



MANITOBA SOCCER ASSOCIATION RECORD OF MEETING



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2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DATE: November 4, 2023 **TIME:** 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: WINNIPEG, MANITOBA

The MSA Vice President (Acting President) introduced herself and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Everyone was asked to pause for a moment of silence for those who participated in our game or were contributors to our sport across Manitoba and Canada who have left us in 2023.

The guests in attendance, Don Story, Canada Soccer (CS) Director representing Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Nunavut; Jason Devos, CS Interim General Secretary; Dave Nutt, CS Director of Development; Janet McMahon, Sport Manitoba President; Auditors Alex Sabeski and Adam Sus from Booke & Partners; and Dr. Pram Tappia, MSA Nominations Chair, were welcomed.

Life Member Lynda McLeish and Pat Roe were welcomed.

The Board Members were introduced and thanked for their time and hard work. It was indicated that the Members had been very well served by the Board and its Committees and as such the Acting President acknowledged their contribution to the Association.

The MSA Acting President welcomed Don Story to bring greetings on behalf of Canada Soccer.

D. Story appreciated being invited to the meeting. He brought greetings on behalf of the CS Board of Directors. He thanked all those present for their contributions to growing the game in Manitoba. D. Story restated the three strategic priorities of Canada Soccer and reminded everyone about the World Cup Matches coming up. He also spoke about the development in Manitoba, and the standards that will come into effect in 2024. D. Story spoke about the good governance work being done in Manitoba.

The MSA Acting President thanked Don Story for his remarks and welcomed Janet McMahon to bring greetings on behalf of Sport Manitoba.





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J. McMahon was complimentary of the MSA and all the sport partners with trying to bring back all its participants after all the mandates and shutdowns that were experienced. J. McMahon mentioned that programs need to be rebuilt and resources made available to meet the clientele's needs and affordability for the programs. Advertisements for a safe sport line will be available with tools for a safe sport environment. J. McMahon mentioned the system needs to be modernized and looked at from different perspectives. She thanked MSA Members for their work.

The MSA Acting President thanked Janet McMahon and called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m. It was announced that there was a quorum in accordance with Article 3.9 of the Association's By-Laws as there were 49 delegates in attendance.

The business procedures for the meeting were reviewed.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Members were informed that there were no new business items submitted for the AGM.

Proposed Motion: 1

Moved by: Stewart Clark - WYSA
Seconded by: Kathy Podgurny - WWSL

To approve the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

II. PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 5, 2022

Proposed Motion: 2

Moved by: Kevin Dick - WYSA
Seconded by: Lisa Sansregret - WWSL





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To approve the minutes from the November 5, 2022, Annual General Meeting as circulated.

CARRIED

III. BUSINESS ARISING

There was no business arising.

IV. MSA PRIORITIES REPORT

It was indicated that all Members had received the MSA priorities report 30 days before the AGM.

It was mentioned that the current priorities will end this year and that the MSA Board had met to update the priorities that have been provided to the Membership.

The report reflects the activities of the association in the last 12 months. The Members had no questions of the report.

Proposed Motion: 3

Moved by: Eleanor Farrant – WWSL
Seconded by: Lynda McLeish – WWSL

To approve the report as presented.

CARRIED

The Acting President called on Dave Nutt to provide the MSA Members with a technical update from Canada Soccer.

D. Nutt spoke about the idea of competition as collaboration. There is a need to work with other organizations to continue to move the game forward. Competition is to strive with other organizations.

This matters because at the end of the day we need each other to push forward and get better.





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He applied this concept to Club Licensing and was complimentary of Manitoba Soccer and its members for their work in Club Licensing.

Club Licensing needs the organizations to work together as good corporate citizens.

It's important to realize why parents put their children in sports (values, teamwork, communication, learning to win and lose). We need to work together to provide those environments for the participants.

Organizations can work together to make things better, to make the community better. We need others to compete with, instead of against. We need to avoid stomping on the opponent, what we need instead is collaboration.

V. DIRECTOR OF FINANCE and VI. AUDITOR REPORT

The Treasurer, Andrew Carvalho, provided the report. MSA now has a cleaner unmodified opinion from the Auditors which is better for the organization.

The financial statements were reviewed.

The cash position of the MSA remains strong.

The notes were very consistent with the previous years.

MSA schedules were reviewed at a high level. There were no questions of the schedules or the overall financial report.

Proposed Motion: 4

Moved by: Kathy Podgurny - WWSL
Seconded by: Stewart Clark - WYSA

To approve the report as presented.

CARRIED





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VII. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

The Treasurer recommended the appointment of the Auditors for next fiscal year.

Proposed Motion: 5

Moved by: Eleanor Farrant - WWSL

Seconded by: Lynda McLeish - WWSL

To approve the appointment of Booke & Partners as the Auditors for the Manitoba Soccer Association for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

CARRIED

VIII. AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS

The Acting President mentioned the Association received By-Laws amendments from the Governance Committee, approved by the Board for recommendations to the Members. No amendments were received from the Voting Members.

The Governance Committee Chair Andrea Lear, and Member Linton Sellen, were welcome to give a brief explanation of the By-Laws amendments.

MSA Governance Committee reviewed the MSA By-Laws in relation to the CS Standard By-Laws documents provided by CS. The Committee identified By-Laws that required updates and they were included in the meeting package for the Members to review.

There were no questions from the Members about the recommendations from the Governance Committee.

Proposed Motion: 6

Moved by: Ian Holland – WWSL

Seconded by: Kevin Dick – WYSA

To approve the amendments to the MSA By-Laws as circulated and as a full block of amendments.





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CARRIED

The Governance Committee will continue their work on the By-Laws with less pressing articles and compare them to CS Standard By-Laws document.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

New business items weren't received.

X. ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Acting President passed the chairing of this portion of the AGM to the Nominations Committee Chair Dr. Pram Tappia. Dr. Tappia thanked the MSA for giving him the opportunity to remain as the Nominations Chair.

It was stated that based on the MSA By-Laws three director positions were up for election, and all of the information on the candidates was provided in the meeting package for Member consideration.

The Nominations Committee received three director candidates. The positions' terms are three-years.

The By-Laws still require that an election be held even if there are only three candidates and candidates require a simple majority to be elected.

The Auditors were asked to be the scrutineers for the election.

The director candidates spoke to the delegates.

The voting was carried out via a secured online voting platform observed by the auditor and in-person.

The membership elected the following candidates to the MSA Board of Directors:

Ramona Rohringer (Director) - 3-year term
Linton Sellen (Director) - 3-year term
Leonardo Zimerman (Director) - 3-year term





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Proposed Motion: 7

Moved by: Kathy Podgurny - WWSL
Seconded by: Stewart Clark – WYSA

To approve destroying the election ballots.

CARRIED

Thanks were expressed to all candidates that allowed their name to stand for election.

The Acting President extend her appreciation and thanks to all MSA staff. Canada Soccer guests were thanked for their attendance and they stayed for visiting with the delegates after the meeting.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Everyone was thanked for their hard work and attending this meeting.

The meeting concluded at 11:32 a.m.

