

2024 AGM Booklet

Ottawa Carleton Soccer League

Saturday, January 11th, 2025



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Roll Call #1

Introductions

League Management Board

- Bill McIntyre, Chair
- Henry Patterson, Vice Chair
- Ian Carter, Treasurer
- Frank Onasanya, Secretary
- Anas Aouni, Director of Discipline
- Joe Pratecante, Director of Competitions
- Mike Moore, Director at Large
- Greg Elliott, Director at Large
- Tony Zito, Director at Large
- Dorie Milito, Competitive Liaison
- Bruce Hartill, Recreational Liaison

Staff

- Elliot Barkley, General Manager

Guests

- David Smith, Eastern Ontario Soccer (EOS)
- Alec Connor, Legal Representative
- Matthew Williams, Ontario Soccer (OS)
- Richard Gravel, Soccer Outaouais (SO) Representative
- Southeast Ontario Soccer Association (SOSA) Representative

OCSL Voting Structure

Voting structure is based off the number of teams in 2024.

CLUB	MP	WP	MC	WC	MR	WR	OT	Masters	Total
AC Fiorentina	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	4
Almonte	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	1	6
Arnprior United	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	1	5
Carleton Place	0	0	1	0	2	6	1	0	10
Croatian Jadran	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	1	5
FC St Stefan	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Fitzroy Harbour	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	4
Glengarry	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
Inter Milan	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Kemptville & District	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	3
LACA	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	1	6
Nepean Hotspurs	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	1	5
North Dundas	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
Ottawa Adult Soccer Club	0	0	1	0	5	1	6	2	15
Ottawa Bears	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	1	7
Ottawa Bolides	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
Ottawa City SC	0	0	6	5	1	1	1	4	18
Ottawa Eagles	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	3
Ottawa Falcons	1	0	3	1	4	2	3	4	18
Ottawa Fusion	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Ottawa Futsal Club	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	3
Ottawa Gloucester	1	1	3	1	3	2	3	3	17
Ottawa Hellenic	0	0	2	0	1	1	2	0	6
Ottawa Impact	1	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	5
Ottawa Internationals	0	0	0	0	4	3	1	1	9
Ottawa Korean	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Ottawa South United	0	1	2	4	1	0	1	1	10
Ottawa St Anthony	1	1	4	2	0	2	0	0	10
Ottawa TFC	1	1	3	3	0	1	1	0	10
Perth	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
Rockers United	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	1	5
Russell	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	4
SC Bosnia	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Soccer Multiculturel	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	3
Sporting Peru	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	3
Sunset Lakers	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	4
West Carleton	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
West Ottawa	1	2	2	3	0	3	2	3	16

Westboro Wolves	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	1	7
White Eagles	0	0	2	0	1	0	2	0	5
Total EODSA	7	6	53	22	36	32	54	31	241
AS Gatineau	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Ass. De Soccer Du Plateau	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Aylmer	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
CS Des Collines	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	1	5
FC Gatineau	1	0	2	1	0	0	1	3	8
Total Soccer Outaouais	1	0	6	1	0	1	4	4	17
Atletico Kingston	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Kingston United	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
North Leeds	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Total SOSA	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	3
OCSL Totals	8	6	60	24	36	34	58	35	261

Previous Meeting Minutes

**Minutes for the Ottawa Carleton Soccer League
2023 Annual General Meeting
Webinar via Zoom
January 13th, 2024**

List of Acronyms used in the minutes:

AGM: Annual General Meeting
 CSJ: Canada Summer Jobs
 DaL: Director at Large
 DoD: Director of Discipline
 EODSA: Eastern Ontario District Soccer Association
 GM: General Manager
 LMB: League Management Board (OCSL)
 MO: Match official
 MP: Member of Parliament
 OASC: Ottawa Adult Soccer Club
 OCSL: Ottawa Carleton Soccer League
 OS: Ontario Soccer
 OTFC: Ottawa TFC
 SGM: Special General Meeting
 VC: Vice Chair
 WOSC: West Ottawa Soccer Club

Call to order

Chair called the meeting to order at 10:05am.

1. Credentials

Chair introduced LMB, staff & guests

2. Roll Call #1 was conducted by General Manager

AS Gatineau, Fitzroy, Ottawa Impact, Perth and Soccer Multiculturel were absent.

3. Voting Structure

GM outlines voting structure, number of votes held by each club.

4. Previous Meeting Minutes

Be it resolved, that the minutes of the 2022 AGM be approved and adopted as presented.

