



**Meeting Minutes
Annual General Meeting
West Ottawa Soccer Club Inc.
Year ending September 30, 2022**

**Tuesday, January 24th, 2023 at 7:00pm
Virtually through Google Meet**

- 1. Call to Order** - meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM

- 2. Establishment of Quorum** - The club has 44 members in good standing for the AGM, 23 members required for quorum. 16 members attended and 24 were represented by proxy for a total of 40. Quorum is established.

- 3. Approval of the agenda** - Moved by Jeff Seeton, seconded by Julie Springer-Aass to approve the agenda. Passed without dissension.

- 4. Approval of Minutes of the Previous AGM** – Moved by Marriam Kinny, seconded by Melissa Bond to approve the minutes of the January 22nd, 2022 AGM for Year ending September 30th, 2021. Passed without dissension.

5. Presentation of Officers' Reports –

One Officer's Report was delivered – The President's Report. Please refer to Appendix A for the full President's Report.

Moved by Jeff Seeton, seconded by Colin Arsenault to accept the President's Report.
Passed without dissension.

6. Treasurer's Report -

The Treasurer's report was provided in the form of addressing and speaking to the complete audited financials presented for Year ending 2022 with corresponding financial schedules.

Moved by Gregory Potlemy, seconded by Nick Covelli to accept the Treasurer's report.
Passed without dissension.

7. Report of the Auditors -

The Treasurer spoke to the complete audited financials presented for Year ending 2021 with corresponding financial schedules, prepared by **Kelly Huibers McNeely Chartered Accountants**.

Special thanks to David Cooper and the team at **Kelly Huibers McNeely Chartered Accountants** this past reporting period.

Moved by Jeff Seeton, seconded by Colin Arsenault to accept the Report of the Auditors. Passed without dissension.

8. Appointment of Auditors -

Kelly Huibers McNeely Chartered Accountants have completed their second year of a three (3) year contract as the auditors for the Club. There was no motion required for this item.

9. New Business -

At a recent Board of Directors meeting, the board passed the following motion:

***MOTION:** To ensure the strength and independence, the Board resolves to change the By-Laws as follows:*

Increase the number of Director positions to from 7 to 8

The board required the membership to adopt this resolution. Moved by Marriam Kinny, seconded by Jeff Seeton to adopt the resolution. Passed without dissension.

10. Election of New Directors -

Going into the AGM, the club has seven (7) current board members with three (3) spots up for election: the position of Vice-President, the position of Treasurer and one (1) position of Director at Large.

With the adoption of the previous motion, WOSC has the following positions available for election with the candidates nominated. All four individuals will be accepted by acclamation.

- Erin Crowe, Vice-President (2 year) by acclamation
- Gregory Ptolemy, Treasurer (2 year) by acclamation.
- Stephen O'Kane, Director at Large (2 year) by acclamation.
- Nick Covelli, Director at Large (2 year) by acclamation

As a result, the board members for the club moving forward into the reporting period ending 2023 are as follows:

- #A. Steve Rosettani, President (1 year)
- #B. Erin Crowe, Vice President (2 year)
- #C. Greg Ptolemy, Treasurer (2 year)
- #D. Jeff Seeton, Director at Large (1 year)
- #E. Marriam Kinny, Director at Large (1 year)
- #F. Julie Springer-Aass, Director at Large (1 year)
- #G Nick Covelli, Director at Large (2 year)
- #H Stephen O'Kane, Director at Large (2 year)

11. **Adjournment** - There being no further business the meeting was concluded. Adjourned at 7:41pm.



WEST OTTAWA SOCCER CLUB

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Year Ending September 30, 2022

JANUARY 2023

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I. INTRODUCTION

2022 became a year of 'getting back to business' for many Canadians and WOSC was no exception. I am proud to provide this year's president's report, with accompanying updates from our technical and operations staff along with coach, player and team accomplishments.

Over the past few years, WOSC has faced many challenges related to the Return to Play model, returning to the office as pandemic restrictions eased, and the multi-faceted interactions that are required in working with all our governing bodies (EODSA, Ontario Soccer and Canada Soccer).

While reflecting on these, I am pleased to see our WOSC community continue to drive towards normalcy while also growing our programs to reflect on what our west-end Ottawa soccer community requires and demands.

The beginning of the 2022 calendar year saw some hurdles to overcome as WOSC was still required to adapt to the stops and starts of the pandemic restrictions. The WOSC Warrior team (technical staff, coaches, office administration, volunteers, managers and convenors) worked diligently to provide alternatives across all of our programs.

