

WINDSOR ESSEX COUNTY SENIOR SPORTS ORGANIZATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday, October 2, 2024
Ciociaro Club

Executives in attendance:	Brian Adlam	Rick Anderson	Bob Parent
	Jack Bump	Chris Brennan	Ron Ottogalli
	Steve Sabina	Tony D'Andrea	Dave Haesler
	Barbara Sanders	Patti Moulard	Don Balkwill

Regrets:	John Rudak	Gord Hillman
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Item 1: Welcome Ron Ottogalli 1:09 pm

Ron began by expressing his appreciation to the 69 non-executive members that were at the meeting. Their attendance showed their interest in the league and their desire to see it improve. He pointed out to everyone present that they are all winners, because at their advanced ages, they are still able to enjoy the game that they love.

Item 2: Remembrance Bob Parent

Bob reported that three members had passed away since his last update. Gary Soumis passed away at age 73, Jim Brunell at 93 and Irwin "Casey" Jones at 89. He called for a moment of silence in memory of those 3 deceased members. Bob then stressed the importance of our active players to attend the Day of Remembrance ceremony. Your presence is greatly appreciated by the families of those former WECSSO members.

On behalf of WECSSO, Ron thanked Bob for the many years of service as the Remembrance Day chairman. John Rudak, with Bob's guidance, organized this year's program and will continue to organize the event in the future.

Item 3: Approval of the minutes of the 2023 AGM
M: Butch Maisonneuve S: John Carpenter **Motion passed**

Item 4: Business arising from the minutes NONE

Item 5: Treasurer's Report Steve Sabina

Steve presented a detailed summary of the year-end financial report (copy attached). He pointed out the reasons why some items differed from the budgeted amount. He anticipated where some questions might be forthcoming and presented the answers, so the number of questions was minimal.

Motion to accept the report
M: Brian Adlam S: Neil Reaume **Motion passed**

WECSO - Budget vs. Actual 2024

as of Sep. 30, 2024 as of Oct. 31, 2023

	<u>Budget 2023-24</u>	<u>Actual 2023-24</u>	<u>Actual 2022-23</u>
REVENUE			
Registration Fees Summer Slo Pitch	18,000.00	17,537.00	17,387.50
Membership Indoor Ball	40.00	40.00	100.00
Indoor Baseball Fees	7,000.00	7,209.00	6,305.00
Insurance Fees Indoor Ball	10.00	10.00	25.00
Bingo Honorariums (Petty Cash)	0.00	305.00	0.00
Interest Income	70.00	55.20	69.16
Golf Tournament	6,000.00	9,695.00	7,425.00
Bingo Pooling Deposits	28,000.00	27,953.27	28,177.91
Total Revenue	59,120.00	62,804.47	59,489.57
EXPENSES			
Baseball Diamond Rental	18,000.00	11,523.35	15,153.30
Players Insurance	1,800.00	1,870.00	1,650.00
Baseball Equipment - Summer	2,000.00	2,491.70	583.08
Baseball Uniforms	1,500.00	4,106.12	945.81
Umpire Fees	4,000.00		3,546.00
Prizes for Winning teams	2,500.00		2,174.12
Winter Baseball Diamond Rental	11,865.00	11,865.00	9,495.00
Winter Baseball Equipment	500.00	325.44	0.00
Appreciation Luncheon	2,000.00	-0.21	80.00
Annual Awards Banquet	7,000.00	1,500.00	4,589.19
Medical Supplies	200.00	113.18	120.25
Medical Services	1,200.00	3,450.00	1,190.61
Trailer Storage, Repairs, Material Costs	300.00	495.04	129.09
Baseball Bats	1,300.00	1,254.30	0.00
Executive/Bingo Shirts/Dinner	400.00	1,217.25	339.00
Meeting Room Rentals	0.00	113.00	0.00
Golf Tournament	6,000.00	7,643.65	10,206.91
Gifts (from Executive): Indoor Ball, Retiring I	400.00	500.00	200.00
Memorial Bricks/Service/Printing	1,000.00	1,217.13	810.17
Luncheon Supplies	0.00	322.00	0.00
Community Sponsorship Local	4,000.00	4,750.00	0.00
Bingo Honorariums (Petty Cash)	2,520.00	2,310.00	210.00
Misc Office Expense	300.00	58.99	273.73
Bank Service & Cheque Purchase Charges	100.00		163.23
Website Maintenance	200.00	248.58	200.00
Total Expenses	69,085.00	57,374.52	52,059.49
Net Income/Loss	-9,965.00	5,429.95	7,430.08

Bingo Petty Cash	
Opening Balance Nov. 1, 2023	420.00
Honorariums Given	-2,310.00
Dec, Mar & Jun Deposits	<u>2,450.00</u>
Balance Sep 30, 2024	<u>560.00</u>