Moved: Ottawa Falcons; Seconded: Ottawa Internationals. Resolution adopted.

5. Chair's report

Chair presents report.

Be it resolved, that the Chair's Report be approved and adopted as presented.

Moved: Kingston; Seconded: Ottawa Falcons. Resolution adopted.

6. Discipline Report

GM presents report.

VC: Some improvement, but want to see dissent further reduced, losing M/Os faster than they can be replenished.

DoD: Reached out to teams on pace to exceed performance bond threshold part way through season to advise them of situation.

7. Treasurer's report

Treasurer presents report.

Falcons: Suggest league draft letter to local MPs. We didn't get it last year. >5000 players not happy.

Falcons would sign on. Similar letter to City re: scheduling decisions.

OASC: Can you tell us where sponsorship money came from and any associated risks/obligations?

Treasurer: Non-financial obligation to help w interns/no CSJ funding on condition that at least one intern be a visible minority.

Be it resolved, that the Treasurer's Report be approved and adopted as presented.

Moved: Westboro; Seconded: OTFC. Resolution adopted.

8. Auditor's report

OASC: CEBA repayment deadline Jan 18. Plan to meet deadline?

Treasurer: We don't know. We are working w the bank to get an extension to Mar 31. Initiated that process.

OASC: How can we get to the point where we can pay it off?

Treasurer: Collect receivables and entry fees.

OISC: What was sponsorship amount, and by whom?

Treasurer: \$25,000. Not announcing sponsor yet but will be prior to 2024 season.

OASC: What is sponsorship arrangement and how does it affect members?

Treasurer: No financial obligations. TBD along lines of sponsor on t-shirts or champion trophies.

Be it resolved, that the Auditor's Report for the financial year ended October 31, 2022, be approved and adopted as presented.

Moved: Ottawa Falcons; Seconded: LACA. Resolution adopted.

9. Appointment of Auditors

Be it resolved, that Hendry Warren LLP be appointed auditor of the Ottawa-Carleton Soccer League for the financial year ending October 31, 2024.

Moved: OTFC; Seconded: Kingston. Resolution adopted.

10. Unfinished Business

LACA: Playoffs were proposed last year. Nothing was done. Any plans for this?

GM: Extra costs to clubs and their teams.

VC: Need to focus on building reserves, but it's something we'd like to implement.

Tony DaL: LMB is working behind the scenes to add more competitions/excitement to season.

11. Break

10-minute break.

12. Amendments to the Constitution:

Motion #1 proposed by OASC

Remove Article 7.1.XII: A person standing for election to the position of Chair should have a minimum of one year's experience on the board.

OASC introduces proposed change. Seconded by Ottawa Falcons. Floor open for discussion.

OISC: Some experience should be required, do not support jumping on w out any experience. 'One year experience on a board'.

OASC: Membership can choose not to vote them in.

Falcons: ONCA implication to this? Important to know business, not necessarily soccer.

VC: Why wouldn't we want someone with a year to get feet wet? Don't want someone in position that doesn't know ins and outs of league and intricacies of Ottawa soccer.

Tony DaL: Speaking from experience there is a lot to know that is OCSL Board specific.

OASC: There was a challenge by someone that did not have experience years ago. Vote settled issue of which candidate had experience. If the chair leaves and none of the board members want to step in we're in trouble.

Bears: If voted down, what is contingency plan?

Hotspurs: To add to Bears, if only individual running has no experience are they not acclaimed?

Legal Counsel runs vote. Membership votes to approve motion. LMB votes down. LMB goes to breakout room.

*Chair: LMB rescinds vote. **Constitution motion #1 adopted***

Motion #2 proposed by OCSL LMB

CURRENT

Article 11.1 Constitution amendments may be proposed by the Board of Directors, or submitted by a Member to the League in writing at least 21 days prior to a general meeting of the League; and must be approved by a majority vote of the Board of

Directors, and/or by a 2/3's vote of the Membership voting in person or by proxy at a meeting of the League duly called for that purpose.

PROPOSED

Article 11.1 Constitution amendments may be proposed by the Board of Directors, or submitted by a Member to the League in writing at least 21 days prior to a general meeting of the League; and must be approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, and/or by a 2/3's vote of the Membership voting in person or by proxy at a meeting of the League duly called for that purpose.

Chair introduces proposed change. Seconded by Westboro. No discussion.