Our highly energetic, technical and innovative staff along with our dedicated Board have made it our #1 priority, every day to provide the highest quality and safe programming to the West Ottawa Soccer Community.

As I have said before, the "secret sauce" to our success is our out-of-the-box thinking for programming, access to facilities that fulfill all our service needs, and the desire & drive to strive for a strong, connected soccer community all the while aligning with our governing bodies technical requirements

While this report is meant to reflect on activities up until the end of our fiscal year (September 31st), I would be remiss to not mention the excitement the World Cup brought to Canada and our great nation's capital. We saw local & national representation in the 2022 World Cup that has allowed a new generation of fans to be born. With a respectable showing by our Men's National team, we are hoping this will springboard soccer, not just in our community, but across the nation leading up to the 2026 World Cup as co-hosts.

Below, you will find updates from technical, operations and sponsorships, along with a long list of staff, player and team accomplishments over this reporting period.

What a year it was – we have so much to look forward to in 2023!

II. TECHNICAL UPDATE

Working under the Technical direction of Kwame Telemaque, our technical team continued to address and surpass the coaching challenges that came with RTP and some of those highlights include:

- Full roll out of the [Warrior Mentality](#) program.
- 6 players selected for 2022 Ontario Provincial teams.
- Implementation of the new OPDL Skill Centre training structure (Competition night and Position Specific) added to a team session and strength and conditioning.
- Successful preseason trip to Nova Scotia during march break (07 Boys, 08 & 07 Girls, Showcase Boys and Girls).
- Invited into TFC Academy for exhibition games. Opportunities for players to be scouted from within our training environment by Head Scout - Chris Pozniak.
- Two 2008 boys were invited for a Trial at TFC Academy.
- A WOSC alumnus from our Showcase & OPDL program was selected to a CPL team (Atletico Ottawa) in the 2022 U Sports draft.
- 1 Player on extended Trial with CF Montreal U23's (MLS Reserve Team).
- 2 Players selected to the Atletico Ottawa Development Roster for 2022.
- 1 player 1st team AUS all star; 1 player 2nd team AUS all star.
- Better league performance (points wise) - U14 (08) Boys, U15 (07) Boys, U17 (06) Boys, U14 (08) Girls, U15 (07) Girls.
- Provided all OPDL Coaches opportunities to work on specific positional sessions and help educate them on session structure and implementation of technique and skills related to individual/unit/team.

III. OPERATIONS UPDATE

Under the leadership of Brian Mason as our General Manager, and Chris Bascelli Operations Manager, our operations team continue to deliver numerous solutions through the pandemic some of these include:

- Return of the Wesley Clover Cup. With Over 60 high-level teams that participated – even more teams expected in 2023.
- Cage Soccer (VOLTA) was built and is ready for programs/league play in Spring 2023. This is a unique opportunity for the club. It will benefit our youth player development and will allow the club to offer various tournaments and leagues.
- The First ever WOSC WinterFest was held in December. Consisted of a U9-U12 festival that hosted teams from Brampton, Kitchener, and Waterloo – among other Ottawa-based clubs. The event was very well received as there is not any other indoor (dome) festivals offered within the district.
- We were excited to see the return of the annual end-of-season rep banquet. Hosted at Centurion, we had over 300 attendees and expect that number to continue to grow. This provided teams with the ability to fundraise for their program. The 2007 OPDL Boys team introduced a silent auction which was a great success; they raised almost \$4,000 in team funds for their upcoming UK trip.

