



# ***Puslinch Minor Soccer Club***

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## **Minutes - 2020 Annual General Meeting January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 (Virtual)**

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

#### **Board Members:**

Bruce Joy  
Krista Godinho  
Wenbo Yang  
Katie Noseworthy

#### **Voting Members:**

Far Esfahani  
David Marin  
Kerry Marin  
Jessica Graham  
Darren Capper  
Rob Pigozzo  
John Kwarta  
Alison Kwarta  
Ted Annis  
Robert Godin  
Glen McBryde (Head Referee)

#### **Non-Voting Members:**

Paul Clarke  
Chad Guyitt  
Dawn Trussell

#### **Staff:**

Janet Lindsay (Administrator)  
Maria Procopio (Tech Director)

#### **Guests:**

Laszlo Sarkany (SWRSA)

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### **The President opened the meeting at 7:05pm**

#### **1. Introduction and Roll Call**

Bruce Joy welcomed everyone and Roll Call was taken by Janet Lindsay. There were 15 voting members, so a quorum was met.

#### **2. Review and Approval of 2019 AGM Minutes**

Bruce Joy asked that everyone review the minutes from the previous AGM. No comments.

***Ted Annis motioned to approve Minutes / Jessica Graham seconded***

#### **3. President's Address – Bruce Joy**

Major Points: 2020 was a challenging year as we strived to meet all Covid/Return to Play protocols and policies; thanks to all our coaches, players, and parents for allowing us to get the children playing the beautiful game in these turbulent times; we look forward to the start of construction this spring on the new field behind the Puslinch Community Centre; the Financials of the Club are still strong but with the continuation of Covid 19 we are budgeting for a deficit in 2021.

#### 4. Presentation of Reports

##### **Timbits – presented by Katie Noseworthy**

Major Points: We had 113 registrants for the Summer 2020 season when we decided to cancel the season due to Covid-19; this is a decrease over previous years but definitely the result of uncertainty around the virus; full refunds were given following the cancellation decision made in June; Fall Skills for kids ages 6 and up, run by our new Technical Director Maria at Marden, were well received; Winter Skills were cancelled but we hope to run a Spring session; we are optimistic for a Timbits program this summer, albeit perhaps a modified format to reduce the number of players and families on the field at one time.

##### **Recreation (ESL) – presented by Krista Godinho**

Major Points: 2020 presented slower than normal registrations as families were hesitant due to Covid; 150 registrants were given full refunds following the notice to cancel the season; Fall Skills U9-U12 were able to run to completion despite moving into the Red Zone in December; while in absence of Winter Skills, our TD is running Virtual Training for the month of January and we would like to see some of our recreational players take advantage; 2021 Outdoor registration has been delayed due to Covid; we are hopeful we will be able to run our regular program for this stream although perhaps in revised formats, but too soon to decide.

##### **Competitive (SWRSL/WRSL) – presented by Bruce Joy**

Major Points: Indoor 2019/20 allowed normal Winter Training up until March interruption; at that time, some teams continued with their own Virtual Training; OS created Return to Play (RTP) guidelines and PMSC followed to meet risk assessment and get our teams back on the field; families were given choice to participate or withdraw and receive a refund; players and teams that participated moved through the RTP Phases to where PMSC was able to run interclub games in August; further into Phase 2, our G14 and G15 teams both took part in exhibition series with other clubs; after 2020 season expenses were tallied, players received a \$100 credit toward 2021 registration; returning 2020 players were guaranteed spots on the 2021 team therefore fall tryouts were not necessary for all teams; 2020/2021 winter training started off normal until changing provincial restrictions created more reorganizing, then an eventual shutdown; many players are taking advantage on our Technical Director's virtual sessions; OS and leagues are planning for business as usual for Outdoor season.