*Legal counsel: 2/3 membership voted against. **Constitution motion #2 fails***

Motion #3 proposed by OASC

CURRENT

Article 11.1 Constitution amendments may be proposed by the Board of Directors, or submitted by a Member to the League in writing at least 21 days prior to a general meeting of the League; and must be approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, and/or by a 2/3's vote of the Membership voting in person or by proxy at a meeting of the League duly called for that purpose.

PROPOSED

Article 11.1 Constitution amendments may be proposed by the Board of Directors, or submitted by a Member to the League in writing at least 21 days prior to a general meeting of the League; and must be approved by a 2/3's vote of the Membership voting in person or by proxy at a meeting of the League duly called for that purpose.

OASC presents proposed change. Seconded by Ottawa Eagles. No discussion.

*Legal counsel: More than 2/3s vote. **Constitution motion #3 adopted***

Motion #4 proposed by OCSL LMB

CURRENT

Article 6.4 For General Meetings and the Assembly attendance at, and throughout, the entire meeting is mandatory. Any club that does not have the required representation (see 6.6.2) below) in attendance during the full meeting without reasonable cause (as determined by the League Management Board) will be assessed a fine.

PROPOSED

Article 6.4 For General Meetings and the Assembly attendance at, and throughout, the entire meeting is mandatory. Any club that does not have the required representation (see 6.6.2) below) in attendance during the full meeting without reasonable cause (as determined by the League Management Board) will be assessed a fine.

- I. All meetings and assemblies may be held in a virtual format to facilitate participation by all members

Chair introduces proposed change. Seconded by Kingston.

*All in favour. **Constitution motion #4 adopted***

Motion #5 proposed by OCSL LMB

ADDITION

Article 7.1.XIII An Officer or Director of the League Management Board shall not be an employee of a member club

Chair introduces proposed change. Seconded by North Dundas. Floor open for discussion.

OCSC: Just employees or contractors for clubs? Motion to add 'or contractor'. Seconded by Sunset Lakers.

OASC: There is no such rule at OS, nothing that says we have to do this.

OISC: Needs to be more clear on what is/isn't allowed.

DaL Frank: Already came down from CSA to EODSA, whether OS has it or not is irrelevant.

Bears: Was any of this implemented because of board's ability to pass/reject motions? Given change to motion #3 point may be moot.

DaL Frank: Helps protect the league, but also individuals from conflict of interest.

Falcons: Suggest LMB revisit this after gathering more information. Membership in favour.

Legal Counsel: Motions will be revisited internally by the LMB and tabled to membership at a later date.

13. Amendments to the Rules & Regulations

Motion #1 Proposed by Ottawa Adult Soccer Club

Recreational Rules and Regulations, Applications 8.b

CURRENT

Teams that are withdrawn after May 15th shall be liable for the full team entry fee of the division in which they have entered, any field fees plus an administrative fee of \$500.00.

PROPOSED

Teams that are withdrawn after May 15th shall be liable for the full team entry fee of the division in which they have entered, any field fees that cannot be recovered, plus an administrative fee of \$500.00.

OASC presents suggested change. Seconded by Falcons.

*No discussion. **Rules & Regs motion #1 adopted***

Motion #2 Proposed by LMB

All OCSL Rules and Regulations - Section I Applications

ADD

12. Member clubs of the OCSL are required to provide a club referee and discipline representative for the 2024 season.

a) Club Referee – a club may nominate a match official who refereed at least 3 OCSL matches in the 2023 season, or a participant in the 2024 Match Official Accelerator Program. A Club that is unable to nominate a Club Referee may meet the obligation by making a \$100 payment in lieu to fund the 2024 Match Official Accelerator Program.

b) Club Discipline Panel Member – a club may nominate a discipline panel member who sat on a panel for at least one OCSL or EODSA adult disciplinary hearing in 2023, or completes a 2024 discipline course and commits to panel service for at least one hearing in 2024. Paid chairs are eligible for nomination as a Club Discipline Panel Member. A Club that is unable to nominate a Club Discipline Panel Member may meet the obligation by making a \$100 payment in lieu to fund 2024 Discipline Panel development.

Treasurer presents motion. Seconded by Ottawa Eagles. Open for discussion.

Treasurer: Clubs to have at least one referee and discipline representative. The discipline rep would be someone that has their discipline certification. Where clubs do not have that, we are proposing a \$100 payment in lieu.

OASC: Do not like wording. What if club nominates someone who does not show up.

Hotspurs: Intent for rule going past this season? If yes, suggest adding 'each year', not 2024.

