

## **Southeast Ontario Soccer Association**

### **Board Meeting**

**May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Present: Wayne Buller, Alex Fletcher, Caitlin Barton, Rob Costa, Brian Harpell

Staff Present: Joanie Sagriff, Marguerite Heer

Regrets: Mike Whiteman, Kevin Fox, Bob Machin

1. Call to Order – 6:30pm
2. Welcome & Introductions – Wayne Buller
3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality
  - a. N/A
4. Adoption of Agenda, as updated – Motion by Alex Fletcher, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rob Costa, Carried.
5. Adoption of April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Board Minutes. Motion by Rob Costa, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alex Fletcher, Carried.
6. CSA AMM Update
  - a. Major by-law amendments passed, Canadian Premier League accepted for associate membership unanimously.
  - b. Steve Reed (prior CSA VP) won the presidency.
  - c. Nick Bontis retained the Ontario seat.
  - d. Don Story retained the Manitoba/Saskatchewan/Nunavut seat.
7. Financial Report
  - a. Still in the negative right now, expecting to be back in the positive by May.
  - b. Still some “uncategorized income” showing, should be resolved by next month.
  - c. BH+JS to meet to look at specific line items and working to better match up the line items with budget items for moving forward/etc.
8. District Executive Director report
  - a. Memberships
    - a. Rest of memberships received, one small portion pending.
    - b. Motion to approve membership renewals for remaining clubs, contingent on final portion by Alex Fletcher, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian Harpell, Carried.
    - c. SOSA Discipline Chair certification course this Saturday at SOSA office. 7 or 8 participants.
  - b. Club and League Meetings

- a. Adult Club meeting (Apr 26).
    - 1. See attached minutes
    - 2. Highlights include:
      - i) Clubs looking to revisit requiring one referee per team
      - ii) Referee issues to be brought directly to district
      - iii) Youth players in adult leagues. Allowing when nowhere else to play. Youth clubs should look at why they are losing U18 players/teams. Cost might be a factor (~\$200 vs \$400+)
      - iv) Adults to remind members that opportunity for youth coaching is available
  - b. SOSA League Coaches meeting (May 2).
    - 1. Very well attended. SOSA League will be fining teams without representatives due to mandatory nature.
  - c. Club Meetings
    - a. Joanie working to arrange face-to-face meetings with clubs, starting with the smaller clubs including Bancroft, Brockville, Frontenac, Picton, and Storrington. After this, will begin to focus on the larger youth clubs.
  - d. Summer Student
    - a. Maria has started and will stay on until the end of June. For July and August, Mary will be the active summer student.
  - e. Indoor
    - a. Now wrapped up, final invoices being settled this week
  - f. Referee Assignors
    - a. Marguerite put together a letter to send to KUSC as regards assigning.
    - b. Motion to approve the letter for sending Tuesday by Alex Fletcher, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Caitlin Barton. Carried.
9. DRC Report
- a. OPDL
    - a. Opening weekend took place this past weekend. Cold and wet, but went very well.
  - b. Education sessions
    - a. Ontario Soccer did a pre-OPDL session for officials partaking in the OPDL weekend.
    - b. Going to Bancroft Saturday for a session with refs and coaches on new Laws.
    - c. AR training took place this past Sunday with a large number of youth in attendance.
10. Committee Reports
- a. Membership Policy
    - a. Updated to reference “Ontario Soccer” rather than “Ontario Soccer Association”.
    - b. Motion to approve changes by Alex Fletcher, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rob Costa. Approved.

## 11. New Business

- a. Ontario Soccer SGM/AGM, Board size, and SOSA's vote
  - a. Ron Smale visited with a portion of the SOSA board two weeks ago and presented the proposed governance changes. Present were WB, AF, BM, RC, BH, KF, JS, and Greg Horton, representing Storrington Soccer.
  - b. Alex presented the process he had been involved with at the provincial level and described, in more detail than at the March meeting, the February SGM results and the currently proposed changes.
  - c. It was reiterated several times that SOSA is not against Governance Reform and believes strongly that it should occur, but the prior vote against the reform was to delay it for more thorough consideration of issues that had been raised. Alex felt that this situation continued at this time.
  - d. After some discussion, Wayne stated that he believed that the decisions taken to date by Alex at the Ontario Soccer level were consistent with SOSA's direction and all board members agreed with this sentiment. Wayne continued, stating that he and the board were quite happy with Alex remaining as delegate and continuing to vote in this manner at the upcoming SGMs, AGM, and Ontario Soccer board meeting. The board members voiced their agreement.
  - e. Alex confirmed that if any circumstances changed, he would continue to update the SOSA board promptly to confirm direction as needed.

## 12. Motion to adjourn at 7:57pm by Brian Harpell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alex Fletcher, Carried.

Next meeting (if needed): Week of July 4, 2017 – 6:30pm