



Peninsula Veterans Soccer League Annual General Meeting

November 26, 2019
Start 7:00pm
Glendale Campus of Niagara College Room N102

Board Members Present: John Sansano, Stefano DiPietro, Mario Palumbo, Thomas Good, Shedrik Gauthier
Absent: Johnathan Solomon

Meeting Minutes

Prepared by: Mario Palumbo for Jonathan Solomon, Board Secretary

- A. Collected Attendance Sheets
- B. Previous minutes read by John Sansano.
 - a. Clarification was given on voting teams out of the league. Board members cannot vote on items regarding discipline because it is a conflict of interest. If items regarding voting teams out of the league or other discipline are brought up, team representatives that are not board members must vote on it. Advanced notice will be given that a vote of this nature will take place.
- C. Motion to accept previous minutes: Rich Ludchen (German Village) 2nd by Andrew Hellwig (Border City)
- D. Discussion from last year: Incidents of racial abuse during matches.
 - a. No issues this past year from any teams
- E. President's Address
 - a. **Incorporation:** John Sansano discussed the email he sent out Nov 7, 2019. The league was told at the January 16, 2019 meeting that incorporation was substantially complete. After the board resigned 'En Masse' on June 5, 2019, a new board was put in place, the new board needed to take over all signing authority and bank information, the old board stated that the names of the officers had to be changed over in the incorporation documents before they would hand over the information for liability purposes. After working with the government contact person who could not find PVSL as an incorporated organization. They asked for the Incorporation number, the new board asked the old board and the information could not be provided because the board was not officially incorporated. The old board looked into this further and there was some confusion about being provincially or federally incorporated and that the incorporation process was stopped by John Sansano and his lawyer. This was not true, he did not have a lawyer. He did not have official authority to do since the documents were not signed over and it was not incorporated. This was

October 2019 and the old board said the incorporation was substantially completed in January 2019.

The entire process is currently on hold.

The board will look into the need for incorporation, liability and if an insurance policy is a better mechanism to do this. Investigate if the board and official team representatives should be named on the policy for legal protection.

F. Voting in of board members

- a. A motion was set to vote 2 board members and 2-3 directors. Not to vote another entire new board.
- b. A motion was made to follow the league rules of voting in the President, Secretary and 2-3 directors one year and the Vice-President, Treasurer and 2-3 different directors the next year.

Motion by Peter Doe (Grimsby FC)

2nd by Nik Malbasic (Srbija)

Motion **passed** by majority

- c. Motion by Emmanuel Giunta (Regional) to nominate John Sansano for President
2nd by Andy Maroudas (Gunners)
Motion passed by majority
John Sansano accepted
- d. Motion by Rich Ludchen (German Village) to nominate Jonathan Solomon for secretary
2nd by Peter Doe (Grimsby FC)
Motion passed by majority
Jonathan Solomon accepted previously by email if he were to be nominated
- e. Motion by Shedrik Gauthier (Niagara United) to nominate Rich Ludchen (German Village) for director at large
2nd by John Sansano (Fort Erie)
Motion passed by majority
Rich Ludchen accepted
- f. Motion German Village Rich Ludchen to nominate Shedrik Gauthier for director at large
2nd by Andrew Hellwig (Border City)
Motion passed by majority
Shedrik Gauthier accepted

G. Financial Address

- a. Mario Palumbo (treasurer) said that they had very little information about the amount of money that came in or out of the account. He had information at a high level but not many details. The bank balance on January 16, 2019 (including bond money) was \$16,964.32. The closing letter sent out by the old board on Oct 31, 2019 had a final amount of \$20,053.07. This amount was made out in a bank draft to Mario Palumbo and John Sansano who will create a new bank account to hold the finances.

- b. It was discussed by Rich Ludchen that this is too much money to have in the bank, the league should only have enough money for field costs, trophies and miscellaneous costs that may come up. Suggestions for the money was to return the \$250 bond money that was paid twice after a previous generation of the board embezzled the funds.
 - i. For the next meeting teams will bring proof that they has previously paid the bond funds if possible and this could be reimbursed.
 - ii. Another suggestion was to eliminate the league fee for this year. Rich Ludchen stated he had asked for several years but did not know what the cost was to run the league on an annual basis. – John Sansano replied we will know better this coming year.

H. Potential League Rule Amendments

a. Other Topics

- i. Nik Malbasic (Srbijia) put a motion to have all games start no earlier than 8pm. **There was no 2nd for motion so it did not go to a vote.**
- ii. Emmanuel Giunta (Regional) put a motion to have one player between 30 and 35 who could only be a goalie and could not pass half. Penalty for the infraction would be discussed. **There was no 2nd for motion so it did not go to a vote.**

I. Proposed PVSL Bylaws Amendments

i. Proposed Division Re-alignment

2019 Current Structure				2020 Proposed Structure *	
Division 1	Place	Division 2	Place	Division 1	Division 2
Srbija 2	1	Club Roma Wolves	1	Club Roma Wolves	Border City FC
Hrvat	2	International SC	2	German Village	Fort Erie United
Srbija 1	3	Fort Erie United	3	Grimsby FC	Grimsby Reunited
German Village	4	NF Titans	4	Hrvat	Grimsby Thistle
NUSC-SG	5	Lincoln Storm	5	International SC	Gunners
Legion 51	6	Oilers	6	Legion 51	Lincoln Storm
Grimsby FC	7	Gunners	7	NUSC-BE	NF Titans
NUSC-BE	8	Border City FC	8	NUSC-SG	Oilers
Grimsby Thistle	9	Regional FC	9	Srbija 1	Regional FC
		Grimsby Reunited	10	Srbija 2	Welland Soccer Club
		Welland Soccer Club	11		

* Assuming that all teams remain in the league and that we do not add any teams. This proposal will be possibly amended following the March 15, 2020 team registration deadline.

