

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024 MEETING MINUTES

December 15, 2024

# **DIXIE SOCCER CLUB**

**2024 AGM MINUTES** 

Date: Sunday, December 15, 2024

Time: 7:30pm

Location: Dixie SC Head Office

109-420 Britannia Rd E., Mississauga ON L4Z 3L5

Meeting called by: DSC Board of Directors Type of meeting: Annual General Meeting

Facilitators: Richard Labile (DSC) Note Taker: Angela Malvaso

Dianne Cieplik (DSC)
Angela Malvaso (DSC)
Angelo Lepore (DSC)
Marienne Ymbang (DSC)

## **Minutes**

Agenda item: Call Meeting to Order Presenter: Angela Malvaso
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Thank you for making the time to join us tonight. If you could please take a seat, we would like to call the 2024 Annual General Meeting to order. If you haven't already done so, please be sure to sign in.

Agenda item:	Confirm Notice of AGM	Presenter:	Angela Malvaso
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Notice of the Dixie Soccer Club 2024 Annual General Meeting was sent out to members via electronic mail on Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

For tonight's AGM, Angela Malvaso has been appointed Recording Secretary for minute-taking purposes.

Agenda item:	1st Roll Call & Report of Credentials	Presenter:	Angela Malvaso	
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1st Roll Call is completed. All meeting attendees have signed in.

# **Credentials Report:**

- Number of Meeting Participants = 10 members
- Number of Active Voting Members (in Good Standing) = 10 members

A quorum has been established as per our Club Bylaws and the meeting can now commence.

Agenda item:	item: Welcome of Guests & Affiliated Organization		Richard Labile
	Representatives		

Richard welcomes all for making the effort to attend the meeting – "Good evening, everyone, and welcome to our Annual General Meeting. It is great to see you here tonight. We are thankful for your continued support of both the club and players throughout the year".

Agenda item:	Approval of the 2024 AGM Agenda	Presenter:	Angela Malvaso
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A few moments are provided to the meeting attendees to review the Agenda

Motion to Approve the 2024 AGM Agenda:

o Mover: Angelo Lepore

o Seconder: Craig Mottram

All in Favor – no one opposed to the adoption of the 2024 AGM Agenda. Motion is carried.

Agenda item:	Review & Approval of 2023 AGM Minutes	Presenter:	Angela Malvaso	
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A copy of the Minutes from the 2023 Annual General Meeting were provided out to all meeting participants. A few minutes were provided for review.

Motion to Approve the 2023 AGM Minutes:

Mover: Enio Napolitano

Seconder: Jeff Carvalho

All in Favor – no one opposed to the adoption of the 2023 AGM Minutes. Motion is carried.

Agenda item:	President's Address	Presenter:	Richard Labile	
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A copy of the President's Address was provided to all meeting attendees for review prior to meeting. Below is a copy of the President's Address presented by Richard Labile.

As I stepped into the role of Interim President this past August, I've had the privilege of witnessing firsthand the incredible progress Dixie Soccer Club continues to make. The dedication of our players, team officials, board members, staff, and players' families are truly inspiring.

Having been part of Dixie Soccer Club for over fifteen years, I take great pride in what we stand for—developing talent, fostering teamwork, and building a supportive environment for all. Together, we've achieved remarkable success this year, both on and off the field, and I am confident our momentum will carry us into an even brighter future.

Thanks to the continued support of our volunteers, team officials, staff, and board members, 2024 was a successful year for the Dixie Soccer Club. Maintaining stable membership and experiencing minimal issues is a significant achievement that reflects the strength and unity of our community.

I want to extend my deepest gratitude to our coaches, team officials, parents, and players for their unwavering support. To our very limited but highly capable staff—your countless hours behind the scenes ensure the smooth operation of this club, and for that, I am profoundly grateful. This club could not thrive without you.

We are all here to support this club and our young athletes. Thank you for your passion, commitment, and dedication that make Dixie Soccer Club a place we can all be proud of. Let's continue striving for excellence as we move forward together.

In conclusion, I look forward to another successful year, working alongside the incredible individuals who dedicate their time and energy to providing quality programming for our members. Here's to an even brighter 2025!

Agenda item:	Treasurers' Report	Presenter:	Dianne Cieplik
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A copy of the Treasurers' Report was provided to all meeting attendees for review prior to meeting. Below is a copy of the report presented by Dianne Cieplik.

I would like to start by thanking the Board, coaches and team officials for their hard work and dedication over the past year.

It has been a busy year within the club, with a lot of work happening behind the scenes. I hope my contributions to the Board during this time made a positive impact.

We continue to face challenges with declining registrations in our recreational youth divisions (U15+) and senior leagues compared to pre-pandemic levels. However, there are bright spots: registrations for our recreational divisions (U14 and below) and competitive programs continue to be stable.

As we look ahead to 2025, we will continue to prioritize providing quality soccer programming for our community, enhancing both competitive and recreational opportunities, and most importantly, ensuring more fun for everyone involved.

