone in that position.



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6 Governance updates

6.1 Club future

The Governing Board met last week for a succession planning. Following that meeting, Olga set herself forward as acting president until the AGM.

Olga looks forward to a new experience and challenge. She will do her best and give her all. She will be great!

Olga does not plan to run at the AGM so we need to start looking at who will be able to take it on then.

The club will be posting on February 29: goodbye to Jonathan and that the GB has appointed Olga.

7 On hold/Pending

Nil

8 Proposals for approval

Motion to accept Jonathan's resignation by Dishko Hristov, seconded by Andrea Connor, unanimously begrudgingly accepted.

Motion to accept Olga as "Acting President" by Rodney Bushey, seconded by Andrea Connor, unanimously carried!

9 Meeting closure

NEXT MEETINGS (Tentative Dates/times)

- Late May TBD
- Early July TBD - poolside
- Mid August TBD
- Late September TBD

MOTION to adjourn the meeting was put forth by Dishko Hristov seconded by Rodney Bushey and carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 PM

Minutes prepared by: Catherine Renaud