General Account	
Opening Balance Nov. 1, 2023	54,249.64
Balance Sep 17, 2024	<u>55,288.20</u>
Activity	1,038.56
General Account #2 (Youth)	
Opening Balance Nov. 1, 2023	2,534.82
Balance Sep 17, 2024	<u>4,459.87</u>
Activity	1,925.05
Bingo Account	
Opening Balance Nov. 1, 2023	8,728.60
Balance Sep 17, 2024	<u>8,940.08</u>
Activity	211.48
Total Assets	
General Account	55,288.20
General Account #2 (Youth)	4,459.87
Bingo Account	<u>8,940.08</u>
Total Assets	68,688.15

Community Donations	
Windsor Goodfellows-Christmas	500.00
Forest Glade Baseball League	350.00
WSC Little League Major Provincials	1,500.00
U of W Women's Fastpitch Machine	600.00
Windsor Sportsmens Meeting Room	400.00
Windsor Fast Pitch Sports HOF-Golf	400.00
Wonder Broads	1,000.00
Total	4,750.00

Item 5a) Bingo report Ron Ottogalli

Ron reported that we have received almost \$30,00 in bingo revenues. Of that, almost 80% comes from the slot machines, not the bingo games. He expressed his thanks to those members that volunteered their time assisting at the bingos.

Item 5b) Summer ball Rick Anderson

Rick began by expressing congratulations to all present for completing a very successful season of ball. He then thanked those who volunteered their time to manage or coach a team. He thanked those who volunteered to umpire. On the negative side, he felt that there was too much "chirping", not only at umpires, but also at opponents and sometimes even teammates. That must stop!

Rick then looked at next season. He anticipates an influx of players and feels that the Red Division, with limited diamond availability, might be looking a 2 bye teams. Until registrations are complete, we can make no decisions.

Regarding equipment, Rick reported that 7 new bats have been purchased. That gives us an inventory of 23 26-oz bats and 18 27-oz bats. He then reminded the players that those are WECSSO bats, to be kept in the trailer after games. They are not to be placed in player's bat bags to keep for their next game. There have been some complaints about the balls that we use. Matt has suggested that we move to a 40-core ball, from a 44-core ball. He suggests that it is a better ball for our league. If we choose to replace the ball, he will exchange them from his supply and use them in his co-ed leagues that need a softer ball.

Item 5c) Indoor ball Mike Palenchar

Mike gave a brief report on the indoor league. They have 5 teams and play on Tuesdays at the Novelletto Centre.

Item 5d) Banquet Jack Bump

Jack reminded everyone that the annual banquet is scheduled for Wednesday, October 16th at the Ciociaro Club (Salon C). Doors open at 3:30 pm and dinner will be served at 5 pm. Tickets for all cost \$25, with players receiving a \$10 refund at the door. Final date for purchase of tickets is today, October 2nd. Tickets will not be sold at the door. Those wishing to donate a door prize can bring them on the day of the banquet

Item 5e) Umpires Barbara Sanders

Barbara began by thanking all those players who volunteered their time to umpire in the league this year. She then listed the reasons why you might consider umpiring next year. If you do, contact Barbara or indicate that fact on your registration form for 2025.

Item 6: Proposed changes to the WECSSO Constitution Barbara Sanders

Barbara acted as the Sergeant-at-Arms for this discussion. She listed the procedures that were to be followed to keep the discussions brief and to-the-point. Ron was to read the proposal as presented by Bill Magone, then read the by-law as written in the Constitution. There were 4 proposals to be voted on, with each one as YES/NO to the entire proposal.

Bill Magone objected to the fact that the handout did not reflect his submission in full but had been pared down. The overhead screen version did accurately reflect his submission. He also wanted to know why he was not allowed to present the proposals since he was the one who submitted them. The process was amended so that he was allowed to read each proposal. He was also afforded first opportunity to speak on each issue to explain the reasoning for his proposal. Opportunity to address the proposals was afforded to all in attendance.

There was a lengthy discussion for each of the four proposals. Each of the proposals was voted upon separately. It was pointed out that a proposal needed a 66% affirmative vote to pass.

Proposal 1:	Yes	22	No	51	
Proposal 2:	Yes	21	No	50	2 invalid
Proposal 3:	Yes	36	No	34	
Proposal 4:	Yes	45	No	25	

Result: all 4 proposals were turned down

Item 7: Nomination of members to the WECSSO Board of Directors

Rick Anderson	Gord Hillman	Pat Sutherland
Don Balkwill	Steve Sabina	
Aldo Bertucci	Barbara Sanders	
Jack Bump	Rob Ceschan	

Item 8: Results of the elections
The following were elected to the board for a 2-year term:

Rick Anderson	Aldo Bertucci
Barbara Sanders	Rob Ceschan
Steve Sabina	Don Balkwill

Motion to destroy the ballots

M: Dave Haesler S: Tony D'Andrea **Motion passed**

Item 9: New Business

- 1) Terry Scott reported that in the Blue Division this year, too much time was spent deciding who was the proper courtesy runner. He suggested that next season, we just leave it as "unlimited". Barbara advised him to speak with his manager and/or send it to her as all submissions are reviewed by the Rules Committee in the spring.

