



# Mississauga Blues Rugby Football Club Annual General Meeting January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Call to order at 7:08PM

Meeting chaired by Lesley Swan – Club president

Welcome notes & 2019 highlights – 11<sup>th</sup> year for the Mississauga Blues:

Lesley Swan

- Junior girls headed to Cardiff, Bristol and London
- Successful Winter Touch league
- OLG funds for the year were \$43,546.99
- Need for more individuals trained for Bingo
- Creation of new role
  - Director of Rugby – Mark Smerdon
- Roles and responsibilities

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 – Poulomi Anand

**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 – Lesley Swan /  
Second – Jared Thompson

## **MOTION PASSED**

Child Protection Officer Update:

Jared Thompson

- Follow up with volunteer coaches for vulnerable sector checks and make sure all is accounted for
- Incident between junior boy's player(s) involving a physical altercation
  - Item was resolved and board was made aware of the situation
  - The club will keep a close eye on the players involved in the matter

Fundraising highlights:

Lesley Swan

- 2 bingo fundraisers
  - Raised roughly \$500
- Merchandise sales from new apparel
- Halenda's meats
  - \$2 for pepperoni sticks – raised about \$500
  - Have the juniors or minis to sell the pepperoni sticks each year for fundraising – to implement in 2020 season
- Senior mens team received \$5,500 in sponsorship from Pita Land, Gladiator Burgers and Blocknet
- Adding another green bin for storage of the Mississauga Blues tents, training necessities
- **\*Under Armour gear inventory still significant, to sell at lower/reduced pricing at training, touch or home games**

### **Bingo for Blues**

- 16 people trained for OLG Bingo, 12 people are scheduled regularly
- We receive a portion of the overall revenue generated each month from the entire establishment.
- We share amongst other NPO participating in the volunteering initiative at the Mississauga Rama location – 40 organizations in total
- Club will receive approx. \$1,200 to \$3,000 per month to enhance Youth Program
- While offsetting youth cost, it will in turn reduce cost for Senior programs
- **\*SENIORS TO BE MORE INVOLVED FOR SOCIAL EVENTS/FUNDRAISERS TO CHANNEL BACK INTO THE CLUB**



## 2019 Financial Review:

Josh Maharaj

- The Mississauga Rugby club were in the black this year
- Total assets being \$9,836
  - Received some funding from the Mississauga Sport dome for \$3,000 and split to a local Mississauga football team \$1,000
- Our finances are in a position where we have our front end funds instead of reimbursing in our back ends

## 2019 Registration Review:

Natalie Adams

\* As of August 31, 2019

- Senior program was up 6% total from the Senior Mens & Womens & U19 Men and Women combined.
  - Senior program was up due to word of mouth and the U19 age groups
- Junior program took a hit of -39%
- Minor program took a hit of -4%
- Set up a try rugby day to promote the Mississauga Blues Rugby club
- The season total of 191 registered members for a total loss of 13.09% from 2018
- \*Ensure all senior/university students to input Mississauga address to keep affiliated status

## 2019 Rugby Review:

Poulomi Anand

- Struggled with the change of age categories (odd numbers U15/17) and were unable to field a U15 boys and girls side hence the downfall of the junior program registrations
- A document has now been drafted to track when jerseys are coming to the end of their life expectancy (2 years approx.)
- A moderate increase in dues from 2018

Lesley Swan

- Early bird price for dues will be frozen at last year's price.
  - Dues will increase moderately for juniors and seniors after March 1 to cover cost of socks and warm up shirt.
  - Encourage registrants to register early, need enough registered by May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to stay registered in the league
- Increase field allocations through City of Mississauga. Necessity with growing pains.
- New age categories – going back to even numbers.



- U16 & U18 to come back
- New formalized process for athlete assistance

### **Training Schedule Options**

#### Option 1:

Monday @SSS: All juniors/minis

Tuesday @SSS: all teams club day

Thursday @valleys: all senior teams

#### Option 2:

Tuesday @SSS: all teams club day

Thursday @SSS: All juniors/minis

Thursday @valleys: all senior teams

Director of Rugby and Club President still determining final schedule – TBD

#### Arrows Opportunity:

##### Lesley Swan

- Have 20+ attendees attend a Toronto arrows game to be on the field to clap/high five tunnel the players for the youth
- Have 50+ attendees attend a Toronto games to be on the field and play a 20-minute touch rugby game
  - Watch the pre-game warm up from Toronto arrows bench
- Dates given – April 4<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> – Date TBD

Motion to adjourn – First – Lesley Swan / Second – Poulomi Anand

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.