Westboro: Would like to suggest amendment to start in 2025, not 2024. Seconded by West Carleton.

Lynwood: Our club pays honorarium. Instead of forcing clubs pay the volunteers.

Des Collines: Most clubs have a referee, not sure this solves the problem. Also, how does this affect Quebec clubs?

GM: It would apply to Quebec clubs too, since they take part in OCSL hearings.

Hotspurs: Is this being proposed beyond 2024? In which case I suggest removing the years.

North Dundas: To confirm, this wording would be used as a placeholder, and revisit next year to see if it will carry on.

Treasurer: Yes. If motion passes, it will be revisited and voted on at next year's meeting.

*Legal counsel runs votes. **Rules & Regs motion #2 adopted***

Motion #3 Proposed by LMB

Recreational Rules Section II. 1. C – Categories and Divisions

ADD

v. Grand Masters (60+)

a) For the first three years teams will be permitted X number of ‘underage’ players. ‘Underage’ refers to players that are 56-60 (born 1964-68). In 2024, teams may carry up to three (3) underage players. In 2025, up to two (2) underage players. In 2026, one (1) underage player. As of 2027 underage players will not be permitted.

GM presents motion. Seconded by Westboro. Open for discussion.

Hotspurs: How many teams do you think you’ll get?

GM: 3 have said yes, a couple more are interested pending callup rule. We’d be happy with 6 or more. Good start for year one, similar to how masters began which now has 30+ teams.

OASC: For fall OT/MOT meeting, results show slightly more than 1/3 preferred 35/50/60, but the other 2/3 preferred some type of 10-year split (30/40/50/60 or 35/45/55).

Arnprior: We are a club that would prefer a 10-year split, but to add a 30+ division we need to include the MC / MR divisions.

OASC: Can we vote on the overall motion, and specific rules can be hashed out in the spring with team managers?

Bears: Amendment to include ‘3 underage players, including callups’. Do not want anyone circumventing rules. 3 max per game. Seconded by Falcons. Motion Passes. New motion as follows:

‘a) For the first three years teams will be permitted three (3) number of ‘underage’ players. ‘Underage’ refers to players that are 56-60 (born 1964-68). In 2024, teams may carry up to three (3) underage players per call, including callups. In 2025, up to two (2) underage players per game, including callups. In 2026, one (1) underage player per game, including callups. As of 2027 underage players will not be permitted.’

Legal counsel runs votes. Rules & Regs motion #3 adopted. League to set up meeting with Masters teams in March.

Motion #4 Proposed by Ottawa Adult Soccer Club

Recreational Rules and Regulations Section IV – Playing Up Permits, Trial Permits, Temporary Eligibility Permits and Reserve Teams

CURRENT

All other MR and OT divisions may borrow a player from any other MR or OT division not mentioned above.

PROPOSED

OT divisions may borrow a player from any MR or lower OT division not mentioned above.

OASC presents motion. Seconded by Arnprior. Open for discussion.

Gloucester: Understand his concern. Flip side it’s difficult finding players in summer. Would rather play against several strong players than a team with only 7 or 8 bodies.

Arnprior: See both sides, but would prevent folks from abusing the rule.

Carleton Place: Difficult getting players, especially for rescheduled games. It will cause more harm than good.

Bears: Shouldn’t be punishing smaller clubs that don’t have resources/teams bigger clubs have.

Des Collines: Appreciate perspective of smaller clubs, but it’s distorting standings/results.

Arnprior: We are a smaller club only 1x OT and 1x MOT and were always able to field a team. Rather look to reschedule, find other players (register / TEP / STRP etc.).

Westboro: Already limit on number of players that can be called up per game.

OASC: We’ve heard that it hurts the lower-level OT teams. Simply are asking games are fair – playing against equals.

Legal counsel runs votes. Rules & Regs motion #4 fails.

14. Election of the Board

Legal Counsel: If there is only one nominee for a position, there will be no election. If there are two or more nominees for a position, there will be an election.

Be it resolved, that Bill McIntyre has been elected by acclamation to the position of Chair. No other nominations.

Be it resolved, that Frank Onasanya has been elected by acclamation to the position of Secretary. No other nominations.

Be it resolved, that Anas Aouni has been elected by acclamation to the position of Director of Competitions. No other nominations.

Be it resolved, that Daniel Eji has been elected by acclamation to the position of Director of Officiating. No other nominations.

Be it resolved, that Greg Elliott has been elected by acclamation to the position of Director at Large (even). No other nominations.

