

Tillsonburg FC Annual General Meeting
Tillsonburg Community Centre Complex (Lion's Den)
Tues. Nov. 30, 2021 @ 8 p.m.

In Attendance:

Mark Locker (president), Peter McDowell, Frank Deutsch, Jennifer Pathy, John Twinem, Daniel Oliveira (8:45 arrival)

Members Absent/Regrets:

Maxwell Adam, Elemer Sopronyi, Michael Papaoioannou, Gerrit Pelleboer

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:28 p.m.

2. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Moved by Frank Deutsch, seconded by Jennifer Pathy that the minutes of the Tillsonburg FC Annual General Meeting of November 6, 2020 be approved. Carried.

3. President's Address

Highlights from Tillsonburg FC president Mark Locker's speech included the following:

- a. The club had a good year, but there were challenges along the way
- b. It is moving in a positive direction, but it will need new members to make it stronger and to keep it growing.
- c. There is presently a good opportunity to develop a cooperative relationship with TMSC.
- d. He expressed appreciation to Gerrit Pelleboer and Max Adam for their efforts and contribution to the club, and accepted their resignations with regrets.

4. Directors' Reports

- a. Technical Director/Head coaches report (John Twinem):
 - i. Short window for coach recruitment and team preparation once the COVID regulations allowed in late spring.
 - ii. Coaching clinic/seminar involving both the players and the coaches in the pre-season
 - iii. Coaches included Austin Gazley (U10), Shaun Huigenbos (U12), Mike Thompson (U13), Romel Diaz (U13) and Elemer Sopronyi (U14)
 - iv. Mike Thompson's U13 boys had a particularly successful season, and the other coaches worked well with their teams.
 - v. Elemer Sopronyi achieved the in-class portion (theory) of his C License.
 - vi. With the suspension of the WRSL U18 boys' division, John Twinem focused his attention on the men's program, and intends to keep the U18 boys involved in the men's teams in the coming year.
 - vii. Next steps: Ongoing coach development, utilizing the resources and strengthening the relationship with Whitecaps, and specifically encouraging our coaches in their understanding about how to build good soccer players in a small town, non-soccer culture.

b. Registrar's Report (Daniel Oliveira):

- i. The indoor program at "AMP" is going well, but with varying levels of participation
- ii. 53 players are registered for the indoor program, with the young kids having an enthusiastic and growing level of involvement.
- iii. Mondays and Wednesdays are consistent in attendance but could use more participants; Friday's co-ed "pick-up" is up and down
- iv. Outdoors, between 8 teams, there were a total of 187 players registered.
- v. There was discussion with Jennifer Pathy regarding the possibility of a women's team for 2022, and about what league they might affiliate with, as affected by travel logistics.

c. Treasurer's Report (Frank Deutsch)

Frank Deutsch reported that the year had been a "break even" year.

Account balance as of October 31/21	\$3295.00
Receipts for the year ending Oct 31	\$29,615.00
Expenses for the year ending Oct 31	\$29,971.00

Daniel Oliveira made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by John Twinem. Carried

d. Affiliated Leagues report (Mark Locker)

Mark Locker reported that West Region Soccer League would no longer be automatically awarding spots to London Youth Whitecaps, and that the league had determined they, like other youth clubs, would earn entry by promotion from lower district leagues.

5. Special Committee Report

A brief report was given regarding the initial meeting between Tillsonburg Football Club and Tillsonburg Minor Soccer Club, held to discuss a possible merger or at least a more cooperative working relationship. Highlights:

- i. In 2022 it is unlikely that there will be a merger, but discussion has begun regarding a web page that functions as point of entry into Tillsonburg soccer, with links that direct interested parties to either the Tillsonburg FC website (competitive) or to the TMSC website (recreational).
- ii. TMSC has expressed interest in working jointly on fundraising and sponsorship projects.

This conversation will continue in the New Year.

6. Unfinished Business

It was noted that work needs to be done to complete and institute the Tillsonburg Football Club strategic plan. Gratitude was expressed to Max Adam for his leadership, discussion guidance and efforts to put together the strategic plan draft. It was emphasized by Frank Deutsch and Daniel Oliveira that this needs to be put into practice quickly to improve the productivity of our efforts.

7. New Business

Daniel Oliveira emphasized the club's need to increase promotional work in the coming year in order to better connect with the community. It was agreed that a planning meeting to this end needs to be set soon, in order to put together a promotional strategy, adding to what presently is done. It was agreed that additional club members should be recruited in to provide insights and help in this area.

8. Officers and Directors

- i. The following members of the executive have are stepping down for the 2022 year:
Peter McDowell, Maxwell Adam and Gerrit Pelleboer

The club expresses its gratitude for their service, and for their ongoing membership and contributions to its work.

- ii. Continuing for 2022:
President: Mark Locker
Registrar: Dan Oliveira
Treasurer: Frank Deutsch
Technical Director: John Twinem
Secretary (provisional): John Twinem
Youth Female Rep (provisional): Jennifer Pathy
Masters' Rep: Elemer Sopronyi

- iii. Additional nominees for executive and board positions were suggested, and these people will be approached.

9. Adjournment—Frank Deutsch moved adjournment of the meeting.