- ii. It was agreed that if possible and practicable the divisions would be even at 10 teams each.
- iii. Proposed PVSL Bylaws Amendments (3 items)
(proposed removed language has a ~~strikethrough~~ and **bolded** language would be added)

Bonds ~~The Board of Directors shall have the power to request a “Goodwill Bond” from Members at any time, which shall be an additional Bond amount determined at the discretion of the Board.~~

Article 10 ~~Amendments to the Rules and Regulations may be made by a majority vote of the Board of Directors or, at the discretion of the Board, by majority vote of the Members at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting. If the rules and regulations are amended by the Board of Directors, the Board may decide to present the amendment for ratification at the next Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting called for that purpose. If an amendment is presented to the Members and is not ratified, the amendment is not adopted.~~

Annual General Meeting **All AGM discussions will be considered complete after 5 minutes unless more time is required at the sole direction of the president.**

iv. Motion by Shedrik Gauthier (Niagara United) to accept the above 3 By-law amendments
2nd by Emmanuel Giunta (Regional)
Motion passed by majority

v. Program Items – Proposed PVSL Rules & Regulations Amendments (7 items) (proposed removed language has a ~~strike through~~ and **bolded** language would be added)

Item 1 m) Any new applicant teams must start ~~with our league~~ in the lowest division **unless approved by the Board of Directors and all membership.**

Motion by John Vanderwal (Lincoln Storm)
2nd by Peter Doe (Grimsby FC)
Motion **passed** by majority

Item 3 f) All games will be 90 minutes with 2 × 45 minute halves. Teams ~~should~~ **may** request notification of when clock commences to avoid conflict of time played. **A game is considered complete at the 70 minute mark (or if both teams agree) in the event that the game is halted or abandoned by the referee.**

Motion by Rich Ludchen (German Village)
2nd by Roger Campbell (Legion 51)
Motion **passed** by majority

Items 3 p), q), r), s), & t) All divisions will play per PVSL **and OSA** published rules. ~~OSA published rules if unclear from PVSL, with the exception of slide tackles. Rule implemented for 2017 season.~~ Games will be officiated by one (1) referee and two (2) assistant referees. Any additional costs needed to play the match will be the responsibility of the teams involved.

~~Slide tackles NOT PERMITTED in the PVSL. Exceptions to the rule include sliding to get possession of the ball when no opposing player has a play on the ball. —~~

~~Goalies are permitted to slide tackle inside 18 yard box only~~

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Motion by Rich Ludchen (German Village)
2nd by Andy Maroudas (Gunnars)
Motion **DID NOT PASS**

Item 4 a) Permanent, onsite, indoor showers (with hot & cold water) and change rooms are ~~mandatory~~ **suggested**.

Motion by Emmanuel Giunta (Regional)
2nd by Rich Ludchen (German Village)
Motion **DID NOT PASS**

Item 5 a) & b) All teams must have a **\$500** performance bond (~~\$250 existing teams, \$500 new teams 2017 and forward~~) paid and registered with the PVSL **prior to the start of the season**.

~~Each new team shall pay a \$500 bond at the beginning of their introduction to the PVSL. The PVSL will retain team bond at the end of the season (without interest). All performance bonds are held (without interest) until team leaves the league or is removed by the Board of Directors. The team will be required to be replenished their bond during or at the end of the season due to but not limited to the following fines/infractions:~~

- i. \$200 fine for a team that assaults a referee
- ii. \$25 fine for each time an official team representative is not present at any officially scheduled meeting and a \$50 fine if a team representative is not present at the AGM.

Motion by Emanuele Giunta (Regional)
2nd by Rich Ludchen (German Village)
Motion **passed** by majority

Item 9 e) The first two placed teams from the "B" divisions must move up to the "A" Division. The last two placed teams in the "A" division must move down to the "B" Division. **This rule may be amended by the Board of Directors to create a balanced number of teams in each division.**

Motion by Peter Doe (Grimsby FC)
2nd by Rich Ludchen (German Village)
Motion **passed** by majority

Referee Fees Current referee compensation is \$65 (head referee) and \$42.50 (each linesman). Change to the home team pays \$70 (head referee) and \$45.00 (each linesman).

Motion by John Vanderwal (Lincoln Storm)
2nd by Andrew Hellwig (Border City)
Motion **passed** by majority

Motion to adjourn – Ben Elia (Niagara United)
2nd – Nik Malbasic (Srbija1)
Meeting adjourned 8:00pm