CHANGES TO THE WINDSOR AND ESSEX COUNTY SENIOR SPORTS ORGANIZATION

Submitted by Bill Magone

Dated August 29, 2024

- 1) Article 3 B. The Board of Directors shall be made up of 12 members elected from and by the general membership at annual meetings. It will also include any Past Presidents who will have voting rights. Six directors shall be elected annually for 2-year terms; which means that there will be a carryover of 6 directors each year for purposes of continuity on the board. In the event of vacancies on the Board before any term of office is up, replacements shall be filled according to the votes at the previous general election. To be eligible for election to the Board of Directors, candidates must be in good standing and in attendance at the annual meeting, or have submitted a signed letter of intent.

Proposed changes to Article 3 B: The Board of Directors shall be made up of **13** members elected from and by the general membership at annual meetings. **There shall be no grandfathering of Past Presidents.** Six directors shall be elected annually for 2-year terms; which means that there will be a carryover of 6 directors each year for purposes of continuity on the board. In the event of vacancies on the Board before any term of office is up, replacements shall be filled according to the votes at the previous general election. **The new position of President shall be the 13th member of the Board. This position will be elected annually by the general membership at annual meetings. This position will oversee the running of the Board of Directors and WECSSO in general. There is no limit on the number of years a person can run for President, this shall be decided by the general membership.**

To be eligible for election to the Board of Directors, candidates must be **a fully registered and full-time playing member of WECSSO. Full time means the candidate must prove that they played a vast majority of games during the season in the year of the annual meeting. Injury shall be considered a valid reason for missing games. Illness, work and vacation time will not be considered as valid reasons for absence.**

- 2) Article 3 D. Officers of the Board of Directors shall be elected annually from and by the members of the Board and the Past President(s) and shall consist of a:
Proposed changes to Article 3 D: Officers of the Board of Directors, **excluding the President,** shall be elected annually from and by the members of Board. **Only the President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary shall be entrusted with handling amounts of money exceeding \$250.00.**
The position of Registrar will be changed from a Position of Responsibility to an Officer of the board. This position will also be entrusted with handling amounts of money exceeding \$250.00 to facilitate the collection of monies from players, coaches, etc. at various functions.
Past President: shall be for a term of one year, in an advisory capacity to the incoming President. The Past President position shall NOT have any voting rights.
- 3) Article 4 A. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be called by the President as he or she deems needed.
Proposed changes to Article 4 A. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be **held on the same day of the week and time monthly. This day and time will be discussed, and the calendar set at the first meeting of a newly elected board to be decided on. Should any meeting be deemed unnecessary a vote of the Board by email and/or phone will be needed to cancel a scheduled meeting. Nine votes will be necessary to cancel a meeting.**
- 4) **Proposed change: Any and all proposed changes passed by the general membership at the annual meeting October 2, 2024, shall go into effect immediately when passed.**

Proposed changes to Current Constitution

Ballot number 1

1. There will be no grandfathering of Past Presidents
2. Board of Directors will be made up of 13 members elected from and by the members at the AGM
3. The President will be 13th members of the Board elected annually by the membership at the AGM
4. To be eligible for the board of directors candidates must be fully registered and full time members of WECSSO Full time means playing the majority of games during the season of the annual meeting. Injury shall be a valid reason for an absence but illness, vacation time and work will not be considered valid reasons for absence.

I am in favor of all the above changes to our constitution - YES NO

Ballot number 2

1. The board of directors, excluding the President, shall be elected annually from and by the members at the AGM.
2. Only the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Registrar shall be entrusted with the handling of money over \$250.00
3. The position of Registrar will be elected by the Board members thus becoming an Officer of the Board.
4. Past president shall be for a term of one year in an advisory role and have no voting rights.

I am in favor of all the above changes YES NO

Ballot Number 3

1. Meetings of the board shall be on the same day of the week and month determined by the Board
2. If a meeting is deemed to be unnecessary, nine votes will be needed to cancel.

I am in favor of both changes YES NO

Ballot number 4

1. Any changes to the constitution to be effective immediately.

I am in favor YES NO

- 2) Tom McNorton spoke on behalf of those who volunteered their time to manage or coach a team. He pointed out that umpires are rewarded with a drink and hot dog after each game but the managers, who also spend a lot of time organizing their teams and preparing the diamonds receive nothing. He suggested that the new executive look at some way to recognize the efforts of the managers.

Item 11: Motion to adjourn

M: Chris Brennan

S: Mike Palenchar

Motion passed

Adjournment @ 3:42 pm