



## Ottawa Carleton Soccer League

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### OCSL Special General Meeting Saturday October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Courtside B, RA Centre

#### **Members in Attendance:**

AC Fiorentina, Almonte, Arnprior United, AS Gatineau, Aylmer, Burners, Capital City Ambassadors, Carleton Place, Croatian Jadran, FC St Stefan, Glengarry, Hull, Istanbul, Kemptville, Kingston Clippers, LACA, Lusitania, Lynwood Centennials, NCISL, Ottawa Bears, Ottawa City, Ottawa Cosmos, Ottawa Eagles, Ottawa Falcons, Ottawa Fusion, Ottawa Hellenic, Ottawa Internationals, Ottawa Korean, Ottawa South United, Ottawa St Anthony, Perth, Prescott Gunners, Rockland, Russell, Soccer Chelsea, Spitfires, Sporting Peru, Sunset Lakers, West Carleton, West Ottawa, Westboro Wolves, White Eagles

#### **Members not in Attendance:**

Capital United, Cumberland, Inter Milan, Ottawa Bolides, Rockers United, Smith Falls, Soccer Club Bosnia,

**Board Members and Staff Present:** Shar Sumner, Chelsea Norris, Awesis Osman (Gowlings)

Meeting was called to order at 10:03 am. Shar Sumner conducted Roll Call. Quorum is present.

#### **Motion:**

“Does the Membership of the Ottawa Carleton Soccer League approve the transfer of the District Competitive Divisions from the OCSL to the Eastern Ontario District Soccer Association?”

Moved by: Sunset Lakers

Seconded by: West Carleton

#### **Floor was opened for discussion:**

- Sunset Lakers asked for the chair to go through how we got here.
- Shar runs through the documents being distributed.
- OISC – In one paragraph is of the march EODSA letter says all adult, but the next one says district competitive. What is you understanding of what we are voting on.
- Shar – the EODSA has the right to take back the league, but we don't have to just hand all of it and the info over. We are a member driven league and we need to get direction from the members as to what they want.
- NCISL – after getting the letter from the EODSA has the board sat down with the EODSA.
- Shar – no we have not. We want to talk to the membership first, to know what question and information, to talk to them about



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- Carleton Place – why is the EODSA approaching this thing in the first place? There must be clubs behind it? There must be some people in here that already knew about this before we got the letter. And I am curious as to why it was appealed first
- Shar – I can't speculate about who did or didn't know. In march there were things in the letter that were wrong, there was no reasoning behind it, it came out of the blue.
- Club – how does this impact us?
- Shar – we don't know. We don't have the information from the EODSA. How it will affect the OCSL is really yet to be seen. There's always an impact. But we can tell you there is always a place to play in the OCSL
- OSU – I don't think it was such an apocalyptic event that you didn't need to consult us. I think you also had time to sit down with the EODSA. This membership needs to vote on this at the EODSA. We don't know that what their plan is. It could be good, or it could be garbage. I was also not happy with the way the OCSL has handled the finances last year.
- Shar – I don't want this to be a conversation about finances. Our membership has asked us to have a plan now for competitive. You are doing your planning now.
- Ottawa Bears – The EODSA should have come to us first and had us vote on it first.
- St Anthony – I thin the lack of transparency is a big concern. I think it was a tactical decision. If we think back 2 years to the SGM to save that EODSA. I haven't heard about the lawsuit, and the bankruptcy since. I think we need to wait until that gets sorted out, until we even think about this. 2 years ago we didn't want anything to do with the EODSA. We need to know the facts first.
- OSU – I don't think we should be wasting time trying to appeal this. The rules are there.
- OISC – how long do you have to appeal?
- Chelsea – we have not received our rights of appeal, so our time lines have not started yet.
- OISC – so I think people are having an issue with the wording. I think we need to evaluate the wording. I think there are three options with what we are looking at.
- Ottawa Bears – I think we can have the meeting with the EODSA after we vote against this and give direction to the board to appeal
- Burners – why are we having to appeal it? Shouldn't they have to appeal the OSA letter? We are following due process, and clearly they are not.
- Shar – yes they had the opportunity to appeal to CSA, but chosen not to.
- Carleton Place – we are all here at the OCSL membership sitting here, which is basically the same as the EODSA membership cant we just tell them what to do?
- Chelsea – you the membership have the right to call an SGM together. But you need to call that as them membership
- OSU – I think the OCSL should reach out to the EODSA to have a meeting in the next 30 days
- CCA – there has to be better communication as we are the same soccer community. At the end of the day we are the same members, and we are all members. You are impacting everybody.



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You all need to sit down and talk. You need a plan. You can't ask people to make a decision without giving an information.

- West Carleton – is there any reason why we can't send the letter back to the OSA
- Westboro wolves – based on all the conversations you are asking for a vote on what you have. And you don't have anything here.
- NCISL – the EODSA constitution says a third of the membership can call and SGM within 30 days.
- St Anthony – any time you want to make a change like this; what's broken? If you can tell me what's broken... a change of this magnitude, you need to know what's broken. We have been around for 40 years and are seen as one of the best in the country. Of course, there are little issues, but in our minds, its not broken. Why a massive change? Why a merger if not broken? I want to know what efficiency. We need to know what is broken.
- Ottawa Bears – isn't this just a power grab
- St Anthony – I don't know.
- Sunset – the issue with Jim's idea, is that we are not binding the EODSA to actually sit down. What if they say no.
- OSIC – what does the league do if we vote yes or no
- Shar – if you say yes, then we start the process to transfer. If you vote against it, then we do have a variety of things that we can do.
- OSU – we can adjust the motion to direct the OCSL on what to do.
- Burners – if we vote no, you can take this to EODSA and say the membership doesn't want this and here's why.

**Change to the Motion** (actual wording suggested by Awesis, based on several suggestions from the floor):

“The OCSL membership does not authorize the League Management Board to transfer the District Competitive Divisions to the Eastern Ontario District Soccer Association and will postpone reconsideration of the question on the floor until such time as the EODSA membership holds a meeting to consider the matter in accordance with the constitution of the EOSDA.”

Sunset Lakers and West Carleton accept the changes to the motion.

A vote was done by secret ballot of all clubs in attendance who are in good standing.

In Favour: 258

Against: 13

### **Motion Carries.**

Ottawa Gloucester moved to destroy the ballots. Sunset Lakers seconded. Motion was carried.

West Carleton moved to end the meeting. White Eagles seconded. Motion was carried. Meeting ended at 12 pm.



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