Finally, our Fiscal Year 2023 and 2024 financial statements are currently under review with Wilson CPA. Once audited, these will be available for review upon request.

Thank you for your continued support, and here's to an exciting and successful year ahead!

# Motion to Approve the 2024 Treasurers' Report:

Mover: Craig Mottram Seconder: Jeff Carvalho

All in Favor – no one opposed to the Treasurer's Report. Motion is carried.

Agenda item:	Auditors' Report	Presenter:	Dianne Cieplik
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Our Fiscal Year 2023 and 2024 financial statements are currently under review with Wilson CPA and will be available for review upon request, once audited. Members can reach out to Dianne via email to arrange to review financial statements, once available.

Motion to Approve the 2024 Auditors' Report:

o Mover: Jeff Carvalho

Seconder: Enrico Conforti

All in Favor – no one opposed to the Auditors' Report. Motion is carried.

Agenda item:	Other Directors' Reports	Presenter:	Angela Malvaso

The AGM Handbook containing Director & Staff reports was provided to all meeting attendees for review prior to meeting. Below is a copy of all other reports provided by Directors & Club Staff members.

#### **DIRECTOR AT LARGE REPORT**

Prepared by: Angelo Lepore

2024 was another successful year for Dixie Soccer Club, filled with stability and achievements across both recreational and competitive programs. As a Director at Large, my focus has been on supporting the club's initiatives, fostering communication between members, and contributing to the smooth operation of our programs.

This year, we made strides in rebuilding grassroots participation, with encouraging growth in U12 and younger divisions. We also celebrated numerous successes in competitive leagues and tournaments, showcasing the dedication and talent within our teams.

I am proud to have contributed to the continued success of Dixie Soccer Club in 2024 and look forward to supporting further growth and excellence in the years to come.

#### **CLUB HEAD COACH REPORT**

Prepared by: Enio Napolitano

As the Club Head Coach of the Dixie Soccer Club, I am responsible for assisting with the overall management and strategic direction of the soccer aspects of the club. Through the course of 2024, I continued to play an integral role in player/coach recruitment and development, and in the implementation of long-term plans to ensure the club's success both on and off the field for many years to come. In 2025, my goal is to work closely with the Board of Directors to establish compelling coaching and playing philosophies that will be presented to our competitive/grassroots team coaches throughout the course of the year.

I spend countless hours on the field observing and providing guidance to the coaches of our Grassroots and Competitive teams. It is a large task to endure, but one I pride myself on completing to the best of my best abilities. The success of our competitive teams is something to be proud of and I wish them all a prosperous 2025.

#### **CLUB OPERATIONS & ADMINISTRATION REPORT**

Prepared by: Angela Malvaso

The Dixie Soccer Club Board of Directors and staff work closely with one another to keep the club running and in line with our mission. The purpose of the Club Operations and Administration Report is to summarize the activity of the Club for the 2024 Fiscal Year.

#### Administration

At Dixie Soccer Club (DSC), our primary goal is to consistently provide high-quality customer service and support to our members. The Club is managed by a dedicated Board of Directors, and administrative staff who work tirelessly to ensure smooth operations.

In 2024, we continued to make significant strides in enhancing the quantity and quality of information shared with our recreational membership. Leveraging our email communications, and website, we ensured timely and effective circulate updates and announcements. These efforts reflect our commitment to keeping our members informed and engaged.

## Uniform & Equipment

The Club continued its partnership with Negro Consulting Services Inc. – MACRON as the uniform supplier for our Grassroots and Competitive REP teams for 2024. Additionally, we maintained our collaboration with Avanti to provide uniforms for the Club's U9+ Recreational players.

For our MINI players (U3-U8) in the Outdoor House League 2024 season, we secured Timbits Sponsorship, which supplied uniforms and soccer balls.

Looking ahead, the Club plans to continue working with these trusted uniform suppliers for the 2025 season.

Agenda item: Unfinished Business	Presenter:	Angela Malvaso	
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If anyone has any questions regarding unfinished business from FY 2024, please raise your hand for a questionand-answer period. No unfinished business to report or discuss. Questions were not brought to the Directors attention from the floor.

Agenda item:	Amendments to Club By-Laws	Presenter:	Angela Malvaso
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Please take a moment to review the Club Bylaws. There were no amendments to the Bylaws approved at the 2023 AGM, as out current Bylaws are fully compliant with the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act (ONCA).

As no amendments were made, I would like to request a Motion to Approve the 2024 Bylaws of the Dixie Soccer Club.

Motion to Approve the adoption of the 2024 DSC Bylaws:

- Mover: Enio Napolitano
- Seconder: Vanessa Napolitano

All in Favor – no one opposed to the adoption of the 2024 DSC Bylaws. Motion is carried.

Agenda item:	2 <sup>nd</sup> Roll Call & Report of Credentials	Presenter:	Angela Malvaso
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The second roll call has been completed. In addition to the attendees present during the first roll call, Ferdinando Serpe has joined the meeting. The updated roll call is as follows:

## **Credentials Report:**

- Number of Meeting Participants = 11 members
- Number of Active Voting Members (in Good Standing) = 11 members

A quorum has been established as per our Club Bylaws and the meeting may now continue.

