



2019 YRFA Annual General Meeting  
Tuesday, December 10, 2020  
Newmarket Community Centre  
200 Doug Duncan Drive

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

### 1. Annual General Meeting 2019 opened by Jodine Tavares, President

- a) 11 in attendance
- b) Volunteers recognized for their support/heart of organization
- c) 2019 Board introduced
  - i. Jodi Tavares, President
  - ii. Michelle Trelford, Vice-President
  - v. Director, Spring Football, Jen Fortier
  - vii. Director Equipment, Mike Fortier
  - ix. Director, Sponsorship, Cheryl Marsh
- d) Notice of the Annual General Meeting, in keeping with the Association's Constitution, was issued via multiple channels to the membership at least 30 days in advance of this meeting. This includes:
  - a. Website – posted as main menu item and event since January 2019
  - b. Email call #1 to all listserves:

### 2. Approval of previous AGM Minutes

- a) Motion to approve minutes by William Leoutsacos, seconded by Michelle Ward, all in favor, motion passed

### 3. 2019 Year in Review

#### Successes

- a) Spring OPFL move – result of challenges within the province (OFA – PSO) and leagues. We needed our members to remain insured,
- b) Spring 2019 – all competitive teams reaching finals, two winning,
- c) Fall 2019 – all competitive teams reaching finals,
- d) Development 2019 – new model launched with successful, albeit rained out – championship day. Contracted delivery of the program which resulted in consistent, professional, predictable delivery. We will move forward with the same model for 2020,
- e) 2019 registration numbers showed upward trend, year over year,
- f) October 2019 – launch of first Winter Academy (2020) – first of its kind. Powered by York University, keeps our players engaged in movement and skill development over winter months. Great opportunity for Spring Coaches to get to know potential players,
- g) Increase in financial support to members – up 12% from last year. Included in the increase was a new partnership development with Tiny Strides,



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- h) Kahunaverse Cup – second place (on field/administrative excellence, sportsmanship.) New members to the OPFL, this came as a nice win. Included approximately \$1300 prize that will be used towards helmets this off season,
- i) Project Autism Event - Committed to delivering annually to introduce youth on the spectrum to football in a controlled environment,
- j) York University agreement opened for re-negotiation,
- k) Partnership exploration with Town of East Gwillimbury for use of new fields/facilities (Development,)
- l) Formalized direct pay for Coaching Development,
- m) Work with Town of Aurora on Sport Growth initiative, and increasing opportunities for Coaching Development.

#### Challenges

- a) Board shuffle – departure of President, Director of Sponsorship, Director of Flag, Director of Marketing, some positions not filled. Some of the above were removed from their positions due to lack of executing responsibilities, others quit,
- b) Sport Aurora – Trillium Grant ending, impacts funding,
- c) OFC membership change,
- d) Facility changes – Aurora Dome, fields,
- e) Bussing,
- f) Treasurer vacancy,
- g) PSO/League friction continues to pose a challenge.

#### 4. 2019 Financial Report

- a) Move to review at special meeting to be held Feb 2020
- b) Treasurer has not been replaced, access to accounts only recently restored
- c) Board requires time to onboard new Treasurer and prepare financial statements
- d) Motion: Jodi, seconded by William Leoutsacos, all in favour.

#### 5. Elections

- a) One vote per family, use card provided at check in
- b) More than one candidate – each will be afforded 5 minutes to speak to membership
- c) Members in good standing are eligible to run for board positions
- d) President
  - a. Nominee: Jodi Tavares, nominated by Jenn Fortier, seconded by Michelle Pozzebon, all in favor
- e) Registrar
  - a. Nominee: Marie Leoutsacos, nominated by William Leoutsacos, seconded by Michelle Pozzebon
- f) Director Marketing
  - a. Nominee: Gord McCallum, volunteered, seconded by Heath Weir. All in favour.
- g) Director Fall Football
  - a. Nominee: William Leoutsacos, nominated by Jodi Tavares, seconded by Jenn Fortier, all in favor



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- h) Director Flag Football
  - a. Nominee: Heath Weir (declined) Left open.
  - b. Michelle Pozzebon volunteered, would like to consider and get back to board
- i) Video/HUDL Commissioner
  - a. Nominee: Nobody from the floor, vacant
- j) Coaching Commissioner
  - a. Nominee: Heath Weir (volunteered), seconded by Jodi Tavares. All in favour.
  - b. Coaching Commissioner supports Director, Coaching & Player Development.

#### 6. 2019 Strategic Goals

- a) Fill 90% of board positions
- b) Grow Development league participation by 30%
- c) Increase recruitment and marketing activities in York Region, with a focus on community events, leveraging relationship with schools
- d) Finalize constitution (February 2020 special members meeting for vote)
- e) Finalize new agreement with York University

#### 7. 2020 Upcoming Seasons

##### Spring Commitments

- a. OPFL Regional Rep, all levels
- b. Varsity, JV, Bantam
- c. OMFL PeeWee Rep

##### Fall Commitments

- a. OFL all levels
- b. U14, U12, U10
- c. Committed to correcting tiers

#### 8. York University Partnership (see embedded presentation)

#### 9. Closing remarks –

- 1) Jodi motioned to reimplement the Honourary Lions Lifetime Membership.
  - a. Annette Vassos, nominated by Jodi Tavares, seconded by Cheryl Marsh, all in favour.
  - b. Dave Lovegrove, nominated by Jodi Tavares, seconded by William Leoutsacos, all in favour.



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2) Gord McCallum suggested food vendors at games – agreed as a board to pass to him as Marketing Director.

10. Adjournment

a) Motion to adjourn by Gord McCallum, seconded by William Leoutsacos, all in favour.