

2020 Milton Edge Annual General Meeting

Date: July 16, 2020

Time: 7:00 pm - 9:03 pm

Location: Virtual ZOOM Meeting due to COVID-19

In Attendance: Gus Tsiapalis, Suhayl Muhtaseb, Tracy Morrison, Tatum Gunn, Tanya Taylor

Add ZOOM Attendees: Kim Adamo, Jill Van Duyn, Paul Toor, Daryl Bakes, Jack Cabral, Christy Taglier, Chris Tonner, Russel Lusignan, Alex Bakk, Renata Piotrowski, Jennifer Longhurst, Lisa Laba, Janice Lamars, Ipan Hayer, Kady Lavallee, Chad Lavallee, Callie Watson, Jennifer Atkinson, Jasna Cota, Christina Pavone, Carlos Jauregui, Peter Sloodweg, Wendy, Meaghan O'Brien, Derek Crowder, Paul Bonfigli, Stuart Hooper, Linnea Davis, Satheesh Narayanan, Jason Hum, Julie Gaudry, Jacqueline Tsiapalis, Amani, Nikki May, Ophelia Smith, Rob Smith, John Canjar, Anthony Lavelley, Jen Lusignan, Haiku Liu (Chi), Katie Edmonds, Mona Azzam, Allison Cunningham, Rob Bishop

Chair: Tanya Taylor

ZOOM Host & Minutes: Tracy Morrison

Establish Zoom "Norms"

- You are all awesome for being here - thank you for attending our AGM!
- Attendance: Write name in chat for attendance (i.e. First & Last (parent), First & Last (athlete))
- Video is optional - it is nice to see everyone!
- Mic off - New Business/Q & A can be discussed after Board of Director call for nominations & Elections (you can post questions/comments in the chat)
- Agenda, 2019 Minutes, Bylaws and Financials have been emailed to you ahead of time to review
- We will be recording this ZOOM meeting
- This online format is new to us ... please be patient with us!

1. Call to Order (Gus Tsiapalis, President)

Gus Tsiapalis opened the 5th annual AGM at (7:09) pm and approved the agenda.

2. Approval of the Minutes of June 6, 2019

Moved by Tanya Taylor, seconded by Tracy Morrison. Accepted as presented.

3. Report from Club President (Gus Tsiapalis, President)

- Welcome special guests (i.e Rob Bishop, Crispin, Reid)
- Welcome back John Canjar (Technical Director)
- Introduce Stuart Hooper (Coaching Director - Team Culture)

Season Highlights

- Hosted 10 rep teams last year
- Overall 20 medals
- Congratulations to Coach Ippy and Iron Edge girls with the highest medal count - 6 medals (3 Gold, 2 Silver, and 1 Bronze)
- Coach Stuart and 16U Razors with 4 medals (1 Gold, 1 Silver, and 2 Bronze)
- Coach Jeremy and Platinum with 3 medals
- Coach Linnéa and Lightning with 2 medals
- Coach John and the 13U girls with 2 medals
- Coach Gus with 2 medals
- Seven teams registered for Nationals (Cancelled due to Covid)
- Five out of province tournaments

Programs

- All development programs were sold out this year (House League, Skills, Spikes and Special Training programs)
- Beach program is growing with the help of Coach Chi
- Tech Training with John Canjar
- Strength and Conditioning with Coach Reid
- Team Building training with Coach Jeff Birrell
- Held two coaches clinics with Coach Raph and John

4. Report from VP (Suhayl Muhtaseb, Vice-President)

- Summarized coach, parent & athlete surveys
- Discussed the importance of our club surveys

Parents Survey - 51 responses

- Positive responses regarding tryouts
- Players DOB (playing up or down)
- Practice schedules and gym sizes, possible bigger gyms for older athletes.
- Strength and Conditioning - 76% of parents felt it was beneficial for their athletes to attend. Most parents felt it should be mandatory.

Athletes Survey - 40 responses

- Athlete's felt they learned skills and techniques to help them grow.
- Work on athletes meeting their goals (23% felt they did not reach their personal goals).
- 95% of athletes were happy with the coaching they received.
- Technical Training and S&C were seen as beneficial by most athletes.

Coaches Survey - 14 responses

- All coaches had a positive experience with the club.
- 13 coaches showed interest in returning.

