

Mississauga Blues RFC Annual General Meeting February 8, 2021



Call to order at 7:07PM

Meeting chaired by Leslie Swan - Club president

Welcome Notes & 2020 highlights - 12th year in operation

- Cancelled tour due to Covid-19
- Second club to return to play
- OLG funds for year were \$29,238.44 (down from \$43,546.99 in 2020)
- Modified season to extend into the fall at St Marcellinus
- Additional safety measures added along with 2 COVID Safety Coordinators appointed

Quorum is present with attendance with at least 10 members in person.

Introduction of Board Members:

President - Lesley Swan

Director of Operations - Poulomi Anand

Registrar - Natalie Adams

Treasurer - Josh Maharaj

Child Protection Officer - Jared Thompson

Secretary - Patrick Nguyen

2020 Administrative Matters:

Patrick Nguyen

Motion to maintain affiliated status with the City of Mississauga to receive preferred rates for field

rentals and resources with the city.

Motion to approve city affiliation status - First - Natalie Adams / Second - Lesley Swan

MOTION PASSED

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Motion to continue the Mississauga Blues Rama Bingo volunteering for 2020

Motion to approve our relationship with Rama Bingo and to continue volunteering - First - Joshua Maharaj / Second - Jason Cormier

MOTION PASSED

Child Protection Officer Update:

Jared Thompson

- Vulnerable Sector checks now have online options available
- No incidents reported the 2020 season

Fundraising Highlights

Lesley Swan

- Unable to host any additional activities or events in 2020
- Rama closed due to months in pandemic, made significantly less than 2019
- Exploring a fundraiser for flower baskets in 2021 starting May
- Senior men's team to have continued support from Blocknet and expected from Pita Land

2020 Registration review

Natalie Adams

- Did not compete in U8, U10, and U12 programs
- Loss of 13% compared to 2019
- 30 clubs in Ontario had returned to play
- Down 60% from 2020, had no minor program due to numbers this year
- As well, no U18 boys program this year

2020 Financial Review

Joshua Maharaj

- With pandemic, programs were hit hard - operated at a loss
- Luckily with Bingo money, helped us throughout the season

- Bingo funds used for our junior program – equipment and for ages under 21
- Therapy cost low, bundled all up with junior cost taking advantage of training cost with everyone together at same field
- Pitaland, Blocknet, with their sponsorship, helped a lot with Senior men's team in 2020
- Was an issue with Sportlomo - refunds were taken out of account and some refunds to be taken out of Mississauga's account this year

2020 Review

Lesley Swan

- Following the rules, completed documentation, enhanced cleaning rules (covid, sanitizing, encouraged social distancing)
- Attendance tracking, COVID screening before training (each training)
- Developed training programs that encouraged physical distancing (pool noodles, distant training from other age groups)

2020 Rugby Review

Poulomi Anand

- Ordered men's 1st team jerseys, all in hand and completely unused – ready for 2021
- Purchased new rugby balls – for 2021 use as well
- Ordering U7/U9 touch t shirts, U11 coed jerseys and U13 co-ed jerseys
- Annual socks and shorts for all ages
- Increase sponsorship focus on club in 2021
- Sponsorship letters and packages within the community
- Send out feelers to stores/companies within our community

2021 Rugby Preview

Lesley Swan

- Teo Velickovska as our intern for Mississauga Blues – Social media content and overall assistance within the club
- Exploring options of shortened competition season starting in June – limited to teams within our general area – Mississauga, Brampton (unlike Lindsay, etc)
- If we are allowed to compete or not, we will run training sessions dependent on the restrictions
- Indoor sessions as an option for senior and junior teams (for future, not just during 2021)

- Continue to follow rules with Rugby Ontario and update members as time goes on

Motion to Adjourn – First – Natalie Adams/ Second – Jim Dinner

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.