Be it resolved, that Tony Zito has been elected by acclamation to the position of Director at Large (even). No other nominations.

No volunteers for competitive liaison.

White Eagles nominate Bruce Hartill as recreational liaison. Bruce Hartill accepts.

15. Budget & Fees

Treasurer presents budget & fees.

OCSC: Several members in bad standing. What is your plan going forward for clubs that are not paying bills?

Treasurer: Our understanding is that most of these teams/players will be back. We got away from receiving all team/field fees in 2021 which snowballed to 2022 and 2023. This year, no pay = no play.

OSU: Given league's financial position what steps will be taken that we are moving towards a sound financial position?

Treasurer: Agreed. We should be aiming to net \$8-12k/ann to build reserves. If teams are not paid by May 1st they are coming out of divisions.

OCSC: Is CEBA loan accounted for?

Treasurer: Not in budget, not an operating expense.

OSU: There should be a willingness to disclose where the previous FYs sponsorship came from given that it was such a large number.

Be it resolved, that the budget for the financial year ending October 31, 2024 be approved and adopted as presented.

Moved: Westboro; Seconded: Falcons. Resolution adopted.

Legal counsel runs vote. Motion passes.

16. Any other Business**Motion proposed by Ottawa Adult Soccer Club****Proposal for ONCA compliance**

The Ottawa Adult Soccer Club are proposing two related motions:

- 1) That the OCSL engage a sports governance lawyer – perhaps one recommended by Ontario Soccer, to revise the constitution to be in line with ONCA and the requirements of Ontario Soccer; and
- 2) That the Ottawa Carleton Soccer League's updated constitution is presented to the members for ratification at a Special General Meeting before the end of April 2024.

OASC presents motion w rationale. Seconded by OSU. Open to discussion.

OCSL: Sports Law great resource w package deals. Should look into this.

Gloucester: Support idea, but concern w current financial situation right now. Would oppose it based on timeline.

OASC: Doing this in September is too late. Little room to maneuver.

Gloucester: Makes sense practically speaking. If we're taking necessary steps to be ONCA compliant, but we miss the deadline, what is the risk?

Nepean: Amendment is good. LMB can call SGM before September. Trust board to get it done before then.

OASC: Okay with moving deadline, but important that we have proper expertise. Agree w friendly amendment changing 'end of April' to 'end of September'.

Amended motion:

1) That the OCSL engage a sports governance lawyer – perhaps one recommended by Ontario Soccer, to revise the constitution to be in line with ONCA and the requirements of Ontario Soccer; and

2) That the Ottawa Carleton Soccer League's updated constitution is presented to the members for ratification at a Special General Meeting before the end of ~~April 2024~~ September 2024.

*Legal counsel runs vote. **Motion adopted.***

17. Roll Call #2 was conducted by General Manager

AS Gatineau, FC Gatineau, Fitzroy, Ottawa Impact, Rockers, and Soccer Multiculturel were absent.

All other clubs were present.

18. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 2:43pm.

Motion 2024-MM1 – 2023 AGM Minutes

To accept the 2023 AGM Minutes as presented.

**Minutes for the Ottawa Carleton Soccer League
2024 Special General Meeting
Webinar via Zoom
October 19th, 2024**

List of Acronyms used in the minutes:

AGM: Annual General Meeting
LMB: League Management Board
OASC: Ottawa Adult Soccer Club
OCSL: Ottawa Carleton Soccer League
SGM: Special General Meeting
VC: Vice Chair

Call to order

Chair called the meeting to order at 10:03am.

1. Credentials

Chair introduced LMB, staff and guest Garry Benedict-Balaganthan

2. Roll Call was conducted by General Manager

AS Gatineau, Fitzroy, Glengarry, Ottawa Impact, Ottawa Internationals and West Ottawa were absent.

3. Background

Garry: I've been working in conjunction with LMB to draft bylaws that are ONCA compliant and suitable with modern legal framework. The additions provide greater safeguards to members and allow for greater protection of assets. There were not many of these issues in the league's bylaws. Main areas of change are regarding the notification of meetings, conflicts of interest, and the protection of directors.

4. Motion

Be it resolved, that the bylaws are approved as presented.

Moved: West Carleton; Seconded: Ottawa Hellenic.

5. Discussion

Chair: The motion has been tabled. The motion is now open to discussion.

OASC: There is no specification as to the minimum number of directors. Do we want to look at specifying a number?

Vice Chair: In the event a board member resigns, the LMB would find a replacement ASAP.