- All coaches gave positive feedback on Technical Training

Town of Milton Grant

- Milton Edge applied for the Town of Milton Grant
- \$6730 received from the Town
- Purchased new AV equipment, new signage, coaches training, storage equipment

Resigns August 31

- Due to Covid-19 the OVA is asking for early resigns for teams. They opened up the ages to U11- U18 as long as they played for the club last season
- Date to resign has been extended to August 31, 2020

5. Presentation of the 2019/2020 Financials, as of May 31st, 2020 (Tatum Gunn, Treasurer)

- Reviewed last years finances vs. this year
- Revenue is lower this year due to COVID cancellations
- Expenses are lower primarily due to COVID cancellations (no banquet, no coaching/gym rentals for development). Also had savings vs last year in uniforms (reused same kit) and Matrix S&C training model was less expensive
- Anticipate to finish the year with a profit of \$3K (vs prior year loss of \$23K)
- \$35K refunded to rep players due to Covid (150 transactions)
- 75% of House League and development athletes have asked for a credit for next year.
- We need to use our Town of Milton Grant funds before next season.

6. Call for Amendments to Club Constitution and Bylaws (Tanya Taylor, Operations)

At the 2018/2019 AGM last year, after consulting with many Youth Organizations in Milton, we introduced and shared a new Club Constitution and Bylaws with our membership and was reviewed and approved June 6, 2019. We hope that you have had a chance to review them when the AGM notice and important documents were sent out a month ago.

Some key highlights with these new bylaws:

8.01 Members

- Membership is open to 1 legal guardian of a registered athlete (s) in a competitive program with Milton Edge
- One athlete = 1 vote
- Two or more athletes = 2 votes max
- Coaches are not able to vote (unless you are also a parent of a rep player)
- Athletes are not able to vote

3.02: Director Terms

- 2020: VP & Secretary: 2 year term
- 2021: President, Treasurer, Operations: 2 year term

7. Call for Nominations for the Board of Directors (5 positions available) and Elections

The floor was opened to nominations for the 5 Board of Director positions.

President: **Gus Tsiapalis** nominated by **Tanya Taylor**, seconded by **Tracy Morrison**.

Vice President: **Stuart Hooper** nominated by **Ophelia Smith**, seconded by **Suhayl Muhtaseb**.

Operations: **Tracy Morrison** nominated by **Tanya Taylor**, seconded by **Tatum Gunn**.

Treasurer: **Tatum Gunn** nominated by **Tanya Taylor**, seconded by **Stuart Hooper**.

We have two candidates interested in the Secretary position. Both will give a 1-2 min presentation on what skills/experience they can bring to the board. Afterwards a Google Form will be emailed to the voting parent (one athlete = one vote, two+ athletes = two votes max). This will take a few minutes.

Secretary:

Christina Pavone nominated by **Suhayl Muhtaseb**.

Kady Lavallee nominated by **Allison Cunningham**.

Voting Results: 24 Kady, 15 Christina

Board Members that were elected for the 2020/2021 season were the following:

President: Gus Tsiapalis

VP: Stuart Hooper

Operations: Tracy Morrison

Treasurer: Tatum Gunn

Secretary: Kady Lavallee

8. New Business

Chis Edwards - Asked about senior girls 17U/18U and if we will have coaching to be competitive and not lose girls to other clubs.

- Suhayl discussed how he and John have been actively searching and recruiting from outside of the club.
- John - talked about how we as a club are building relationships with other clubs and schools ie. UofT to work to draw new coaches and players to come to our club.
- Long term, Edge is working on our club culture to retain our older athletes.

Paul Bonfigli - Asked if Edge is working with the OVA on planning for the upcoming season - OVA released the schedule for 2020/2021 - a three tournament season.

- Options are for teams to play up to get more playing time

Linnéa - Where are the coaching gaps?

- U11/12 Boys
- U13 Girls & Boys
- U17 Girls

Katie Edmonds asked what the plan is if we can't get practice time in the schools?

- OVA has said indoor teams can practice outside (Gus or John's grass courts)
- Jacqueline is staying in contact with the Town on a regular basis.
- We have the Velodrome and E.C. Drury
- Gus talked about the club looking at Edge moving into our own space ie. Milton Soccer club was up for lease. We are looking towards the future for that. Would need fundraising and sponsorship to make this happen.
- If Halton moves to Stage Three in Covid reopening, the schools should be open for permits. Situation is fluid so we have to wait and see.

9. Adjournment

Tanya Taylor moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:03pm, seconded by Tracy Morrison.