**Toronto Dingos FC 2013 AGM**

***Dingos Present:*** *Craig Stewart, James Duggan, Everett Wells, Yoni Moussadji, Bob Clarke, Shaun McKay, Paul Tinkler, Ramsey Blacklock, Gary Conlon, Mick McFarlane, Rick Strezovski, Chris Buczkowski, Stephen Gordon, Denis Cormier, Dave Wells (until his Presidential bid failed), Justin Robertson, Patrick Bossey, Sarah Hornhardt, Pat O’Shea*

***Minutes:***

*Executive Elections:*

Stewy’s violent campaign that has been likened to that of an African dictator ended with him securing another year of Dingos’ presidency and Wellsy storming out in tears. The rest if the Executive elections ran rather smoothly, with the exception of Tinks forgetting the role that he assumed in 2012. The 2013 Dingos Executive is:

Craig Stewart: President

Dave Wells: Vice President

Yoni Moussadji- Treasurer

James Duggan & Everett Wells: Co-Secretary (although Jimmy will do most of the work)

Paul Tinkler & Mick McFarlane: Directors of Development.

*Financials*

Not including the profit from the golf tournament, the Dingos had a surplus of $3,361. Yoni informed everybody that $7.500, including the surplus, was invested, and it was too late to field any objections. Details are available upon request.

*Team Fees*

Everybody paid their team fees in 2012, a Dingos’ first. Team fees will remain the same in 2013, with Division 1 paying $225, Students paying $150, and Division 2 paying $175.

*Coaching Staff*

As everybody already knows by this point, Robbo will be the coach in 2013, with Butch as his assistant and team manager. Mick will coach Division 2 and Gary will be the Division 2 manager. Spider will wash the uniforms every week unless someone else REALLY wants to.

*Recruiting*

As usual, the importance of recruiting was stressed. The team constantly needs to be recruiting in order for it to be successful both on and off the field. Several ideas were floated to get new recruits:

* TSSC night at UCC (will need a few volunteers, but not everyone)
* Creating a website dedicated to recruitment (Spider, Jimmy and Tinks will look into this)
* Social Media🡪meetup.com (Gazza and Robbo), Craigslist 🡪”Men looking to play with boys” (Butch)
* Recruiting at DCC/Running Group🡪 using these as a way to get people interested in footy.
* **Most important is word of mouth. Everybody should try and bring out their friends. If everybody shared the Dingos page on Facebook, it could potentially reach over 36,000 people.**

*Division 2 Improvements*

The goal is to have an almost completely separate team from Divison 1, and to not have to rely on people playing two games in a row. Mick is going to work on this and try and get some of the alumni out to play more regularly.

Proper voting system and awards🡪 Gazza (Team Manager)

Separate uniforms🡪 Avoiding wearing the same sweaty uniforms that Division 1 has just finished with.

*Women’s Team*

Need more women’s players, coach, manager, etc. Recruiting women will also help men’s team, as they may know people interested in playing.

Sarah will help organize recruiting, and is interested in helping to coach.

*Winter Training Sessions*

Like last year, the club will cover the costs of the UCC indoor sessions. DCC, however, will be up to players to pay for. Cost is $15 a session, and will be on Mondays at 8pm. Robbo will send out a preseason schedule in the coming days.

The first few indoor sessions at UCC will be focused on skills, and the last few will be the Second Annual Dingos’ Indoor Footy Competition. Everyone can try to take Team Duggan’s title (but your attempts will be futile).

*Fields*

As usual, we’ll be at David A. Balfour Park (the dog park) most Tuesdays and every Thursday. When the Roos play on Friday nights, we’ll train on Tuesdays at Humber South.

Stewy is working on getting a permit for the dog park, so we don’t have to train around the Frisbee players. We will know by mid-January whether or not we have the permit. If we don’t get the permit, it will be the same as last year (confined to a smaller section of the park).

*Website/Facebook/Twitter*

Jimmy and Spider will take care of the website and match reports. Jimmy, Robbo and Sarah will work on using Facebook and Twitter as a means of recruitment. Everybody can help by sharing and “liking” updates on Facebook, and re-tweeting on Twitter. We need to reach as wide an audience as possible.

*Sponsors*

Global Village Backpackers and the SCC will continue to sponsor us in 2013. It’s looking like we might lose the Downunder Travel sponsorship; we’ll know by February or March. To keep sponsors on board we need to make sure that we give them our business (even if they don’t serve alcohol).

We always need to be looking at finding new sponsors. If you find a new sponsor, you can become exempt from paying team fees.

Ramsey and Mick will look into finding new sponsors and developing sponsorship packages.

*OAFL AGM Recap*

It is possible that there will be an inclusion of 3 international players, meaning that a side can dress 8 Aussies, 13 Canadians and 3 Internationals (Irish, Kiwi, Icelandic, North Korean, Congolese, etc).

Stewy has extended the reaches of his regime, and is now the VP of the OAFL

Possible shortening of the season—would start a week later and end a week earlier. This was met with mixed views.

Cons: The season is already short, we have enough weeks off, and fewer people will qualify for finals.

Pros: Time to rest injuries, able to compensate for games cancelled due to weather, more time to go away.

*Blue Jays Home Opener*

Wellsy will organize this and ensure that everybody has access to peanuts.

We’ll also look into going on Opening Weekend against Boston, as the home opener falls during the week against Cleveland.

*AFL Grand Final Party*

This was the part of the meeting where everyone in the room began to look at his or her shoelaces. After several moments of awkward silence, Stewy and Jimmy volunteered to organize it.

*Summer BBQ*

OB will host it.

*Golf Tournament*

**STILL LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS**

*Footy Trip*

As usual, DP will take care of it.

Destinations?

* Saskatchewan for the Grey Cup
* Chicago, St. John’s, Buffalo/Niagara, Pittsburgh
* Cuba

*Awards Dinner*

Most likely at Fionn MacCool’s again, provided that Spider doesn’t get fired in the meantime. Wellsy, Spider and DP will organize it.

*Adding Awards?*

Division 2: B&F, Runner-up, Leading goal-kicker (we need proper voting after every game in order to do this).

Women’s: B&F, Runner-up, Leading Goal-kicker

Division 1: Player’s Player Award—every player votes at the end of the season. Not necessarily the best player, but the one who lifts the team the most.

Clubman Award to be re-named the Jake Steinberg Award.

*Life Members*

Wellsy?

*Footy’s, uniforms, apparel, logo*

New set of uniforms will cost approximately $3000.

Two pairs of shorts (white and black); make sure you don’t wear black underwear on gameday!

Paw on the back of jumpers, new logo on the front where the paw used to be.

*Photography*

Ovesny-Navarro (will cost approximately $250 for the season)

*Trainers*

Matt and Anthony (same as last year)

*Beer Fund*

Since Jake won’t be around for 2013, we need someone to take over the Beer Fund and rule it with an iron-fist, in true Honest Jake style. Strangely enough, this was the task that drew the most volunteers. Bobby and Shauny were shot down immediately, with Tom Bell left in charge.