##### **Head Referee – presented by Glen McBryde**

Major Points: 2020 brought a decrease in registration of officials for South-West District, to less than half; concern that after 2020 situation, some officials won't return and there are already issues retaining and recruiting officials; entry and small-sided clinics are now online and clubs will be asked to provide the on-field portion; many districts are keeping officials engaged right now through use of technology and offering speakers and online training sessions; believe PMSC was the only Club to run a full intersquad schedule and we kept a number of our officials busy with those and some SWRSL exhibition games; retention and recruitment are a constant challenge so Glen encouraged everyone to ask players and parents if they may be interested in officiating; for 2021 we will continue working on populating the PMSC webpage with helpful information; and will partner with other clubs to ensure a variety of officials available for Puslinch games and review options for mentoring.

##### **Technical Director – presented by Maria Procopio**

Major Points: Maria reminded that her start with the Club occurred in the fall and she was able to take in games and be involved in some outdoor training sessions; indoor started and she continued to work with teams and facilitated the Fall Skills programs; Maria feels she has now met all the competitive teams and is looking forward to getting into a normal routine; she mentioned the online training and her upcoming

coach's development programs of monthly guest speakers and on-field sessions; ideas going forward include the integration of more supports for technical program (i.e., session plans, debriefs) and initiating a structured curriculum for team play with consistent terminology and tactical play; player assessments done at both beginning and end of seasons and offering more mentoring for high school age players; Maria is looking forward to getting involved with all our programs this spring.

***Jessica Graham motioned to accept Reports / Ted Annis seconded***

**5. Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements  
and**

**6. Auditor's Report – presented by Wenbo Yang**

Summary for 2020

Income	\$ 98,441
Expenses	<u>\$ 94,336</u>
Profit	\$ 4,105

With Timbits and ESL seasons cancelled due to Covid 19, participants were fully refunded; Wenbo reiterated that competitive players who withdrew from RTP were refunded \$300 for Outdoor and RTP participants were credited \$100 toward 2021; the 2020 Fiscal year ended with a positive balance of \$4,105 due to leftover sponsorship; 2021 Budget is for a deficit, primarily due to an increase in indoor facility costs and an expectation of reduced registration in Recreational programs; with the present situation around Covid, the second installment of Competitive fees has been postponed until March 15<sup>th</sup> and payment amounts may be adjusted upon review of expenses to date; even with all the uncertainty, the club finances are strong and sustainable due to retained earnings over the last couple of years.

Members were asked to go through the Review Engagement Report. Nothing unusual found by the accountants.

***David Marin motioned to accept Treasurer's Report / Ted Annis seconded***

**7. Appointment of Auditors**

Members asked to approve the continuing services of Baker Tilly GWD for 2021. No objections - Approved.

***Kerry Marin motioned to approve Appointment of Auditors / Jessica Graham seconded***

**8. Amendments to the Constitution**

Proposed amendments throughout document to reflect changes in branding of Ontario Soccer (OS), align policy wording, and update changes in duties of the Board of Directors. All changes accepted by majority votes.

***Jessica Graham motioned to accept Amendments to the Constitution / John Kwarta seconded***

**9. Unfinished Business**

There was no Unfinished Business.

**10. Roll Call**

Roll call was taken by Janet Lindsay. 15 voting members were present.

**11. Election of Directors**

Three positions were up for election: Secretary, Director – Competitive, and Director – Recreational. Bruce Joy announced that there were no nominations on behalf of the existing Board of Directors. He asked if there were any nominations from the floor. None were put forth. The positions remain open and the Executive will continue their efforts to recruit.

**12. New Business**

Rob Pigozzo asked about the current situation of uniforms for the season; Janet stated that training shirts will be purchased shortly and can be used for exhibition and early games; has been in discussions with managers around possible variations on orders for the outdoor uniform but nothing has been finalized yet; ordering is being delayed as long as possible, while still leaving enough turn around time to outfit our teams for league play.

*Jessica Graham motioned to accept New Business / Ted Annis seconded*

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:50pm**