



MOOSE JAW SOCCER ASSOCIATION INC.

**2022 Annual General Meeting
November 30, 2022 – Kinsmen Sportsplex Conference Room**

- 1. Call to Order – 7:02 pm**
- 2. Greetings/Welcome from the Acting Chairman**
- 3. Roll Call/Establishing Quorum – see attached sign-in sheet**
- 4. Approval of agenda – motion by Dannielle to approve agenda, seconded by Kelsey F. – motion carried**
- 5. Approval of the minutes from the previous annual general meeting – motion by Dannielle to approve, seconded by Joann – motion carried**
- 6. Messages from Special Guests –
Scott Osmachenko – spoke about capital investment at Yara Centre with respect to new indoor lighting, the solar panels, etc.

Dacey Seaborg – working relationship between MJSA & Yara is improving, happy to see staff at the centre on a more regular basis to address the needs of our members.**
- 7. Messages from Committees**
 - a) Chairman Report – see attached speech**
 - b) Treasurer’s Report (in lieu of staff report) – still do not have our financial report from the accountant, once it has been received it will be emailed to the membership and posted on the website.**
- 8. Audited Financial Statements – see 7(b).**
- 9. Appointment of Auditors for upcoming year- Motion to tender out an appointment for a new accountant/auditor by Joann – seconded by Roy – motion carried (try Roy & Associates and BTN)
- make it clear that we need the statements prior to the AGM at the end of November**

10. Election of Directors

Chairman – nominate Dannielle Donnelly 2 year term – unopposed – elected

Vice Chairman – nominate Joann Blazieko 1 year term – unopposed – elected

Secretary – Michelle Lewis - 1 year remaining on previous election

Treasurer – Dorothy Whitbread 2 year term – unopposed – elected

Member-at-large – Sebastian Boucher 1 year term – unopposed – elected

Member-at-large – Bill Strohak 1 year term – unopposed – elected

Member-at-large – Sabina Bugg(Ziganshina) 1 year term – unopposed – elected

Member-at-large – June-Ann Dumont 2 year term – unopposed – elected

Member-at-large – Mike Johnson 2 year term – unopposed – elected

11. Questions/Comments/New Business

- coaching curriculums, Canada Soccer offers additional resources and coaching opportunities for \$20, MJSA will reimburse successful candidates for this fee and offer additional coach courses

- if you can reach our staff at the office, please call and make an appointment, we want to hear from the membership

- Kelsey F. is the interim Technical Director on a voluntary basis but is also office staff and being paid for office work

- if we cannot get more volunteers we will have to raise fees substantially to pay for coaches and additional staff to keep the organization running

12. Adjournment – motion to adjourn at 8:10 pm by Dannielle, seconded by Joann, motion carried

Acting Chair Report

Good evening. My name is Dannielle Donnelly. As Acting Chairman it is my responsibility to present the Chairman Report tonight. I want to start off by thanking our current board members for their dedication to the organization, thank those who will be stepping down from their roles, as well as welcome the new members who have stepped up to join the board in an effort to advance our organization. A big thank you to those of you in attendance as well.

We have had a lot happening this past year. We have placed a large emphasis on continued rebuilding of our organization, with a focus on growing our overall membership numbers. We have, for the first time in a number of years, created a separate female FC team for our U11/U13 girls and have taken part in exhibition games and a tournament since forming this team. We now have a clear separation between our grassroots programming and competitive programming, although due to very limited help to implement all that is involved in running a recreational and a competitive level we have had our share of struggles. Most of our struggles appear to be coming from our membership and the public not understanding what each program is supposed to be for. We have made changes on our website, and we are continuing to update as we are able. We have mended our relationship with the Celtics FC in Glasgow, Scotland and, as such, we were able to host our first Celtic Academy camp this past week. We are currently working with our Celtic FC rep to plan another camp during the latter part of August 2023. Our hope is that we will bring in players from within the city as well as throughout the province. Our coaches have been utilizing the Celtic curriculum and the Board has been getting familiarized with all the resources we have available through our partnership with Celtic FC.

Our goal for next year is to continue focusing on our girls programming and our competitive programming as a whole. We will require fundraising to be able to attend additional tournaments and exhibition games, hosting tournaments of our own, ordering uniforms and updated equipment for our players and using our partnership to continue to build up our skill levels to be able to compete on more of a provincial level. This is going to take a lot more dedication from our members however if we are going to be able to maintain the levels we strive for while growing at the same time.

Another positive over this past year is with our Adult League. Our adult league has taken off again with numbers growing from last season to this season. We currently have 8 adult league co-ed teams for our indoor season and are hoping to be able to host an adult league tournament in February 2023. We do continue to struggle to find female players so we welcome any suggestions on how to continue growing our adult league. Some of the other suggestions we are looking for is how to have our members more willing to help out with the planning and organization of the league as we do not have the volunteer capacity to properly monitor both the adult league and youth leagues at the present time. This includes setting up teams, ensuring a referee is available and scheduled, and updating the games and scores online.

Finally, we continue to struggle with finding volunteers to assist with a multitude of tasks that need to be completed. We have sent out numerous emails, Facebook posts, word of mouth, and even put an ad on to Discover Moose Jaw to try to achieve some help. Our registration system

requires individuals to either sign up as a volunteer or opt-out before being able to complete their registration, however, we continue to only have a small group of individuals providing assistance. This has been putting strain on our board members and office staff as our requests for help have gone unheard and we are struggling to accomplish the tasks required to provide the high standard of programming we want to see happen for our club. We would greatly appreciate any suggestions on how to increase membership support and volunteer efforts.