

MINUTES of Annual General Meeting of the NEW ENGLAND OVER THE HILL SOCCER LEAGUE 7:00 PM, September 23, 2024 Meeting held via ZOOM Teleconference

I ROLL CALL AND QUORUM

A quorum of 97 teams was reached at 7:02 pm and President Jim Buza called the meeting to order. Final attendance was 176 teams represented. Total teams for the league in Fall 2024 is 276 teams. A 35% quorum is required per the Constitution. over 62% were present.

Motion by Jeremy Mordkoff to accept Minutes of the 2023 AGM, seconded and passed unanimously.

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

II OFFICERS REPORTS

President Jim Buza -

via PowerPoint, discussed highlights of 2023 -24 Fall and Spring seasons. The full presentation can be found at https://www.othsl.org/pubfiles/OTHSL AGM Fall 2024 DRAFT 1.pdf

Recognitions

The league gave out three Lifetime Achievement Awards to Board members this year.

First was a Lifetime Achievement Award to JP Musanda Lukengu. JP was a player in open leagues but then became a referee, and he was an assignor, mentor, and to this day still referees games for Over the Hill. Last year JP was inducted in the Mass Soccer Hall of Fame after 32 years of dedication to the game. Included in that effort was 16 years as an Over the Hill Director and Board Member.

Second was a Lifetime Achievement Award given to Al Bregnard. Dale Dubois described the years of work that Al did as Finals Committee Member and how he also set up most of the procedures used by the Player Conduct Committee and he served 10 years as secretary for that committee. Al was an active Board Member for 15 years.

Third was a Lifetime Achievement Award given to Doug Anneser. Jeremy Mordkoff, who played with Doug for years, gave a personal description of Doug's commitment to his Over

the Hill Team, but also his dedication to the League, where he served as Registrar, Director, and then Four years as President. The AED program was started during his tenure.

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.

Webmaster - new Co-Webmaster Kofi Basque Hamilton gave a brief presentation of how the league will proceed to Redesign the web page. Ease of use, and mobil features are priorities.

Mass Soccer registrar Debbie Forte gave a short presentation on events that NEOTHSL teams can sign up for. The State Cups O30 and O40 will be moved to the Spring season. She also reviewed the AED subsidy program that the State and the League both contribute to.

Treasurer - New Treasurer Andy Lavigne gave a detailed presentation of league finances and the very healthy position of the League. As part of this presentation was the 2024-2025 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. **President Eric Dragsback**, hearing no nominations from the floor Nat Alderman moved the vote, Eric elected unanimously. Eric took over the remainder of the elections as new President.
- 2. **Vice President- Andrei Taradai**, hearing no nominations from the floor, Grant Gazelian moved the vote, Andrei elected unanimously
- 3. **Treasurer Andrew Lavigne**, hearing no nominations from the floor, Jeremy Mordkoff 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, Steven Siniscalchi, Djillali Belabbes, Jacques Edouarzin, Jim Buza, Freddy Encalada, Patrick Mullaney, Kofi Basque Hamilton, Christopher Poole, Robbie Peacock, Scott Giarla and Carlos Monteiro. Hearing no nominations from the floor the slate was elected unanimously.
- 5. Steve Bennett volunteered to join the Board, he will be appointed at the next Board meeting.

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