

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

October 23, 2007

## MINUTES

**In Attendance:** Michele Taylor      George Thwaites      Adam Gray  
Tim MacPherson      Fred Haggart      Denis Comtois  
Phil Evans      Laird Coghill      Francois Brouard  
Hani Diab      Marcella Zikmund      David Bowyer  
John Gibson      Sean Cale      Stephen Heckbert  
Marie Trojan      Valerie Frisken      Don Bishop  
Paolo Fillippino

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

### 1. Roll Call

### 2. Approval of Agenda:

**MOTION:** That the agenda be approved

**Moved:** Francois Brouard

**Seconded:** John Gibson

**Carried**

### 3. Approval of 2006 Annual General Meeting Minutes:

**MOTION:** That the 2006 AGM Minutes be approved as presented

**Moved:** George Thwaites

**Seconded:** John Gibson

**Carried**

### 4. Chairperson's Address

Stephen Heckbert introduced his comments by welcoming all present and reiterating the GDRS Mission Statement "...to promote the game of soccer while providing all participants with an equal opportunity to play and develop in an atmosphere of fun, good sportsmanship and respect." He then summarized his written report (see Annex A) on the 2007 season, highlighting the four strategies

adopted by the GDRS Board of Directors in the November 2005 strategic business plan. He concluded his comments with an overview of the issues and challenges the organization faces and needs to address and closed with an acknowledgement of the support the organization receives from players and the GDRS volunteer community. Stephen also extended a special thank-you to GDRS Board Members and staff and especially to George Thwaites, Phil Evans and Laird Coghill for all their efforts while serving as members of the Board.

With regard to Stephen's report, Fred Haggart noted a correction to the section dealing with Code of Conduct and rules - Discipline Committee whereby suspensions were handed out to 4 boys and two girls rather than "...six suspensions...(all within the U19 Boys Division)."

## **5. Reports from members of Board of Directors**

Each member of the Board of Directors provided a summary of his or her written report (see Annex B).

Discussion points included:

- online registration (tagging volunteers and area identification)
- registration numbers and team formation
- advertising (coverage and registration timelines)
- coach recruitment (including language issue), development and retention
- code of conduct and rules and the importance of a positive soccer experience for all involved
- field investment
- field requirements and field allocation process
- handbook improvements and distribution
- volunteer recruitment
- mentoring and assessment of referees
- investment strategy and financial reporting
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## **6. Financial Report**

Francois Brouard introduced his comments by noting the fiscal year end change from October 31<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>. He then presented the financial statements for the fiscal year to September 30, 2007 (see Annex C). Francois noted that the statements show a surplus situation for 2007 and indicated that investment strategy and financial reporting with a new chart of accounts are priorities for the coming year.

**MOTION:** that the financial statements as presented be accepted

**Moved:** TimMacPherson

**Seconded:** Laird Coghill

**Carried**

## 7. Other Business

### a) Changes to By-Laws

The By-Law change to Article 14h of the By-Laws as referenced below and as posted on the GDRS website in September 2007 was presented to those in attendance at the AGM.

14h) A youth amateur player shall mean any amateur player who has not attained his/her nineteenth birthday before the 1<sup>st</sup> of January for the current year.

(The article previously read "...player who has not attained his/her twentieth birthday...")

In connection with the amendment, Fred Haggart suggested that the change be made effective in 2009 rather than 2008 to allow the soccer community time to absorb its impact. As a result, the following motions were put forward:

**MOTION:** to amend Article 14h of the By-Laws to make it effective January 1st, 2009

**Moved:** Fred Haggart  
**Seconded:** Laird Coghill

**Carried**

**MOTION:** to approve the Principal Motion

**Moved:** John Gibson  
**Seconded:** Don Bishop

### b) Board Member Recognition

Stephen Heckbert extended gratitude on behalf of the Board and the GDRS community for the efforts and contributions made by George Thwaites, Phil Evans and Laird Coghill who are taking their leave of the Board this year. He remarked that "...each, in his own way have given us valuable lessons..." and complimented them for their consistency, guidance and commitment to ensuring kids can play soccer and enjoy themselves. Michele Taylor followed Stephen's comments with a presentation to all three gentlemen on behalf of the Board.

## 8. Election of new Board of Directors

<b>Position</b>	<b>Term of Office</b>	<b>Nomination</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Result</b>
Executive Director Operations	October 2009	Sean Cale	George Thwaites	Francois Brouard	Acclaimed
Secretary	October 2009	Marcella Zikmund	Stephen Heckbert	Francois Brouard	Acclaimed
Director Senior Girls	October 2009	Denis Comtois	Francois Brouard	John Gibson	Acclaimed
Director Junior Girls	October 2008	Marie Trojan	Stephen Heckbert	Michele Taylor	Acclaimed
Director Junior Boys	October 2009				Vacant
Director Minis 7&8	October 2009	Adam Gray	Francois Brouard	Stephen Heckbert	Acclaimed
Director Minis 5&6	October 2009				Vacant
Director Marketing & Community Relations	October 2009				Vacant
Director Coach Development	October 2008	John Gibson	Francois Brouard	Stephen Heckbert	Acclaimed

The incumbents of Chairperson (Stephen Heckbert), Treasurer (Francois Brouard), Registrar (Tim MacPherson), Director Senior Boys (Michele Taylor) and Director, Equipment and Facilities (Robert Fox) have another year remaining in their term.

## 9. Adjournment

**MOTION:** that the meeting be adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

**Moved:** John Gibson

**Seconded:** Francois Brouard

**Carried**