



## **NORTH TORONTO SOCCER CLUB NITROS/KICKS**

MINUTES OF THE 2014 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DATE: November 24, 2014 6:30 pm

LOCATION: North Toronto Memorial Community Centre

### **1. Call to Order**

The Chair of the Board of Directors, Andrew Kidd, opened the meeting as meeting Chair. The meeting was duly constituted with quorum and declared open for business.

### **2. Approval of Minutes:**

Motion to accept minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on November 25, 2013 was carried.

Richard Hackman motioned to accept. Seconded by Michael Eubanks.

### **3. Agenda**

Item #6 changed to state 4 candidates for **3** Board positions instead of 2 positions.

### **4. Reports:** Year-end reports for the year ended September 30, 2014 were presented by:

#### **Andrew Kidd, Chair of the Board**

Provided a brief overview of the North Toronto Soccer Club in the past year:

- All Recreational and Competitive programs running strong.
- Financial position is strong. Both budgeting and forecasting.
- Sound Club administration and programs with Club GM, Technical Director and Board
- We have a number Volunteer Committees chaired by strong individuals:
  - Finance, Discipline, Fundraising/Capital Projects, Competitive, and Recreational Committees
- Board of Director's has solid mix of standing members with experience. Many with term left on their appointments.
- Recreational leagues serve over 4000 players in spring, summer and winter ranging from 4 to 30 years old.
- NTSC runs a recreational program for children with special needs (Special Olympics).
- NTSC has a parent coach training program unique to Recreational soccer.
- Successes for the year:
  - First year for NTSC in the OPDL
  - Center of Excellence has been a great addition to the Club
  - Revitalized our summer camp program
  - Actively working on Field projects which we have financial capacity to participate in
  - Overall, NTSC is one of the best organized sports clubs

### **Doug Blair, General Manager**

- NTSC continues to function as a community soccer club with 800 volunteers including 700 volunteer coaches.
- Ontario Trillium Foundation provided the club with \$130 000 in funding between 2012 and 2014, mostly committed to coach training. NTSC will apply for another grant in 2015.
- NTSC is monitoring the Midtown planning group and their plans re open space
  - NTSC needs member support to help save our fields
- City budget cuts have affected field maintenance and garbage pick up.
- NTSC top priority is to source better long-term field arrangements as City/school board permitted fields are not always reliable and permits are issued days before programs start
  - NTSC greatest need is a 7 v 7 artificial field
  - NTSC is working with TDSB to obtain time on the proposed new turf fields at Allenby and John Wanless schools
  - Currently working with the Toronto Catholic District School Board and Blessed Sacrament School on their 7v7 turf field project; some fundraising will be needed
- NTSC continues to grow with 5200 members wanting more soccer more often.
- Competitive program growing strong
  - This program has players training 3 times a week 10 months in the year
  - Indoor skills development camp enrollment growing year after year
  - NTSC has fielded 2 OPDL teams this year and will grow to 4 next year. NTSC also has teams in the OYSL and OSL
- Outdoor Recreational Soccer also continues to grow alongside the Competitive program
  - Implemented Long Term Player Development program; running with smaller rosters and therefore more coaches

### **John Hyland, Technical Director**

#### OPDL overview

- It was NTSC's first year in the OPDL and NTSC received top marks as a member club in the province.
- NTSC has become a high performance centre with its participation in the OPDL but NTSC also continues to be a club for all to play soccer at all levels.
- Player Pathway more defined now for players with the OPDL in place.
- OPDL has changed is scheduling for next season to reduce travel.
- NTSC OPDL teams are community based with 10-12 local players.

### **Peter-Paul Bloemen, Chair, Finance & Audit Committee**

- Report and Presentation of Audited Financial Statements for the period ending September 30, 2014.
  - Audited Financial Statements have been distributed to Members
  - Highlights reviewed
- NTSC has strong systems in place. Club accounting practices and reporting done well
- Budgeting very accurate to actual year end calculations
- NTSC took a \$120,000 loan at BMO this year
  - The loan was paid back in full and the club has established a relationship with the bank and continues to report quarterly should the funds be required in the future

#### **4. Appointment of Auditors**

Motion to appoint Grant Thornton as Auditors for the year ending September 30, 2015, at the fees recommended by the Finance Committee of the Board.

Moved by Peter Alexopolous and seconded by Richard Hackman. Motion carried.

#### **5. Proposed Amendments to the Constitution**

Presented by Reg Watson, Director

Key substantive changes reviewed

- Legal name of the organization is officially “North Toronto Soccer Club Nitros/Kicks”.
- Discipline of Members applies to parents and guardians of players as well as players on teams.
- Indemnity of Directors nullified by wilful neglect or criminal activity.
- Officers’ administrative responsibilities are now assumed by the professional staff of the club leaving the officers to deal with policies.
- Definition of the Recreational and Competitive Committees revised to reflect their reduced day-to-day role and their now primary role of overseeing the development and implementation of programs, helping to identify and recruit volunteers, and communicating with parents.

Reg put forward a motion to approve the Constitutional amendments as presented. Seconded by Michael Eubanks. All in favor; motion passed.

#### **6. Election of Directors**

Chair Andrew Kidd reviewed the election procedure. He reported that, as Members had been notified, three positions on the seven-person Board would be filled by election. Four candidates had been nominated, according to the process defined in the Club Constitution, and were introduced to the Members. The Members voted.

#### **7. Election Results**

Votes were counted and it was announced that the following three Board members had been duly elected:

Peter Ellement  
Mike Ruthard  
Reg Watson (elected for 2<sup>nd</sup> term)

#### **8. Hall of Fame Inductions**

Five long-time volunteers were presented with the Award for Lifetime Achievement and inducted into the NTSC Hall of Fame:

Hall of Fame Builders:  
David Brown and Graeme McPhail

Hall of Fame Coaches:  
Alison Cumming, John Snell and Jim McManus

#### **9. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was carried.