- WeeWarriors Summer 2022 registration numbers (1450) were at a level that have not been seen since before 2017. Fall and Winter WeeWarriors programs were also completely sold out.
- We introduced the ½ Day WeeWarriors Summer Camp in 2022. All 7 weeks of camp were sold out.
- The Youth Warrior Council was formed in January 2022. This 6 member group made up of youth players (14-17 years old) promoted Bell Media Day, Warrior Mentality and hosted a successful "Warrior Night" of street soccer for U8 and U9 players within all programs.
- The Warrior Legacy Tree was installed at Wesley Clover the fall of 2022. On this tree are placed "leaves" with names of past/present WOSC individuals who have exemplified the WOSC Warrior Mentality through their contributions both on and off the field. 6 Leaves were added for 2022: Keera Melenhorst, Rick Blaiklock, Spencer King, Nathan Frans, Matthew Crosier, Andre Fortier.
- Hosted the first ever Puma King Premier Club Event. U15 (2008) teams from Suburban (Nova Scotia) and Lakeshore (Quebec) joined the WOSC 2008 OPDL teams for a 3 day event: Friday skills sessions with 2 professional coaches, followed by a 7v7 tournament at our Thunderbird facility.
- Canada Soccer's National Youth Club Licensing Portal was launched; WOSC will be able to efficiently upload, track and receive scoring on all club licensing documentation moving forward.
- Significant improvements to our marketing & social media content being delivered to members that has increased traffic overall across all main social platforms.
 - Average post consistently reaches over 100 likes; top posts, such as university commitments or special club highlights (MCFC trip e.g.) reach easily over 150 likes every time.
 - From Oct 25 - Jan 22, we have reached 10.1k users on Instagram and engaged with over 1k users. This is up 33.9% and 16.3% respectively from Jul 27 to Oct 24 time period.
- Increased the number of Adult Teams participating in the Indoor 2022-23 Season
 - 10 teams new from last year's program into the Women's divisions for a total of 42 teams.
 - 19 teams for the Men's divisions.
- U8 Representative summer festival hosted in August with teams from across the city of Ottawa.
- 2022-23 Winter Skill Centre registration numbers have exceeded the 2019 total. We have over 315 Skill Centre players this winter, which is an 18% increase from 2019 (260).
- Registration for Summer and Winter Youth Rec League returned to pre-pandemic levels.
- Office trailer delivered to Wesley Clover Park. WOSC will have a staff presence at the facility Monday-Friday.

IV. SPONSORSHIPS & GRANTS

A key strategic initiative for the club is to grow our sponsorship and grant programming. 2022 saw some great momentum being built, with over \$40,000 in grant and sponsorship money being raised. Special thanks to Hank Shannon for his leadership and passion in reaching out to our community. Some of our key sponsors we would like to thank include:

- Scholars
- BMO
- Canadian Tire
- Cleland Jardine
- OPTSC Ottawa Physiotherapy Sports Clinic
- KND Consulting (accounting firm)

V. STAFF ADDITIONS

Shobin Sajan: registrar and events coordinator. Shobin was previously an intern with WOSC.

Craig Ross; Technical Coach and program coordinator.

Krystal Coulterman & Stacy Coulterman: adult coordinators, women's program.

VI. 2022 Coach, Player and Team Accomplishments

Coach Highlights:

Canada Soccer Youth License Recipients:

Mike Popiel
 Thomas Muir
 Russell Shaw
 Kwame Telemaque

Canada Soccer Children's License Recipients:

Cale England
 Bran Mogin
 Dave Barbier

Player & Team Highlights:

Throughout this year we have worked collaboratively as a board working through so many challenges, there are of course many more additional accomplishments to be proud of this year that are a testament to the focus and strength of this team during these challenging times.

Showcase and Elite boys 2022

- Ethan Trask commitment to ST FX
- Mo Bouzidi commitment to Carleton
- Mo Bouzidi drafted to Ottawa Athletico (CPL)

- Omar Darwish training with Atletico Ottawa
- Vaughn FTF Spring & Fall Showcase Champions
- Omar Darwish commitment to Carleton
- Julian Gonzalez commitment to UOIT

Lots of current showcase players with multiple offers. We are anticipating 6-8 additional commitments in early 2023.

Showcase and Elite girls 2022

- Ava Elgood commitment to ST FX
- Olivia Albright commitment to CBU
- Jordan Tate commitment to Mount Alison
- Emma Dang commitment to UOIT
- Justina Snow commitment to UofT
- Riley Curry commitment to Mount Alison
- Cassidy Wells commitment to SMU
- Tatiana Kayrouz commitment to ST FX

- Berea Woldeyes commitment to TRU

We are anticipating additional commitments in early 2023, for a total of 13-14 scholarships within this program.

- WOSC Men's Premier crowned 2022 OCSL League Champions (first time in club history).
- U18 Girls Regional - Peterborough Challenge Cup Champions
- U18 Girls Regional - Kingston First Capital Cup Champions
- U16 Boys Regional - Peterborough Challenge Cup Champions
- U15 Girls Regional - Runner's Up Vermont Nordic Cup

In closing, the Board of Directors would like to extend their thanks to all of our staff, coaches and volunteers for their hard work in bringing the Warrior Mentality to life and showing true resilience this year as we have moved forward. Thanks to our community for continuing to have faith and supporting the WOSC way!