

## **Southeast Ontario Soccer Association**

### **Board Meeting**

**December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Present: Wayne Buller, Alex Fletcher, Bob Machin, Kevin Fox, Mike Whiteman,

Staff Present: Joanie Sagriff, Marguerite Heer

Regrets: Rob Costa, Mark Ethier, Brian Harpell

1. Call to Order – 6:31pm
2. Welcome & Introductions – Wayne Buller
3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality
  - a. N/A
4. Adoption of Agenda – Motion by Kevin Fox, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alex Fletcher, Carried.
5. Adoption of October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Board Minutes. Motion by Alex Fletcher, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Machin, Carried.
6. Treasurer's Report:
  - a. Profit and Loss attached
  - b. Review of office expenses (seems a bit high)
  - c. Motion to accept report by Kevin Fox, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Whiteman, Carried.
7. District Report
  - a. Several AGMs have been attended (including QWSC, GKSSA, PECSA, KWSC, Frontenac, Napanee, Belleville). Most of the clubs are very appreciative of having people from SOSA come out to talk to them. We do need to have a consistent report to take to each AGM and submit to their records.
  - b. Active membership form has been sent out to all clubs. Kevin noted that Storrington hadn't yet filled theirs out.
  - c. Confidentiality/Conflict of Interest forms for all board members have been filled out for those present.
  - d. Ontario Soccer gave SOSA a credit note worth about \$12,000.
8. Accountants
  - a. A request for proposal was sent to three accounting firms. One has returned their response thus far.
  - b. Deemed best to wait for further response before making any decision.
9. CSL/ERSL

- a. The CSL (apparently by direction from Ontario Soccer) is no longer allowing teams from SOSA to play in their league, unless there is no other place to play.
  - b. As such, only the KUSC U18G team will be (at this time) playing in the CSL in 2018.
  - c. The framework put together prior to the AGM is on hold, but will be revisited in the new year as part of the promotion policy to the ERSL.
10. National Championships
- a. Proposal from Sean O'Brien (Kingston Clippers) that SOSA apply to host the 2020-21 national club championships here in Kingston.
  - b. Looking at doing it in conjunction with Queen's University and possibly also SLC.
  - c. Meeting with Kingston Tourism group Monday, December 18, at 1pm at the SOSA Office. Bob and Joanie to attend at a minimum.
11. Allan Turtle proposal (see attached correspondence)
- a. Interesting proposal, logistical issues, goes against Ontario Soccer practice/policy, but some valuable ideas all the same.
  - b. Solicit the clubs to assist. Joanie to broach idea at club meetings? If positive response, try an initial trial?
  - c. Motion by Kevin Fox that the Board sends out a note to club presidents to inquire about interest in a trial one-day ID "camp" facilitated by SOSA. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alex Fletcher, Carried.
12. Regional Proposal (EODSA/Outaouais, see attached correspondence)
- a. Letters received from both Outaouais (Nov 14) and EODSA (Dec 10) with regards to looking into the feasibility of regional play.
  - b. This should further increase the quality and depth of competition.
  - c. There are geographical limitations to consider (noted below)
  - d. Some SOSA concerns:
    - a. Teams travelling in excess of 2hrs. Possibly look at central venues?
    - b. Constant reschedules of games. Possibly a cap? Other controls?
    - c. Long travel on weekdays. Possibly look at weekend scheduling over 1.5hr travel?
  - e. Motion by Alex Fletcher, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin Fox to draft letter to both Outaouais and EODSA expressing interest from SOSA Board to begin discussions on moving forward with this proposal.
13. Napanee and Bill at Provincial Legislature ("Garrett's Legacy Act")
- a. Bill 180 has just passed its second reading (Dec 7)
  - b. Joanie will contact Ontario Soccer about their comments on the situation.
  - c. Wayne writing a letter of support of the Napanee club to the city of Napanee.
14. Motion to adjourn at 8:17pm by Kevin Fox, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alex Fletcher, Carried.
- Next meeting: January 8, 2018 – 6:30pm