

2023 LAWSL AMM

December 12, 2023

11:00am

Roll Call:

We have quorum

Minute of Silence

Jurgen Klaus: moment to pray for him and keep him in our thoughts

Minutes of previous AGM

Approval: Tony Southend and Rob from Taxandria: motion passed

President's Address

Welcome everyone to the meeting, he is thrilled to see everyone in attendance. It was a shaky season given the rain and even dealt with forest fires that had to cancel games this season. Our membership stepped up and we got through the season with minimal issues. Thank you for supporting the league. Nelson, encouraged the new people to review the league rules.

Update on Rob Headley: past treasurer. Nelson gave a chronical update

- **Dec 2021:** Board became suspicious of Rob's actions.
- **Dec 24, 2021:** Police report filed (Report 21-129222).
- **Jan 14, 2022:** EMSA informed and legal counsel retained.
- **May 18, 2022:** Lawyer filed court application for bank records.
- **June 13, 2022:** Court granted access to TD Bank records.
- **Aug 12, 2022:** Bank records obtained and shared with police; limited progress due to lack of assigned investigator.
- **April 26, 2023:** Police investigator assigned.
- **May 4, 2023:** Met with investigators, faced discouragement about pursuing case; investigator agreed to question Rob.
- **May 16, 2023:** Rob admitted to taking the money, expressing remorse and acknowledging his actions.
- **June 4, 2023:** Investigator confirmed the Crown would charge Rob if sufficient evidence was provided.
- **June 16, 2023:** Rob admitted to fraud in an interview but expressed inability to repay funds.
- **July 10, 2023:** Rob charged with fraud over \$5000.
- **Aug 15, 2023:** Court appearance adjourned to Oct 10.
- **Oct 10, 2023:** Appearance adjourned to Nov 21.
- **Nov 21, 2023:** Rob and lawyer failed to attend; bench summons issued; next hearing scheduled for Jan 23, 2024.
 - *****Dec 25, 2023:** Rob passed away with brain bleed & stroke, court proceedings stopped.

Questions from the membership:

- Will an update be given to the membership with new information? Nelson, yes we will update as we have new information.
- What steps have been put into place to prevent this from happening again? New account, three signing officers and the league can no longer complete e-transfers
- Will the league have any more legal fees?
- TD accountable: they should be held accountable for insurance of the funds: TD states he was the sole owner of the account
- How long was Rob Treasurer? Since the beginning of the league
- League only have five years to go back
- Abbi: thanked Nelson for his determination in pushing the London Police Fraud Department in pressing charges.

Secretary Report

No report

Treasure's Report

David provided the membership with the financial report. The report was sent out to the membership and copies were available at the sign in table.

Action item: Traci to include the financial statement in the minutes and David's notes

Tony: will the league be moving over to Sports Engine to take advantage? The league will not be moving to Sports Engine until the Ref Centre piece is resolved with Ontario Soccer

Ontario Soccer will still be using Ref Centre so the league will follow their direction for outdoor

Motion to approve: Sandy from Southend Rob from Taxandria Motion passed

Unfinished Business and Correspondence

No new items

Election of Officers (President, Treasurer, Director at Large and Secretary 1-year term)

Thank you to Jessica from GCFC for your dedication and support with secretary role

Abbi thanked Luis and Michelle from the EMSA Board for attending the AGM

President: nomination from Kayla for President for Traci Cummings: Traci declined

Abbi has volunteered to be the secretary role for the one year. Motion passed

President: would anyone be will to nominate? Jessica GCFC would like to nominate Nelson second: Rob Taxandria

Nelson has accepted the role

Treasurer: Tony Southend nominated David. Mark from GCFC second

David accepted the position

Director at Large: Tony from Southend Sandy from Southend nominate Dave from Southwest Tony accept

David: we need more females so please pass along to their players, managers, coaches etc.

New Business

Nothing was received in the email

John from Chatham: can we have assistant referees for all games

Traci: all teams that asked for assistant referees last season were supplied them. Chatham had AR's for every home game assigned as requested. Traci is willing to assign them but it is up to the membership.

Abbi: discussed shortage of referees and the training aspect of new referees.

St Columban: we don't have enough referees to mandate

Elite division: Assistant referees

Send Traci an email if you want assistant referees

Ilderton: refund question January 31st is the deadline for refunds. Travel fee \$50 charged. No travel fee is allowed for games. Jerry will provide Traci that with the game numbers for this to ensure that this does not appear.

Kayla: would not accept a travel fee for Belmont because she lived in South London

Education for Match Officials: Traci to ensure that there is no issue going forward on this issue

John Chatham: numbers are down. He is concerned that he may not have enough players to compete in the 1st division. January 31st is the deadline as the league meets to set divisions and get schedules completed for teams.

Jerry: Ilderton: how much money do we have in the black for the league? Is the league going to decrease the registration fees? David answered question: league are still in the black. Inflation plays a piece of this as well. The league will address for 2025 registration fee.

St Columban: what is the number of players 25 players and the league follows Ontario Soccer rules

Rob Taxandria: retention of female players: schedule concerns for players to stay in the game. Tough for the women to book time off from work. Could the league set a standard day for each division similar to EMDSL to help with scheduling.

German club: agrees with Rob's point to help retention of female players.

Ash: Tilsonburg referee concerns over bad calls for match officials. Please send Traci an email immediately so she can address it.

North Huron: Three yellow cards: aren't players supposed to sit when receiving three yellow cards. Nelson, discipline is handled by the District and not the league. Megan from St Thomas sits on the discipline board addressed the question and yes it is a ruling.

Hall of Fame

Rob van Haastert from Taxandria Soccer Club

Jen Jaquith from Nor West Soccer Club

Adjournment

Megan St Thomas

Miriam Alliance