Garry: It was a consideration; however, this was not included since the size of the board is reflected in the membership. When the size of membership fluctuates based on the number of teams, it's preferable to have the number of board members discussed at an AGM rather than SGM.

6. Vote

Motion passes.

7. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 10:26AM.

Motion 2024-MM2 – 2024 SGM Minutes

To accept the 2024 SGM Minutes as presented.

Reports



Chair's Report

Dear Members,

I am delighted to share with you the remarkable progress and growth our soccer community has experienced in the National Capital Region. This success is a direct result of your unwavering commitment and dedication.

Your contributions and kind conversations have been instrumental in fostering a vibrant and inclusive soccer community. The league's renewed growth is a testament to our collective efforts and our continued adoption of respect and civility for all.

This season, we have been inspired by the outstanding displays of sportsmanship, teamwork, and volunteerism. From organizing events like Club Tournaments to supporting local initiatives, your efforts have extended beyond the soccer field, making a significant impact on our community. Your dedication to creating a supportive and inclusive environment is truly admirable.

Together, we have created an environment where everyone feels welcome and valued. This positive atmosphere has not only attracted new members but also strengthened our existing community bonds.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication. Let us continue to build on this momentum and strive for even greater achievements in the future.

Yours Truly,

Bill McIntyre

OCSL Chair (Chair@ocslonline.ca)

Treasurer's Report

For period ending October 31, 2024

This has been a surprisingly positive year for the OCSL. It was not without challenges, but they were largely overcome to deliver a strong year financially. The CBSA obligation was discharged before the deadline, allowing the League to book the forgivable portion as Extraordinary Income. While we remain below our 2019 numbers, 2024 saw the strongest participation growth in nearly 20 years. Recreational divisions remain weaker than we would like to see, and the Women's Recreational divisions are a particular concern. However, Competitive is clearly seeing a resurgence. Frustratingly, we were again refused Canada Summer Jobs funding, and for this year we are endeavouring to get our story in front of regional MPs in a timelier fashion.

With the difficulties of 2023, we focused more stringently on controlling costs and eliminating risk. Despite challenging weather, we did not see the kind of operational disruption caused by smoke in 2023 and were largely able to manage around the difficulties coming from field closures. That resulted in stronger results from the field portfolio.

Taken together, higher than expected revenue and carefully managed costs delivered the best financial performance in over a decade. It should have been the second year of rebuilding our balance sheet, but it is a strong first step. For the year ahead, the objective is to build resilience in financial and organizational terms, while containing costs to allow our member Clubs to continue to develop momentum.

Ian Carter

Treasurer

Auditor's Report

The 2023-2024 financial statements have been attached separately.

Discipline Report

Yellow Cards

There were 2272 yellow cards issued in the OCSL in 2024.

Infraction	2024	2023	2022	2019	2018	2017	2016
Delaying Restart	109	72	37	49	38	60	45
Dissent	449	391	388	407	377	385	401
Entering without permission	14	12	5	6	6	8	12
Leaving without permission	7	4	3	6	6	8	9
Required Distance	22	25	19	18	17	24	26
Persistent Infringement	229	174	120	131	109	133	154
Unsporting Behaviour	1731	1594	1580	1778	1637	1717	1749
Total	2561	2272	2152	2395	2190	2335	2396

Red Cards

There were 169 Red Cards issued in the OCSL in 2024.

Type of Infraction	2024	2023	2022	2019	2018	2017	2016
Denied opponent goal by foul play	14	9	10	8	13	9	7
Denied opponent goal by handball	5	3	5	4	3	8	9
Received a 2nd caution	51	40	38	37	46	48	48
Received a 2nd caution Directed at MO	18	14	13	14	15	19	16
Serious foul play	13	9	7	9	14	18	12
Spitting at an Opponent	2	1	1	1	2	0	0
Used offensive language or gesture	7	9	10	7	5	10	15
Used offensive language or gesture at MO	21	24	17	18	22	19	23
Violent conduct	38	42	44	42	52	57	50
Total	169	151	145	140	172	188	180

Discipline Hearings

- 41 hearings were held in 2024, down from 46 in 2023.
- 27% were found not guilty on all charges
- 27% had their charge reduced.
- 54% were found guilty

