

NORTH TORONTO SOCCER CLUB

MINUTES OF THE 2012 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DATE: November 19, 2012 6:30 pm

LOCATION: North Toronto Memorial Community Centre

The Chairman 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.

Motion to accept minutes of last year's AGM as posted on the Club website was made by Reg Watson, seconded by Nicolas Watson. Motion carried.

Reports:

Chairman's report:

This has been a very enjoyable and rewarding experience working with a club to take it to the next generation of its operation. Very proud of what the club has accomplished.

As a result of a lot of hard work by staff and volunteers we have made tremendous progress to being the envy of other clubs in the TSA and OSA.

As stated by Auditors – a model for other sports clubs to follow.

NTSC has:

1. Instituted complete transparency in our financial and key decision making processes with multiple checks and balances with yearly balanced budgets including funds every year for special fields projects – with minimal to any change in player and team fees.
2. We have continued to expand our programs to meet the needs of our youth soccer players with:
 - ◆ A more robust competitive program
 - ◆ More recreational programs for girls
 - ◆ A new summer Academy for Nitrous competitive players
 - ◆ Additional skills development for recreational players
3. The NTSC now has over 5,500 members.
4. Program revenues have increased by 25% in the past year.
5. We are on the leading edge of implementation of the new Long Term Player Development program
6. Achieved the Club Excellence – Silver level with the Gold Level shortly within reach. We are one of the few organizations in the province with this status.. This provides a very distinct advantage going forward in being able to field top flight teams at the competitive level.
7. We were awarded a Trillium Grant for 2-years/\$130,000 for coach development, player development and parent education

8. We completed the Northern Secondary field project with the TDSB, contributing a further \$70,000 in January to bring the total investment to \$270,000 for 12-year lease.
9. We have initiated the Club House renovation program securing over \$400,000 from the City which we will match with a far lesser amount to provide us with a fully renovated club house – more on this later.
10. We have hired a highly experience and capable GM that has saved us small fortunes, improved efficiencies, help attract key volunteer sand staff, found new sponsors and make our jobs as directors far easier and far, far more productive.
11. We have hired a top notch Technical Director who has in turn attracted exceptional technical coaches from around the world – a virtual smorgasbord of global skill.
12. We have instituted Resolution Dispute Mechanisms, Discipline Committees, Redrafted our policies and procedures, updated our Strategic Directive, and created detailed roles and responsibilities for staff - on and on.

Our programs are made possible by the dedication of over 800 volunteer coaches and administrators. We thank you and all of the other volunteers. And we thank the staff who make it possible to marshal that kid of army season after season.

In particular, the Board would like to thank 2 volunteers who have served the club for many years, most recently as Directors and who have decided to complete their tour of duty.

- Eileen MacDonald is a long-time house league Convener and has been Head Convener, Chair of the House League Committee and Director. She has been a strong advocate of player development within the House League.
- Dave Brown has been a volunteer for 20 years, Chair of the Finance Committee for 4 years and Treasurer and Director for the past 3 years. Under his leadership the club has implemented strong financial control systems that have resulted in clean audit opinions and provided access to grant money. Dave has been unwavering in watching the details and keeping us disciplined.

Additional recognition:

- Barry McKay, past board member and house league coach. Currently on the NTSC disciple committee has been an integral part of the clubs success.

Club G.M. Doug Blair reviewed the clubs activities for the past year with highlights as follows:

Thank you to the volunteers. NTSC is the largest youth sports organization in Toronto, with over 800 volunteers.

Fields and facilities:

- More indoor turf for winter practice outdoor turf in the early spring
- Completion of Northern artificial field project after 6-1/2 years
- Eglinton Park east field has been sodded.

Field permits and costs

- City of Toronto will be implementing fees for Eglinton Park and Memorial Park over the next 2 years.
- TDSB fees increased 22% in 2012 and will increase by a further 44% in 2013.
- TDSB has placed NTSC and other community youth sports groups which permit more than 3 schools in a different permit user category. Unless this policy is changed, gyms will cost more in the latter part of this winter, and field fees in the outdoor season will increase by 770%. Also, some fields that we are using, including Dublin Heights, will be reduced in size because the land is being sold to help cover the TDSB capital budget.

Peter Cockett, head of the Technical and Competitive Committee gave an overview for the year with the following highlights:

Competitive program has expanded with more players involved year-round with:

- More Technical staff support, with Age Group Head Coaches overseeing all age groups
- More turf fields, particularly in the winter to support the program

Competitive program has grown with an increase in revenues of 38%

Development Camps:

- Additional indoor development camps were introduced in the past year, with separate girls and boys programs available. An increase of 21%.
- In 2012, a new summer Academy was implemented at Sunnybrook Park. The Academy and summer camp programs grew by a combined 88%.

Success on the field:

At last year's AGM we were proud to announce that 2 teams had been promoted to the OYSL. Both these teams did very well, and other teams have had outstanding years:

1995 Boys 4th in Ontario

1998 Boys 5th in Ontario

2000 Girls Green 7th in Ontario

Dave Brown as head of the Finance Committee gave an overview of the financial statements for the Club dated September 30th 2012 with the following highlights:

This is the fourth Year of audited statements from Grant Thornton, previous to this we did not have audited statements

The Club enjoyed a very positive year financially.

The Audited Financial Statements for 2012 as recommended for approval by the Finance Committee have been approved by the Board

Motion made by Michael Boyd to appoint Grant Thornton as auditors for one more year at the fees recommended by the Finance Committee of the Board. Seconded by Peter Cockett. Motion carried.

Reg Watson presented proposed amendments to the club's constitution. Motion to accept was carried by Robert Smyth. Seconded by Peter Alexopoulos. Motion carried.

Election of Directors:

The Club GM advised that there were four current directors, whose terms were coming to an end, being Dave Brown, Andrew Kidd, Drew McDougall and a vacant position. The club received 6 nominations. Of these 6, Andrew Kidd and Drew McDougall, are current expiring board members seeking re-election for another term.

Votes were cast and counted and the following new board members were elected: Peter Paul Bloeman, Andrew Kidd, Drew McDougall, and Leanne Nicole.

Club Head Coach Review: Club Head Coach John Hyland gave a brief overview of Long term Player Development Plans.

Eglinton Park Field House Project:

- Rob Smyth, and architect, NTSC parent and coach, has been volunteering with NTSC to develop a plan to renovate the field house at Eglinton Park
- The building was constructed in 1930. In 2011, the roof was replaced. In early 2012, work was done in the basement with NTSC gaining much more storage space.
- The City will be renovating the building in 2013, including (in the spring) major improvements to the mechanical and electrical services and repairs to windows and window casings. In the fall, the basement will be waterproofed.
- Some unused space on the main floor will be available to NTSC. The plan is to remove interior walls to create a room that will be used for training, meetings, and the summer camp.
- Preliminary plans were shown. The NTSC portion of the construction cost is expected to be \$150,000, with another \$30,000 for fittings and furnishings.

Other Business: There being no further business or inquires, the meeting was adjourned.