

MINUTES of Annual General Meeting of the NEW ENGLAND OVER THE HILL SOCCER LEAGUE 7:00 PM, September 18, 2023 Meeting held via ZOOM Teleconference

I ROLL CALL AND QUORUM

A quorum of 92 was reached at 7:05 pm and President Jim Buza called the meeting to order. Final attendance was 146 teams represented. Total for the league in Fall 2023 is 262 teams. A 35% quorum is required per the Constitution. 55.7% were present.

Motion by Nat Alderman to accept Minutes of the 2022 AGM, seconded and passed unanimously.

Minutes had been displayed online at www.othsl.org for several weeks prior.

II OFFICERS REPORTS

President Jim Buza -

via PowerPoint, discussed highlights of 2022 -23 Fall and Spring seasons. The full presentation can be found at;

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/18ib4YQT--1Tiqe1ssqYcCxuXrt4LALou/edit#slide =id.p1

President Jim Buza reviewed the condition of the league and its recovery from Covid in 2020 thru 2021. He also presented a survey of managers where we received a Net Promoter Score of 84.

VP Eric Dragsbaek –Protest Committee - Eric gave a short review of the procedure for appealing or protesting, and what things can and cannot be appealed.

Referee Coordinator John Utter - John reminded everyone of the shortage of referees and that the problem is going to persist perhaps for as long as 10 years.

Webmaster - new Co-Webmaster Kofi Basque Hamilton gave a brief presentation of how the league will proceed to Redesign the webpage.

Mass Soccer President Andy Weiss gave a short presentation on events that NEOTHSL teams can sign up for. He also reviewed the AED subsidy program that the State and the League both contribute to.

There was an incident on 9/17/23 where an AED was used to save the life of a player on one of our Over 48 teams, the Kendall Wanderers. Manager Mike McCormack gave a brief account of the incident, how one of the players from the opposing team, who was also an EMT, was able to use the AED and shock the stricken player in about 3 minutes, well before the ambulance and fire department arrived. The player is expected to make a full recovery.

Treasurer - there has been no active treasurer for the past year. Jim Buza has covered all tasks of the treasurer, and he gave a detailed presentation of league finances and the very healthy position of the League. As part of this presentation was the 2023-2024 Budget. There was a motion by the Secretary to accept the budget as presented. Seconded and passed unanimously.

III ELECTIONS

Jim, and the Nominating Committee presented the following position:

- 1. **Vice President Eric Dragsbaek**, hearing no nominations from the floor Jeremy Mordkoff moved the vote, Eric elected unanimous
- 2. **Secretary Steven Siniscalchi**, hearing no nominations from the floor, Jeremy Mordkoff moved the vote, Steven elected unanimously
- 3. **Treasurer Andrew Lavigne**, hearing no nominations from the floor, Steve Siniscalchi moved the vote, Andrew elected unanimously
- 4. Division Directors presented were the following: Nat Alderman, Dale Dubois, Ronnie Firmin, Grant Gazelian, JP Musanda Lukengu, Jeff Sturges, Luis Ramirez, Andrei Taradai, Steven Siniscalchi, Djillali Belabbes, Jacques Edouarzin, Eric Dragsbaek, Jason Crea, Doug Anneser, Freddy Encalada, Patrick Mullaney and Kofi Basque Hamilton. Hearing no nominations from the floor the slate was elected unanimously.

IV NEW BUSINESS - no new business

V - ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Nat Alderman to adjourn. Motion seconded and passed at 8:45 PM. Respectfully submitted,

Steve Siniscalchi, Secretary