

EODSA Board Meeting
Summary Notes
2019/2020

These notes are provided as information to our member Clubs and are not a full documentation of the discussions which occurred.

October 2019

The Board approved a plan to move the EODSA office to the Hornet's Nest for an undetermined time, until a permanent solution is found.

A motion to adopt a Terms of Reference for the newly created Competitions Research Committee has been postponed to the next meeting.

A motion to install fees for late membership renewal was approved. The fees will be as follows:

250 Membership fee + 250 fine - if submitted within 2 weeks after deadline

250 Membership fee + 750 fine- if submitted 2 weeks plus 1 day after deadline

A Crisis Management Plan was presented to the Board. A motion to adopt the plan has been postponed to the next Board meeting while Board members review the document.

The annual budget for 2019/20 was presented in draft form, and a motion to adopt it was postponed while the Board members review the budget.

November 2019

The Board directed the President to agree to mediation as proposed by Ontario Soccer with regards to defining the SAAS fees, and whether they are a member fee or a service fee. The President will communicate with Clubs after mediation to give further information about Sports Engine, and the associated fees.

The Board agreed to assign members of the EODSA as applicable to 4 groups, OPDL, Urban with youth, Rural with youth and Adult. This was done to assist with the creation of Terms of Reference for Board committees, and member representation on those committees.

Terms of Reference for the following committees were approved:

- Nominations Committee (Committee of the Board)
- Governance and Strategic Planning Committee (Committee of the Board)
- Membership Committee (Operations Committee)
- Competitions Research Committee (Committee of the Board)

The Board approved the names of the Committee members for Board committees as put forward at our Strategic Planning sessions.

February 2020

The ED reported that Clubs participating in the indoor league (WDL) were audited for coach certifications. This summer all coach certifications will be checked, and proper certification enforced.

Ontario Soccer announced this winter that Ontario Recognized Academies (ORA) are eligible for District league play in outdoor 2020. Further, ORAs can choose whether to play in the OASL League or District leagues, team-by-team. A motion was presented to the EODSA Board to allow ORAs to enter ERSL District league play for 2020. The motion passed. Academies will be subject to the same rules and procedures as member Clubs. Academies pay \$6.00 per player towards Match Official development to Ontario Soccer.

April 2020

MOTION - The Board directs the Executive Director to explore and undertake all means to preserve EODSA financial resources such as the following:

- Exploring all applicable government employment subsidies and applying these to all EODSA employees. For example, programs that will pay up to 75 percent of employee's wages where a business entity has seen a material decline in revenue
- Applying for and implementing these measures as soon as practical
- Trimming to the maximum extent possible all non-employee related operational expenses
- Advising and educating our members, when they have inquired, of programs and subsidies uncovered as a result of this motion
- Advising the board periodically on this or any other undertaking that will conserve financial resources whilst maintaining the ability to resume operations in short order

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June 2020

MOTION that the Board approve the Employee Handbook version 3 and that the Handbook be reviewed annually in September.

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MOTION a player-fee decrease for summer 2020 due to Covid-19, as follows:

Mini U10 - \$1.25	Mini U12 - \$4.50
Youth Recreational - \$4.50	Youth Competitive - \$4.85
Senior Recreational - \$9.00	Senior Competitive - \$9.00

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July 2020

Whereas Ontario Soccer (OS) is seeking input through the District Presidents Forum (DPF) on the Canada Soccer (CS and Ontario Soccer fees for the 2020 outdoor season in July 2020); and

CS reports that they remit some fees to OS through various options put forward to the DPF (as part of their usual \$9 per player fee); and

OS, having received only 15 percent of its normal player registration revenue to date, has put forward 3 options for consideration:

- 1) Charge \$9 to all registrations as per usual with \$3 going to CS and OS keeping the other \$6 to assist in addressing their financial pressures;
- 2) Charge \$6 to all registrations with \$3 going to CS and OS keeping \$3 to assist in addressing their financial pressures;
- 3) Charge \$3 to all registrations with this fee going to CS. This would reduce the fees that the EODSA would collect from the Clubs by \$6 per registration.

MOTION that the EODSA provide the advice to the DPF that option 3 be recommended, through consultation with the EODSA Financial Working Committee for their meeting of July 10, 2020. Further that the EODSA submit OS fees on a monthly basis in order to aid the OS with their cash flow.

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August 2020

MOTION to accept the following Clubs and Leagues into our District, that are transferring from the Soccer Northeast District:

Deep River and Area Minor Soccer Club

Opeongo Minor Soccer Club

Pembroke Soccer Club

Petawawa Minor Soccer Club

Renfrew Minor Soccer Club

Valley United Soccer League

Upper Ottawa Valley Adult Soccer League

APPROVED – On December 5th Ontario Soccer subsequently approved the move of the above Clubs to the EODSA as of January 1, 2021

November 2020

MOTION to present the proposed changes to Rules and Regulations to the Club members at a December Special General Meeting.

EODSA Rules & Regulations, Rule 4 Transfer of Players and Coaches

3. A development or competitive coach of a youth team, who was registered in the past 12 months with one Club may not be assigned coaching responsibilities for the same age group, or the next older age group, at another Club, where 50% + 1 of the prior season's players of the team, move with the Coach, without written consent of the departing Club.

4. A Youth Team or Club Official or a person acting on behalf of a Club may not solicit a youth player or a coach of a youth team, of another Club. Solicitation includes but is not limited to recruiting, tampering, contacting a player or parent/guardian to discuss changing clubs or transferring, and speaking disparagingly of another Club, person, or program in an attempt to persuade a player or coach to come to a Club or to enhance the reputation of a Club by comparison.

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December 2020

MOTION to approve the application by the Gloucester Dragons to become a new EODSA club Member.

The Board recognizes that EODSA Rules & Regulations specifies that a youth club wishing to operate an outdoor youth program “(iii) Shall assume responsibility for all Youth Soccer Development within its approved area of operation.” [Rule 2(b)(iii)]

The Board will not enforce this rule in a “single club” manner but will direct the parties (Gloucester Dragons and Ottawa-Gloucester Soccer Clubs) to share the responsibility for youth soccer development in their geographical “Gloucester” catchment area.

The application by the Dragons, with no opposition by Ottawa-Gloucester Soccer Club nor neighbouring clubs, is deemed be a request to deviate from Rule 2(b)(iii).

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