

STRATFORD YOUTH SOCCER MEETING

June 13th, 2017 at 8.30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Stratford

The following members were in attendance:

Graham Bunting, Kevin Machado, Mike Vancea, Carla Vancea, Mike Binns, Anita Dubé, Linda Sauvé, Gabrielle Nemeth, John De Boeck, Lucy Doney, Tony Hunter.

Regrets were received from: Don Herlick, Todd Steel, Carla Binns, Frank Misuraca.

Staff: Maureen Mitchell, Lori Misuraca, Holly Deighton.

The Meeting was called to order at 8.30 p.m. by President Graham Bunting

Minutes of Previous Meeting – Tony Hunter

Moved by Tony and seconded by Mike Binns that the minutes of the previous meeting as distributed be approved. The motion carried.

President's/Vice-President's Report – Graham Bunting and Mike Vancea

Mike clarified that an AED would be purchased for the Douro Street fields; cost would be \$1911.00. It was moved by Mike Vancea and seconded by John De Boeck that 20 sets of corner flags with spikes would be purchased at an approximate cost of \$80.00 per set. The corner flags are to become part of the travel team equipment and must be turned in at the end of the season. The motion carried
Discussion on portable toilets at Battershall Park; the consensus was that they were not required on a regular basis (perhaps for tournaments). Battershall is a fairly open area and the potential for vandalism is high. Other parks have facilities on-site or very nearby.

Administrator's Report – Maureen Mitchell

Registration: 734 (last year total – 778)

Tournaments: Classic - 50 teams (last year 46)

Festival Cup - 26 teams

Camp: July 10 - 14 Full day - 16; Half day - 13; August 14 - 18 Half day - 3

All players are registered with the OSA in the AIMS system.

House League: All schedules and team rosters, with coaches information, is updated in PowerUp.

Tournament: Great turn out with lots of positive remarks. Schedules, results and standing were all available online.

Travel: All player books are now validated. Coaches seemed to have lots of questions this year.

Fields: This has been a time consuming task, as we have had lots of field changes.

I am in the process of moving all the games off the turf field due to the delay.

I have had 3 training sessions with Lori, so she is more comfortable with PowerUp now.

In addition to the circulated report

Registrations now stand at 738

Refunds (less costs incurred) were issued for five children. The type and variety of request shows that we need to discuss and come up with a more comprehensive refund policy.

Discussion was held regarding why it was, considering the huge effort that was put into advertising, that the numbers of registrants had fallen from last year. The St. Pauls programme 300 and the Elgin Missionary programme 300 were contributing factors as was the renewed popularity of baseball. It was considered that pricing (\$150.00) may also be a factor. A meeting will be convened to discuss the cost structure for 2018.

Administrator's Report – Lori Misuraca

- lots of calls and emails (registrations, tournament, refunds, etc)
- registrations still coming in but periodic now
- updates done on the website (all division rule changes, field calendars x5, the new coaches manual, meeting minutes etc)
- sent mass emails regarding start of house league, games cancelled,
- Corresponded with Cherrey Bus lines for soccer game at BMO this Sunday June 11
- a good system is now in place to contact the travel coaches and/or the house league coaches through power up, especially when there is field closures because of weather
- posted some pictures on facebook, Instagram, and twitter
- looked into team Snap and if that would be useful to our organization
- did power up training on May 30, June 1, June 5
- entered all travel coaches and their staff into power up and created a mass email system for the travel side of things
- also now able to do mass emails with the house league coaches as a whole or within specific teams

In addition to the circulated report

It is recommended that Snap not be implemented.

Additional training still required with PowerUp. There will be no charge for this.

Conflicting information as to whether or not our PowerUp information can be used by the OSA to facilitate registrations.

Moved by Lucy Doney and seconded by Anita Dubé that the administrators' reports be accepted. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Kevin Machado

Moved by Kevin and seconded by Mike Binns that the Treasurer's report be adopted as distributed. The motion carried.

Travel Report – Don Herlick/Lynda Sauvé

Hello everyone,

Just a few things that have been going on in the last month in the travel program..

We had our first tournament of the season and it went off with only a couple of issues that are being looked into presently. Many thanks to James Arnold and everyone who was involved in making the classic run as smooth as it did. We have had a concussion case brought to our attention from the U14 girls team. Proper steps are being followed to help her deal with this situation going forward. Mike Vancea, Lynda Sauvé and myself had a meeting to address jobs and duties within the travel program and other SYS board positions. This meeting was the first step to make sure the right people are involved with their correct duties within the board.

Thanking everyone for a great first month of travel soccer..

Lynda Sauvé added that they were trying to establish better communications with the travel coaches. The teams travelling to San Marino were wondering if Stratford Youth soccer had pins; no. It was suggested that pennants be exchanged with the opposing teams.

Saturday 16 June there was a car wash at Zehrs parking lot.

Stratford Honda has offered a donation for a ball signed by the team.

House League reports - Gaby Nemeth, Anita Dubé

An enormous amount of time was spent organizing the first few weeks of the season and things have finally calmed down a bit.

19 house League coaches took the CPR course.

Tom Charette is working one-on-one with the coaches.

Discussion on U9 participating in the Festival cup.

Gaby will have an in-depth report for the next meeting.

SSA up-date – Graham Bunting

The foundations for the lights are installed and the lights will be up mid-June.

The Turf field is slated to be installed on July 18th (this year)

Issue with the power supply to the existing club house which was 200 amps, when the power was rerouted this was reduced to 60 amps causing the breaker to trip during the tournament. This problem will be corrected before the next tournament

Head Referee report – Holly Deighton

Holly has been able to spend time with the referees monitoring their progress. Some good referees some need help in different areas, which she is providing.

Minor Sports Council – Lucy Doney

Sorry this is late but I waited to get the minutes from minor sports as I did not receive the minutes from them. I was not able to attend their last meeting as I had my daughter's recital pictures that night. They usually send me the minutes towards the end of the week before the meeting. I'm waiting to hear back if there is a meeting this coming Monday.

Also for house league I've had a few coaches mention that they don't have equipment to run practices. Will they be getting any and will they be getting a first aid kit as it was mentioned at the coaches meeting that they would receive all this.

One coach mentioned that scores are handed in but no sign of the person who is suppose to be collecting these scores and handed in to house league. Gabriele are you receiving any of the scores for the senior girls? I know I emailed you our scores for that one game you emailed me about and forwarded them to you but has someone been appointed to collect and forward to you?

Also some coaches are frustrated because some players won't show up for practice and have told coaches that they will only come when it's a game. Some coaches feel that when a player signs up for a soccer season that not only should they show up for games only but for practices as well for when they sign up for a soccer season they are committing themselves for the whole season.

New Business

John DeBoeck provided information on several methods of controlling ticks should they become a problem.

Adjournment

Moved by Mike Vancea and seconded by Gaby Nemeth that the meeting adjourn at 9.50 p.m.

The motion carried.

Next Meeting is July 11th, 2017 at 8.30 p.m.

Remember: August 19 Mini Festival Cup boys U9-U12 August 20 Mini Festival Cup girls U9-U12