Agenda item: Election of Directors	Presenter: Angela Malvaso
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At this time, I would like to ask Richard, Angelo, Dianne and Marienne to join the meeting attendees as we commence the Election of Directors for the 2025 term.

The positions up for election for the upcoming term are Club President (1-year term), Vice President (2-year term), Treasurer (2-year term), Secretary (1-year term), Director at Large 1 (2-year term), and Director at Large 2 (1-year term). Nomination forms were submitted to Dianne Cieplik prior to the specified submission deadline of November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

The Nominee for Club President is Richard Labile.

Three nomination forms have been received for Richard Labile for the role of Club President. As there were no other nominations submitted for this position, Richard is acclaimed to the role. Richard, do you accept this nomination to stand as Club President for a one-year term?

**Richard's response**: Yes, I accept my nomination to serve as Club President for a 1-year term.

Thank you and congratulations, Richard, on accepting the role of Club President.

The Nominee for Vice President is Angelo Lepore.

Two nomination forms have been received for Angelo Lepore for the role of Vice President. As there were no other nominations submitted for this position, Angelo is acclaimed to the role. Angelo, do you accept this nomination to stand as Vice President for a two-year term?

Angelo's response: Yes, I accept my nomination to serve as Vice President for a 2-year term.

Thank you and congratulations, Angelo, on accepting the role of Vice President.

The Nominee for Treasurer is Dianne Cieplik.

A nomination form has been received for Dianne Cieplik for the role of Treasurer. As there were no other nominations submitted for this position, Dianne is acclaimed to the role. Dianne, do you accept this nomination to stand as Treasurer for a two-year term?

Dianne's response: Yes, I accept my nomination to serve as Treasurer for a 2-year term.

Thank you and congratulations, Dianne, on accepting the role of Treasurer.

### The Nominee for Secretary is Marienne Ymbang.

A nomination form has been received for Marienne Ymbang for the role of Secretary. As there were no other nominations submitted for this position, Marienne is acclaimed to the role. Marienne, do you accept this nomination to stand as Secretary for a one-year term?

Marienne's response: Yes, I accept my nomination to serve as Secretary for a 1-year term.

Thank you and congratulations, Marienne, on accepting the role of Secretary.

The Nominee for Director at Large 1 is Vanessa Napolitano.

Two nomination forms have been received for Vanessa Napolitano for the role of Director at Large 1. As there were no other nominations submitted for this position, Vanessa is acclaimed to the role. Vanessa, do you accept this nomination to stand as Director at Large 1 for a two-year term?

Vanessa's response: Yes, I accept my nomination to serve as the Director at Large 1 for a 2-year term.

Thank you and congratulations, Vanessa, on accepting the role of Director at Large 1.

The Nominee for Director at Large 2 is Jeff Carvalho.

A nomination form was received for Jeff Carvalho for the role of Director at Large 2. As there were no other nominations submitted for this position, Jeff is acclaimed to the role. Jeff, do you accept this nomination to stand as Director at Large 2 for a one-year term?

Jeff's response: Yes, I accept my nomination to serve as the Director at Large 1 for a 1-year term.

Thank you and congratulations, Jeff, on accepting the role of Director at Large 2.

Our elections are now complete. I would like to congratulate Richard, Angelo, Dianne, Marienne, Vanessa and Jeff once again on your appointments to the Board of the Dixie Soccer Club.

On behalf of Enio, our Club Head Coach and myself, we look forward to continuing to work with all of you towards our shared goal of the success of the Dixie Soccer Club.

At this time, I would ask that you please take a seat at the board table as we prepare to resume the meeting.

Agenda item:	Appointment of Auditors	Presenter:	Dianne Cieplik
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I would like to request a motion to approve the appointment of Wilson Chartered Professional Accountants to continue providing accounting services to the Dixie Soccer Club for the 2025 term.

Motion to Approve the Appointment of Wilson CPA for the 2025 term:

- Mover: Angelo Lepore
- Seconder: Richard Labile

All in Favor – no one opposed to the Appointment of Auditors for the 2025 term. Motion is carried.

Agenda item:	Motion to Adjourn/Close Meeting	Presenter:	Richard Labile

Before we adjourn, I would like to thank you all for attending tonight's AGM and for your continued support of the Dixie Soccer Club. I would like to wish you all a happy holiday season and we look forward to working with you in the new year.

A special thank you to my fellow board members for accepting your roles and for your dedication to the club. I would also like to extend my gratitude to our staff for all the hard work you do for the club, our coaches, players, and families. Your efforts do not go unnoticed – thank you!

To conclude, I would like to ask for a Motion to Adjourn the 2025 Dixie Soccer Club AGM.

- Mover: Craig Mottram
- Seconder: Vanessa Napolitano

All in favour – As no one is opposed to adjourn the meeting, the motion is carried.