

## **STRATFORD YOUTH SOCCER – Annual General Meeting**

November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the Knights of Columbus Hall

### **The following board members were in attendance:**

Mike Vancea, Gabrielle Nemeth, Don Herlick, Kevin Machado, Carla Vancea, Tony Hunter, John DeBoeck, Mike Binns, Todd Steel, Anita Dubé  
Regrets were received from Graham Bunting, Lynda Sauv , Lucy Doney, Carla Binns.  
Staff members in attendance were Maureen Mitchell and Lori Misuraca.

There was no representation from SWRSA.

### **The Meeting was called to order at 7.10 p.m. by Vice-President Mike Vancea**

### **Introduction of Guests and Awards**

Guests were:

Dan McPhee, Tori Schmidt, Mike Visser, Julia Sim, Julie Leitch.

Coach Dan McPhee presented the Boy Athlete of the year to Mike Visser.

Tori Schmidt presented the Girl Athlete of the year award to Julia Sim.

Mike Vancea presented the Volunteer of the year award to Gabrielle Nemeth and thanked her for her many hours of selfless service to Stratford Youth Soccer particularly in her role as House League Co-ordinator for the past year.

### **Minutes of Previous AGM November 8th, 2016 – Tony Hunter**

Moved by Tony Hunter and seconded by Mike Binns that the minutes of the AGM held November 8th, 2016 are to be approved as distributed. The motion carried.

### **Matters arising from the 2016 minutes**

The name of the 2016 President was incorrectly identified as Lori Misuraca the correct name is Gabrielle Nemeth. This will be corrected in the 2016 official minutes.

### **President’s / Vice President’s Report – Mike Vancea**

Mike Vancea reported that the 2017 season went well; there was nothing of significance to report to the meeting.

### **Registrars Report - Maureen Mitchell**

*2017 Outdoor:* 741 players in total that were placed on 45 House League teams and 15 Travel teams

*2016 / 2017 Indoor:* 136 Players in total. 97 were in our Indoor programme and 39 were on 3 travel teams

### **Treasurer’s Report – Kevin Machado**

Moved by Kevin Machado and seconded by Carla Vancea that the treasurer’s report be accepted as presented. The motion carried. (A copy of the report is attached to these minutes).

## Reports from other committees

### Travel Report – Don Herlick

In 2017 we had 8 boys' teams and 7 girls' teams

The U 18 L3 girls' team won the season opening WOYSL Cup Tournament

The U 17/18 L5 girls' team won their division and has the opportunity to move up and play in the L3 WOYSL league next season

Brendan Walkom was hired on to implement training in our travel program

The June Tournament for ages 13-18 was a success

The August Festival for ages 9-12 was not particularly well attended

I would like to thank James Arnold for all of his hard work recruiting teams to play in the 2 Tournaments and the Festival.

Congratulations go out to our boy and girl athletes of the year nominees Michael Visser and Julia Sim

In August Stratford Youth Soccer was able to have Canadian Soccer star Melissa Tancredi be on the new Cowan turf field for the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Soccer Olympian Tancredi also ran a workshop / training session

### SYS House League Report AGM November 14, 2017

Stratford Youth Soccer House League ran 12 weeks from Wednesday May 24th to Wednesday August 9<sup>th</sup> consisting of 45 teams with 501 players from 4 to 19 years old. We also had four 3 year old players.

U4 - 6 teams

U5 - 6 teams

U6 - 6 teams

Boys U8 - 4 teams

Boys U10 - 4 teams. Due to unbalanced numbers 16 players were moved to U10 division, four declined. There were no issues or negative feedback.

Boys U13 - 4 teams. One exceptional 10 year old played and practiced with the U13 as well.

Boys Senior - 4 teams. Due to low numbers and many forfeited games, four exceptional U13 players were asked to also play with seniors. It should have been a three team division.

Girls U9 - 4 teams. Due to decreased numbers girls' divisions were combined to U 9 and U13 from U8, U10 and U13 girls last year. Initially, there was some pushback from parents having 10 year olds playing with 13 year olds, however it went very well.

U13 girls - 4 teams

Girls Senior - 3 teams

Technical director Tom Charette held assessments at the beginning of the season for players aged 6 and up that was well received by players and parents. Players aged 6 and up were rated on their skills and teams were made up with the ratings in mind. Players were again rated by Tom and the coaches at the end of the season. There were no coaches' clinics during the season. Each team had one controlled scrimmage with Tom.

There was a weekly free write up in the Beacon Herald announcing the sponsors, soccer superstars and score (if applicable). It was not always published on the same day. Beacon Herald also covered final day.

Final day was Saturday August 12th at Festival Hydro Community Park and included a bouncy tractor, a large inflatable soccer target, police with radar guns, hot dogs and water donated by Harvey's and prepared and

served by Home and County Real Estate volunteers, Timbits and coffee donated through Tim Hortons Timbits sponsorship.

Senior boys were the first teams to play on the new artificial turf. They played their finals on Thursday August 10th. Senior girls opted to play on Vancea Field but they were invited to use the artificial turf.

Microprogram - four and five-year-olds was headed up by Brendan Walkom along with three paid students.

New this year: first aid kits were on site in the storage sheds, new cones and training poles were also purchased and left in the sheds and a new storage shed was purchased and placed beside the FAG parking lot. Senior coaches were given equipment bags to store the cones and first aid kits. Approximately 20 coaches were trained in CPR and AED use. An AED has not been placed at the East end fields. The three student micro coaches as well as three additional paid students were available to assist all coaches during practices and games as well as fill in for absent coaches when necessary. Submitted by Gabriele Nemeth and Anita Dubé

**2016 Elections** - Maureen Mitchell was election Chair.

(Roberts Rules of Order do not require a seconder to nominations and a person may nominate themselves.)

**Nominated for Vice-President for a two year term**

Mike Vancea	Nominated by Tony Hunter	Accepted
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**Nominations for Directors-at-large for two year terms - 7 positions**

Tony Hunter	nominated by Mike Vancea	Accepted
Todd Steel	nominated by Don Herlick	Accepted
Mike Binns	nominated by Carla Vancea	Accepted
Julie Leitch	nominated by Maureen Mitchell	Accepted

There were no further nominations. The board is empowered to appoint directors to fill vacant positions until the next Annual or special General Meeting. Several previous members who were not present have indicated that they would be prepared to serve on the board and will be appointed.

**Other business – none**

**Moved by Gabrielle Nemeth and seconded by Tony Hunter that the meeting adjourn at 8.15 p.m. Carried.**