

WINDSOR ESSEX COUNTY SENIOR SPORTS ORGANIZATION  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
Wednesday, October 4, 2023  
Royal Canadian Legion Branch 594

Executives in attendance:      Brian Adlam                      Rick Anderson                      Bill Magone  
   Bob Parent                      Jack Bump                      Pat Sutherland  
   Chris Brennan                      Terry Burton                      Ron Ottogalli  
   Dan Leithead                      Steve Sabina                      Gord Hillman  
   Tony D’Andrea                      Don Balkwill  
Regrets:                              Barbara Sanders

Item 1:                      Welcome                      Bill Magone    1 pm  
   Bill introduced each executive member and indicated their position.

Item 2:                      Remembrance                      Bob Parent  
   Bob reported that we lost two more members recently: Dan Gelinis and Carl Isaac. Memorial bricks will be laid in their honor in August, 2024. Bob then led us in a moment of silence for those members of WECSSO that have passed away.

Item 3:                      Approval of the minutes of the 2022 AGM  
   M: John Barron                      S: Mark Shafer    **Motion passed**

Item 4:                      Business arising from the minutes                      NONE

Item 5:                      Treasurer’s Report                      Steve Sabina  
   Steve gave a detailed explanation of his report and answered many questions from the floor. Many of the questions dealt with the “healthy balance” in our bank account and why we need that amount in a reserve account. Bill and Ron both explained that our main source of revenue is bingo and the future of bingos is uncertain at this time.  
   Motion to accept the report  
   M: Chris Brennan                      S: Terry Burton    **Motion passed**

Item 6:                      Membership                      Brian Adlam  
   Brian reported that we had 242 registered players this year, 25 more than last year. We had 45 new players to our league (21 in Blue, 21 in Green and 3 in Red). He had registration forms with him and they would also be available at the banquet. The deadline date to guarantee a position in the league is January 31, 2024. To be registered, you must submit a completed registration form and \$75. Post dated cheques are accepted.

Item 7:           Bingos   Ron Ottogalli

Ron began his report by noting that the turnout for this AGM is by far the best ever. He congratulated those in attendance for being interested in the operation of the league. He then reiterated the fact that bingos are our main source of income. Our reserve funds can quickly become depleted if we are not careful.

Item 8:           Indoor Ball                                 Ron Ottogalli

Ron indicated that he has 46 players registered so far. He needs 4 more to have 5 teams of 10. Mike Palenchar is his co-chairperson. Games are played at the Novelletto Rosati Sports and Recreation Complex near Mic Mac Park every Tuesday. Game times are 9:30 am and 11 am. WECSSO members have priority until October 23, and then the spots will become open to non-WECSSO members.

Item 9:           Goodfellows   Bill Magone

Bill reported that he tried to contact Ken Dafoe, the person in charge of WECSSO's participation in the paper drive. He had not received a reply yet. Those interested were asked to contact Ken directly at 519-948-4317 or [mdafoe3@cogeco.ca](mailto:mdafoe3@cogeco.ca).

Item 10:          Social Committee                                 Pat Sutherland

Pat indicated that approximately 190 to 200 people will be attending the banquet. He described the many activities that will take place, including Elvis and Johnny Cash impersonators, corn hole competitions, trivia contests, a DJ and dancing. Doors will be open at 3:30 pm with dinner served around 5 pm.

Item 11:          Webmaster   Pat Sutherland

Pat outlined the many items that he had posted on the website. He pointed out that he had also "showcased" the Green Division playoff contests, by including many pictures taken on those days.

Item 12:          Umpires   Don Balkwill

Don gave thanks to the many umpires who volunteered 2 to 3 hours of their day to officiate the nearly 280 games in the WECSSO schedule. He also thanked all the players, coaches and managers for their excellent behavior toward our inexperienced, unpaid volunteer umpires. He then reminded those in attendance, when filling out their registration form, to indicate their desire to join our umpiring staff in 2024. Brian will pass those names on to Barbara Sanders, our UIC, who will then contact them in the spring of 2024.

Item 13:          Summer Slow Pitch                                 Rick Anderson

Rick first of all congratulated the Green Division on their major turnaround this season. Terry Burton and Gord Hillman worked tirelessly to revitalize a division that was slowly dying. Rick then mentioned that several players asked why all of the divisions didn't play on the last day, like the Green Division format. It is something that the executive for 2024 will discuss. There is a possibility that we might change the ball that the league uses. The price per dozen of the ball we use has risen drastically. Again, it will be looked at by the next executive.

Item 14:                      Nominations                      Bill Magone

Bill indicated that Dan Leithead is not seeking re-election due to health concerns.

Those seeking re-election include:

Chris Brennan, Terry Burton, Tony D'Andrea, Ron Ottogalli and Pat Sutherland.

In addition, nominations were received for:

Aldo Bertucci, Rob Ceshan, Dave Haesler, Gord Hillman, Patti Mouland and John Rudak.

Item 15:                      Elections                      Bill Magone

Bill reported the results of the election.

The 6 members of the executive board for 2024 are:

Tony D'Andrea                      Chris Brennan                      Dave Haesler

Patti Mouland                      Ron Ottogalli                      John Rudak

Motion to destroy the ballots

M: Gary Norman                      S: Mike Palenchar                      **Motion passed**

Item 16:                      Adjournment                      3:30 pm

M: John Goz                      S: John Carpenter                      **Motion passed**