



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

October 26, 2006

MINUTES

In Attendance:

George Thwaites	Laird Coghill	Robert Fox	Scott Davidson
Hani Diab	Valerie Frisken	Guy Valentine	Rainer Bloess
Eliane Turner	Phil Evans	Sean Cale	Remi Beaudin
Tim MacPherson	Don Bishop	John Gibson	Stephen Heckbert

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call

2. Approval of Agenda:

MOTION: *That the Agenda be approved*

Moved: Robert Fox
Seconded: Remi Beaudin

CARRIED

2. Approval of 2005 Annual General Meeting Minutes

MOTION: *That the 2005 AGM Minutes be approved as presented*

Moved: John Gibson
Seconded: Sean Cale

CARRIED

3. Chairperson's Report

George Thwaites introduced his comments with a dedication of the newly painted mural on the office walls to the youth who play soccer with GDRS and the volunteers who make it happen. The artist/painter was Pascale Raposo. He then summarized his written report with highlights touching on the four strategies which had been adopted in the strategic business plan approved by the Board of Directors in November 2005 (see Annex A). He closed his comments with a statement of appreciation for the support he has received during his term of office from coaches and other volunteers but in particular the members of the Board of Directors and GDRS office staff – Bridget Edmonds and Dave Powell.

4. Reports from members of Board of Directors

Each member of the Board of Directors highlighted their written reports (see Annex B). There was an overall sense that the 2006 season had been quite successful and that this was due in large part to the wonderful support from Bridget and Dave, to a number of volunteers who stepped forward to assist with certain key functions and to the 180 plus coaches who dedicated their time to GDRS players.

Discussion points included:

- investment possibilities in the Potvin fields (even renaming them to the Dragons Lair)
- winter coach development activity
- possible outreach activity in the community related to coaching
- registration numbers and possibilities for U4 level.



5. Financial Report

George Thwaites presented on behalf of Angela Kuntz (Treasurer) the draft financial statements for the fiscal year to October 2006 (see Annex C). These statements are unaudited and will only be finalized to actual year-end after October 31, 2006. The statements show a surplus situation for 2006 even though the budget had called for a deficit situation. Contributing factors were that despite much lower registration revenue a number of functions cost less (i.e. office administration, coach development sessions (provincial training) were recovered from non-GDRS participants; equipment costs were significantly lower). There was also discussion of the Balance Sheet with respect to lower value of the organization although this was attributable in part to less cash and a significant change in liabilities. The full set of financial statements remain to be reviewed and revised with late year end adjustments

MOTION

that the financial statements as presented be accepted subject to final statements being concluded as soon as possible and then ratified by the Board of Directors prior to being signed.

Moved John Gibson
Seconded Rainer Bloess

CARRIED

6. Other Business

Presentations were made to Valerie Frisken, Guy Valentine, Eliane Turner, Laird Coghill, and Scott Davidson (and in absentia to Angela Kuntz and Omer Tas) on the occasion of their completion of their term of office or resignation in appreciation of their contribution to GDRS. Special words of appreciation were directed at Valerie in light of her very long term volunteer commitment to the Dragons.

7. Election of new Board members

Position	Term of Office	Nomination	Motion	Second	Result
Chairperson	October 2008	Stephen Heckbert	Tim MacPherson	Robert Fox	acclaimed
Executive Director Operations	October 2007				vacant
Secretary	October 2007				vacant
Treasurer	October 2008	Francois Brouard	John Gibson	Valerie Frisken	acclaimed
Registrar	October 2008	Tim MacPherson	Stephen Heckbert	Don Bishop	acclaimed
Director Coach Development	October 2008	Scott Davidson	Hani Diab	Sean Cale	acclaimed
Director Minis 5&6	October 2007	Sean Cale	Eliane Turner	Phil Evans	acclaimed
Director Minis 7&8	October 2007				Vacant
Director Junior Girls 9-12	October 2008				vacant
Director Senior Girls 13-19	October 2007	Laird Coghill	Stephen Heckbert	Tim MacPherson	acclaimed
Director Senior Boys 13-19	October 2008				vacant
Director Marketing and Community Relations	October 2007				vacant

The incumbents of Director Equipment and Facilities (Robert Fox) and Director Junior Boys (Phil Evans) have another year remaining in their term of office, as does Barry Walker in his appointment as Head Referee. IN addition to the above, it was determined that:

- John Gibson would be Assistant Director Coach Development
- Hani Diab would be Assistant Director Senior Girls 13-19
- Al Shierer would continue in his role of Field Management Co-ordinator
- Remi Beaudin would continue in his role as Assistant Director Equipment and Facilities
- Sylvain Coulombe would be providing support in the area of registration and team formation



George thanked all persons who have decided to join the Board of Directors either as members or in support functions – they are all valuable. Clearly there are a number of positions which need to be filled for GDRS to have a successful season in 2007 and that this will require a significant effort to reach out and recruit other individuals.

8. Additional Business

In light of Board changes and vacancies, and in order to ensure that financial management practices could continue to be respected, it was determined that until the new Board took office, that Valerie Frisken would be able to remain as a signatory for cheques (two required).

MOTION

that Valerie Frisken be able to continue to co-sign cheques as required until the new Board of Directors are able to put into effect new signing authorities.

Moved
Seconded

John Gibson
Robert Fox

CARRIED

9. Adjournment

MOTION

that the meeting be adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Moved
Seconded

Guy Valentine
Sean Cale

CARRIED