Suspensions

- 274 suspensions were issued in 2024
- 8% increase vs 2023

Club Fines

Type	2024 Count	2023 Count	2022 Count	2019 Count	2018 Count	2017 Count
Default (more than 24 hours)	17	13	11	17	10	7
Default at the field	5	7	5	5	17	6
Default without enough notice	12	10	9	10	15	9
Delay of game	4	4	3	2	11	4
Failure to attend discipline hearing	2	3	1	3	1	2
Failure to enter game report	11	7	5	5	3	17
Failure to maintain 7 players	2	3	5	7	3	8
Failure to provide equipment	6	3	4	2	6	8
Game abandonment due to permit	1	1	1	0	1	3
Improper game sheets	12	8	6	4	16	6
Improper uniform	1	0	0	0	0	1
Ineligible player - too many PUPs	2	4	3	2	0	1
Ineligible player - no PUP	10	12	10	19	21	4
Ineligible players - playing down	4	3	1	2	2	1
Non-attendance at AGM	5	3	3	5	6	9
Non-attendance at SGM	6	N/A	3	0	7	6
Late Withdrawals	2	2	3	3	5	8
Total	102	83	73	85	124	100

Team Misconduct Meetings

2024	2023	2022	2019	2018	2017	2016
2.40	2.56	3.07	2.42	2.59	2.27	2.71
2.31	2.43	3.00	2.36	2.40	2.19	2.13
2.29	2.25	2.93	2.20	2.32	2.14	2.08
2.28	2.12	2.86	2.11	2.31	2.07	1.86
2.14	2.14	2.67	2.07	2.09	2.07	1.84
2.11	2.11	2.50	2.00	2.07	2.06	1.81
2.09	2.00	2.36	1.86	2.04	2.00	1.80
2.07	1.93	2.28	1.71	2.00	1.93	1.73
2.05	1.88	2.11	1.71	1.90	1.89	1.72
2.01	1.81	2.09	1.69	1.83	1.83	1.65

Three (3) teams will be issued performance bonds for the 2025 season. Meetings to be scheduled in January.

Appointment of Auditors

Motion 2024-A1 – Appoint 2024-2025 Auditors

Motion to Review and Recommend Auditors to Board for the OCSL's 2024-2025 Fiscal Year

The Board requests the authority from the Members to convene a Board Committee with membership representation to review the OCSL's current audit relationship and consider alternatives. The suggested composition would be three Board members and up to four Member representatives. The Board would then finalize the selection of the 2025 Auditors by May 2025.

Unfinished Business

BREAK

Amendments to the Rules & Regulations

1. Masters & Grand Masters Substitute on Throw Ins

Motion put forth by the Westboro Wolves Soccer Club and seconded by the Nepean Hotspurs, for Masters (50+) and Grand Masters (60+) only:

- Current rule: For throw ins, teams can only substitute when it is their own throw in.
- **Proposed rule: Both teams be allowed to make player changes on ANY throw-ins.**

Rationale: This would directly benefit the health and well-being of our players, especially under hot and humid conditions. This will help avoid distress due to fatigue and dehydration.

2. Motion - Exemption of Quebec members from the Referee Development and Discipline Representative obligations

Quebec member clubs already support referee development and appointment directly in Quebec. Despite ongoing difficulties with the number and availability of referees in Eastern Ontario, the OCSL has never had this problem for Quebec home games. Similarly, Quebec clubs support discipline procedures in Quebec, and requiring them to provide an Ontario Soccer-qualified representative is unintentionally onerous, particularly given the limited cross-section of OCSL division in which Gatineau clubs compete. Levying the charge on a single team was an unintended consequence.

Election of the Board

Position	2024 Person	AGM Status	Term	Nominations
Chair	Bill McIntyre	N/A	2024-2026	N/A
Vice Chair	Henry Patterson	Election	2023-2025	Henry Patterson
Secretary	Frank Onasanya	N/A	2024-2026	N/A
Treasurer	Ian Carter	Election	2023-2025	Ian Carter
Director of Competitions	Joe Pratecante	N/A	2024-2026	N/A
Director of Discipline	Anas Aouni	Election	2023-2025	Anas Aouni
Director of Officiating	Mike Moore	N/A	2024-2026	N/A
Director at Large (Even)	Greg Elliott	N/A	2024-2026	N/A
Director at Large (Odd)	Frank Onasanya	Election	2023-2025	Frank Onasanya
Director at Large (Even)	Tony Zito	N/A	2024-2026	N/A
Director at Large (Odd)	Mike Moore	Election	2023-2025	Bruce Hartill
Competitive Liaison	Dorie Milito	Election	2024-2025	None
Recreational Liaison	Bruce Hartill	Election	2024-2025	None

Election of:

1. Vice Chair
2. Treasurer
3. Director of Discipline
4. Director at Large odd
5. Director at Large odd

Liaisons

Clubs must be prepared to provide the name of a member of their club who is willing to be a Liaison. If there are no volunteers for a Liaison position, a club name will be selected at random from a hat and that club must provide a Liaison. If the club's Liaison performs his or her duties, the club will not have its name put back in the hat until every other club has provided a Liaison. Then all the names will be put back in. The Competitive Liaison will be chosen from those clubs with competitive teams and the Recreational Liaison will be chosen from those clubs with recreational teams. A draw will be re-done if it results in one club providing both Liaison positions.

