**ELGIN MIDDLESEX SOCCER ASSOCATION**

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, OCTOBER 15, 2023

BMO CENTRE, 295 RECTORY STREET, LONDON, ONTARIO

AGM Delivered in-person. Jason Robinson of Sports Law & Strategy Group was Parliamentarian and independent voting scrutineer.

EMSA Board Members Present: Luis Santos, Karen King, Brent Ashby, Ana Enriquez-Johnson

Regrets: Mark Mohammed, Eliana Carinci, Michelle Orsini

Luis Santos, EMSA President, chaired meeting.

1. Luis called the meeting to order. Ground Rules and meeting procedures were reviewed. Members welcomed.
2. Roll call taken. 68 of 75 clubs were present. Quorum met.
3. A moment of silence was observed in respect of departed members and colleagues over the past year.
4. Introduction of Guests – Ahsanul Hafiz – newly elected Board of Director for Regional West, Ontario Soccer
5. Minutes of 2022 AGM were circulated in advance. No objections, minutes approved.
6. President’s Address

Circulated in advance. Question or Discussion? None. Report received.

1. Director Reports

Circulated in advance. Question or Discussions? None. Reports received.

1. Treasurer and Auditor’s Report.

Circulated in Advance. Brent speaks to the statements.

Question – When will Canada Small Business Loan be paid back? Brent: We just voted to repay this loan this week (20,000 paid, 20,000 forgiven)

1. Appointment of Auditor’s

EMSA Board Recommends MacNeill Edmundson as EMSA auditors for the year ending May 31, 2024. No objections.

Request for Motions from the floor

First: Alliance Second: EMDSL Discussion? None

Called the Vote. Jason and team verified Motion Carried

1. Budget/Proposed Fee Structure for 2024

Circulated in advance. Brent speaks to this. Explains there are 3 components in these fees – inflation, reserve fund and streamlined fees.

Questions? Kincardine – Question on increase in fees to try and make soccer as affordable as possible. Brent discusses details of fee increases and membership increase (2017 - 13000 compared to 2023 – 20000)

Request for Motion from Floor to accept budget.

First: London Whitecaps Second: Alliance Discussion? Curinga asked about SAAS fee – Brent mentioned that this is now included in EMSA fees ($3.10 now to $2.85 in new year).

Called the vote. Jason and team verified Motion carried.

1. Administrative Report

Circulated in advance. Questions or Discussion? None. Report Received.

1. Committee Reports

Circulated in advance. Questions or discussions? None. Reports Received.

1. Constitutional Amendments. EMSA recommends a revision in Section 12.4 of the bylaws and was circulated to members on September 14th. Questions? None.

Requested Motion on the Floor to revise Article 12 of the EMSA By-Laws by inserting the following:

12.4 The Association reserves the right to impose fines, fees, bonds and/or penalties with respect to the misconduct of a registrant, including, cancelling the registrant’s membership and-or refusing future registrations with the Association.”

First: WOSL Second: Norfolk Discussion?

None.

Called the vote. Jason and team verified Motion carried.

1. Election of Officers

**Vice-President** (Current: Karen King). Nominated and accepted nomination: Karen King. No other nominations. Karen King acclaimed.

**Secretary** (Current: Mark Mohammed). Nominated and accepted nomination: Mark Mohammed. No other nominations. Mark Mohammed acclaimed.

**Director-at-Large** (Current: Michelle Orsini). Nominated and accepted nomination: Michelle Orsini. No other nominations. Michelle Orsini acclaimed.

1. New Business

QSP – Karen King discussed where we are currently with QSP and encouraged all youth clubs to investigate what their club needs to be qualified for 2024. Discussion followed.

I-Model – Karen King summarized what I-Model is and EMSA’s involvement. Discussion followed.

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