

## **STRATFORD YOUTH SOCCER MEETING**

July 25th, 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 Binns, Mike Binns, Anita Dubé, Linda Sauvé, Tony Hunter. *Staff: Maureen Mitchell, Lori Misuraca.*

Regrets were received from:

John De Boeck, Lucy Doney, Don Herlick, Todd Steel, Carla Vancea, Frank Misuraca, Gabrielle Nemeth,

### **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 Kevin Machado 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**

3000 medals were purchased at a cost of approx. \$4.05 per medal.

Moved by Mike Binns and seconded by Mike Vancea that the difference between the quoted price and the actual cost be paid to Perth Promotional Products. This would represent an additional \$0.67 per medal. The motion carried.

The Paul Nickel awards are due to be handed out in August. Names will be available in two weeks.

#### **Head Referee report – Holly Deighton**

Holly has been able to spend time with the referees and monitoring their progress. Regular reports are being sent to Mike Vancea.

#### **Administrator's Report – Maureen Mitchell**

Current registration - 740 players

Festival Cup - 39 teams

Camp - 36 players

I was out to the field for the Camp on Monday morning for registration.

We had 2 players that had signed up for half days switch to full days during the week.

1 player quit as there were no other players in his age group or skill level.

The August Camp has been cancelled, we only had 4 registrations. Refunds have been issued.

The Final day schedule for House League needs to be finalized.

I have sent a suggestion to Gabby & Anita, waiting for this to be confirmed.

We are looking at doing this at the Festival Hydro Park.

Tim Horton's has sent us \$100 in gift cards for us to purchase coffee or treat for final day.

House League results for the Senior & U13 divisions have been posted on PowerUp.

Still missing some scores.

I have been to the SWRSA office a few times to get call up players books validated for Travel teams.

The field schedule has been changed and updated several times with game changes due to weather and the fields not being ready.

We now have the lights working on the Vancea field, just waiting to hear when the Cowan field will be ready.

Indoor soccer - need to know what the fees will be for this year. Also to confirm the dates. As soon as the price is confirmed registration will be open.

The Festival Cup registration deadline is August 1st. I expect more teams will register. Registration will remain open after the deadline date.

#### **Administrator's Report – Lori Misuraca**

- purchased and sold 50 tickets for the Canada Men's Soccer Team vs Jamaica for September 2
- booked Cherrey Bus Lines
- the bus cost was \$1203.45
- ticket costs were \$792.50
- total costs were \$2995.95

Sold tickets for \$75.00 each.....SYS receives a profit of \$754.05

- sent mass emails to registered players regarding rained out games, Canada day parade, soccer game, picture make up day etc.
- sent mass emails to coaches re. policy on playing up
- did more power up training with Maureen
- updated field calendar on website as changes are made
- went out to the soccer fields to take pictures
- posted pictures on face book and Instagram
- did face book boosts for the Challenger sports camp
- calls coming in about the August tournament....36 teams are now registered

#### **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**

Lynda Sauvé and Mike Vancea reported that the trip to San Marino was a huge success. Teams were treated exceptionally well by their hosts. The girls had a very good time.

Teams will be asked if they wish to play indoors this season at BMO in London.

A question came up about refunds for players resigning part of the way through the season.

There was much discussion about this and the decision to not offer a refund was based on costs which would normally be spread over an expected number of players; with one or more players dropping out these costs would then have to be borne by the remaining players.

A proposed by-law was moved by Mike Vancea and seconded by Carla Binns that refunds for players (house league or travel) between January 1<sup>st</sup> and April 30<sup>th</sup> be limited to 50% of the costs. There will be no refunds after April 30<sup>th</sup>. Any team fees (fees paid directly to a specific team) will be relinquished 100%. The motion carried.

#### **House League reports - Gaby Nemeth, Anita Dubé**

Final day Saturday August 12th

Mike is the contact Harvey's for their food donation and Home & Country Realty for cooking the hotdogs. Will they bring a barbecue?

Games will be from 9 a.m. till noon. Maureen has the medals. We have \$100 in Tim Horton's gift cards to buy Timbits.

Can we get support from the board to rent a bouncy castle for the younger ages?

Final day will be at Packham.

We need fields for the under six teams can we get suggestions please?

Senior final games will be held on Thursday August 10th at Packham starting at 6:30 p.m.

Maureen has those medals as well. I will order pizza for the senior teams.

There have been a few concerns regarding a belligerent parent and a problem coach. They have been dealt with or are ongoing.

There is an ongoing issue with the senior teams. There are 43 players placed among 3 teams in the senior girls division but only 40 players placed among 4 teams in the senior boys division. This is caused many problems with forfeited games. I am certain that before the season, there were only 3 boys' teams.

It has been resolved by changing gameplay to 7 to 9 players including a goalie and no forced forfeits if a team has six players. The team with six has the option to play rather than forfeit. Games have also been reduced to 30 minute halves with a mandatory water break mid half. I have also called up three under 13 boys to play with the seniors as well. These changes were done in consultation with the senior coaches.

There has been weekly reporting of SYS superstars in the Beacon Herald, typically on Saturdays and, when that is not possible, on Mondays or Tuesdays. Cory Smith has been a pleasure to communicate with. I have informed him of the final day dates. I will be submitting a detailed final report after final day.

On a different note, I wish to let it be known that I am opposed and have always been opposed to creating more paid positions. This includes head of house league.

#### **SSA up-date – Graham Bunting**

It is expected that the Cowan Field will be finally open for action in a couple of weeks. The official opening date is August 11<sup>th</sup>. Melissa Tancredi (former player with the Ladies National Team) will, if everything works out, be the official ribbon cutter.

#### **Minor Sports Council – Lucy Doney**

There are no more meetings scheduled until September 18th

#### **New Business**

Moved by Tony Hunter and seconded by Anita Dubé that the fee for indoor remain at \$100.00 for this year. Mark Strauss is sponsoring the indoor programme; it will be run by Jordan Hayle and Nick Preikschas as in previous years.

Season will run from the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in November until the week before March break 2018

#### **Adjournment**

Moved by Mike Vancea and seconded by Tony Hunter that the meeting adjourn at 9.50 p.m.

The motion carried.

**Next Meeting is September 5th, 2017 at 7.00 p.m. at the Agriplex.**