- No club may provide a Competitive Liaison more often than once every 5 years.
- No club may provide a Recreational Liaison more often than once every 5 years.

2024-25 Budget

OPERATING BUDGET - 2025 Season

	Budget 2023-24	23-24 Actual	Budget 2024- 25	
Teams	255	261	267	Note 1
Revenue				
Team Fees	120,987	125,214	126,429	Note 2
Bob Rathwell Ottawa Cup	-		-	Note 3
Field Levy and Field Marking Levy	194,469	179,445	197,027	Note 4
Discipline	9,250	14,891	13,270	Note 5
Club Fees	2,000	1,600	1,500	Note 6
Miscellaneous	-		-	
Interest Revenue	125		125	
Grants in Aid	19,200	-	19,200	Note 7
New Members	-	1,033	-	
Total Revenue	346,031	322,183	357,551	
Expenses				
Audit Fees	10,000	10,105	10,000	
Awards and Trophies	1,500	1,455	1,600	
Bank Charges and interest	100	300	150	
Business & Capacity Develop Discipline Expense	500 -	34	500	-
Donations	500	500	500	
Equipment Rental	-		-	
Field marking and permits	184,200	146,562	173,372	Note 8
Insurance	1,750	893	1,100	
League Management Software	25,245	20,120	26,433	Note 9
Legal fees	2,200	3,500	1,200	Note 10

Maintenance and agreements	3,228	2,772	3,378	
Marketing	2,000	4,537	4,700	
Match Observer program	1,000		1,000	Note 11
Memberships	1,450	1,000	1,450	
Meetings	1,500	1,609	1,750	
Miscellaneous	500		500	
Office Equipment	1,016	2,258	1,016	
Office Rent	3,203	3,110	3,300	
Office Salaries	86,392	63,070	91,170	
Office Storage	451	438	451	
Office Supplies	1,000	616	1,000	
Operating Costs	2,880	2,818	2,880	
Bob Rathwell Ottawa Cup	-		-	
Postage	120	36	120	
Printing	50	38	50	
Professional Fees	3,000	4,075	2,000	
Referee Costs - Cancellation Security	750		750	
	-		-	
Staff Development	500		500	
Travel and Accommodations	750	627	750	
Volunteer appreciation	1,500		1,600	
Total Expenses	337,286	270,473	333,221	
Net Operating Surplus			<u>24330</u>	
Extraordinary Expense				
Relocation Reserve			0	
Target Surplus for FY2025			<u>24330</u>	

Notes to the Budget 2024-25

Note 1	Based on 261 teams registered in 2024
Note 2	No increase
Note 3	The OCSL will again run the Cup on a cost-recovery basis
Note 4	City field rates are expected to increase ~ 3%, fees increasing to \$1080/\$1700/\$2675
Note 5	Fines revenue from Player, Team, and Club Fines Bad year for defaults
Note 6	ref & discipline rep fees (verify)
Note 7	These funds were not received for the 2024 Season
Note 8	<i>Lining costs were significantly higher than projected</i>
Note 10	Reduced from 2024 after ONCA transition
Note 11	Continuing in 2024

2025 Fees

Team Fees	
Recreational	\$525.00
District Competitive	\$550.00
Regional	\$615.00

Field Fees	
Standard	\$1,080.00
Lit Fields	\$1,750.00
**Premium	\$2,675.00

*All figures include hst

**Clubs with teams using premium fields will pay the 'Premium Field Fees' prior to the field fees deadline and will be billed based on the per game cost of the field they use. Clubs will be invoiced or credited the difference when field time is reconciled at the end of the season.

Motion 2024-B1 to approve the 2024-2025 Budget & Fees
To approve the 2024-2025 Budget as presented.

Any Other Business

1. Tony Zito, DaL: Certificate of Appreciation

Roll Call #2

Adjournment
