



# Eastern Ontario Soccer Minutes of the 2024 Annual Members Meeting

Thursday, January 23, 2025 at 7:00 PM  
VIRTUAL - VIA ZOOM

Meeting Chair – Jason Robinson  
Meeting Secretary – Katrina Martin  
Scrutineer(s) - Robin Witty

## 1. Call to Order

The Meeting Chair called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

## 2. Confirmation of Quorum

Active Members of the Association in attendance – 48 of 49  
Associate Members of the Association in attendance – 3 of 3  
Quorum was confirmed.

## 3. Land Acknowledgement

A Land Acknowledgement was shared with the Members.

## 4. Those Remembered (Moment of Silence):

Robert Bird (1940-2024)

Almonte Soccer Club - Founding member, long-time Almonte High School teacher, and the driving force behind our green and white stripes

Dennis Fox (1947- 2024)

Ottawa Internationals Soccer Club - Long time coach and valued friend

Charlotte Light (2010-2024)

Seaway Valley SC - Much loved player, friend, and daughter.

Jody Longtin (1978-2024)

Kemptonville District Soccer Club - Former coach



## 5. Club Anniversaries

An announcement of Club Anniversaries was shared with Members.

## 6. Introductions and Rules of Procedure

The Meeting Chair introduced the Board of Directors, Staff and Guests in attendance.

### Guests

Jason Robinson - Parliamentarian

Robin Witty - Scrutineer

Bryden McMaster – Auditor (Welch LLP)

Matt Williams - Ontario Soccer Representative

Matt Williams provided a welcome to the EODSA members as well as a brief update on Ontario Soccer initiatives.

The Meeting Chair outlined the Agenda and the Rules of Procedure for the Meeting.

## 7. Minutes of the Previous Year's Meetings

**MOTION** to postpone approving the Annual Members Meeting minutes on January 25, 2024, as presented.

Moved by Ottawa International Soccer Club, Seconded by West Carleton Soccer Club

**Motion carried.** (unanimous consent)

**MOTION** to approve the minutes of the Special Members Meeting on September 25, 2024, as presented.

**Motion carried.** (unanimous consent)

**MOTION** to approve the minutes of the Special Members Meeting on September 30, 2024, as presented.

**Motion carried.** (unanimous consent)

**ACTION:** EOS staff will review the timing of the second draft sent to members.

## 8. President Remarks

President Penny presented his report, which the members received.

## 9. Reports in AMM Booklet

Other reports, including the Competitions and Events Report, Membership Report, and Referee Report, were presented in the AMM booklet and received by the members.

## 10. Presentation of Audited Financial Statements

Bryden McMaster, from Welch LLP, presented the 2023/24 audited financial statements and they were received by the Members.



## 11. Appointment of Auditors

**MOTION** that Welch LLP be appointed as auditors for the 2024/25 year.

Moved by Westboro Wolves, Second by Ottawa International Soccer Club

**Motion carried.** (unanimous consent)

## 12. Membership and Player Registration Fees

The proposed membership fees for 2024/2025 were presented to the Members.

**MOTION** to adopt the membership fees for 2024/2025 as presented.

Moved by the EODSA Board, Second by Sunset Lakers SC.

**Motion carried.** (all in favour)

The proposed player registration fees for 2024/2025 were presented to the Members.

**MOTION** to adopt the player registration fees for 2024/2025 as presented.

Moved by Eastern Ontario Soccer Board, Second by Westboro Wolves Soccer Club.

**Motion carried.** (In favour 1876 / 103 opposed).

**MOTION** to adopt an annual player registration and membership fee increase in the amount of the Bank of Canada inflation rate annually. and to post and announce the fees in the preceding May of each year. For clarity, in May of 2025, the fees for the 2025/26 membership year, the outdoor 2026 season, and the indoor 2025/26 season will be posted and announced to the membership.

Moved by the EODSA Board, Second by Croatian Jadran SC.

**OSU moves** to amend the main motion **MOTION to strike “annually” and replace it with “2025/26 season”**. Seconded by Soccer Club Bosnia

**Motion Carried** (In favour 1777 / 357 opposed)

**MAIN MOTION**, as revised. **MOTION** to adopt an annual player registration and membership fee increase in the amount of the Bank of Canada inflation rate for the 2025/26 year.

**Motion Carried** (In favour 1974 / 222 opposed)

## 13. By-Law Amendments

**MOTION** to amend Article 11 Meetings. Section 2b paragraph v. to reflect

*At all member meetings of the Association, voting shall be by a show of hands, orally, or by electronic ballot, unless a ballot is demanded by a member entitled to vote at the meeting, except in the case of the election of Officers and Directors, which shall be by secret ballot. **For all ballots - secret or otherwise,***



***the total of number for, against and in abstention shall be reported at the meeting where and when such ballot is held and subsequently recorded in the minutes.***

Moved by Ottawa Adult SC, seconded by Ottawa South United

**Motion Carried** (In favour 1203 / 796 opposed)

**MOTION** to amend Article 11 Meetings. Section 2b, paragraph viii to reflect

*viii. Active Members of the Association in good standing ("**Current Members**") shall be entitled to exercise one (1) vote by virtue of their Membership in the Association plus an additional single (1) vote per \$100, or part thereof, of the player registration fees of the Member retained by the Association in the Association's prior fiscal year **plus, solely in the year following merger, the voting entitlement of the prior year Member that merged with the Current Member.***

Moved by Ottawa Adult SC, Seconded by Ottawa South United

**Motion Carried** (In favour 1726 / 58 opposed)

#### **14. Election of Officers**

Quorum was re-confirmed with the Secretary.

**ACTION** The Board will create a definition of what "staff" is (in the restrictions to be eligible for a board position)

**Each Officer received a majority vote.**

#### **Chair**

Ralph Ehlebract was elected to the position of Chair.

#### **Secretary**

Lawrence Mangano was elected to the position of Secretary

#### **Director at Large**

Kristyn Hubert was elected to the position of Director at Large for 2 years.



### **Director at Large**

Angela Joya was elected to the position of Director at Large for 1 year.

### **15. Adjournment**

Executive Director Lowe thanked the Chair and Scrutineer and welcomed the new board.

The Meeting Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 10:40 pm.