

STRATFORD YOUTH SOCCER MEETING

January 9th, 2018 at 7.00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Stratford

The following board members were in attendance:

Mike Vancea, Gabrielle Nemeth, Don Herlick, Kevin Machado, Carla Vancea, John DeBoeck, Mike Binns, Todd Steel, Lynda Sauvé, Lucy Doney, Anita Dubé, Julie Leitch, Graham Bunting, Tony Hunter.

Staff members in attendance were Maureen Mitchell and Lori Misuraca.

The Meeting was called to order by Vice-President Mike Vancea

Minutes of Previous Meeting – Tony Hunter

Moved by Tony and seconded by Kevin that the minutes as distributed be approved. The motion carried

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

Mike reported that we had donated 40 soccer balls to a group who will be taking them to a mission in Guatemala.

Mike Binns, Julie Leitch, Lynda Dubé and Mike Vancea have volunteered to meet with Glenn Cressman who will be helping us with a marketing programme to attract more youth to our programmes.

Because Holly Deighton is away at University this summer she will be unable to do any referee mentoring but has agreed to do the scheduling of the referees. There was much discussion about the practicality of this scheduling model. It was pointed out that making a schedule is relatively simple but dealing with issues when referees don't show or when the weather forces cancellations is probably the majority of the job. Further discussion will take place.

Graham and Mike Vancea will be interviewing Mike Besworth to see if he can fill the position of referee mentor.

Because the December meeting was cancelled both lots of admin reports are shown below

December 2017 Administrator's Report – Maureen Mitchell

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Indoor registration – 78 players - U8 – 39 players - U12 – 39 players

Travel Indoor registration – 26 players - 11 - GU16 players - 15 - GU18 players

Outdoor Travel registration – 57 players

Indoor Soccer

Weekly updated player list has been sent to Gabby for the Indoor program

Travel

I have sent a reminder to all Travel coaches that the registration fee is due on January 15th for the players to get the \$50 discount.

Coaches have been given a list of the players that are already registered.

There have been several Emails from Travel coaches with questions and most have provided their Police check and given me their NCCP number.

I have started to sort through the player books to see who need photos

SWDSL has the team registration available online now; there are some changes in the league. I just received this today; I will go over the changes and inform the board at the meeting.

Coaches Courses

Learn to Train – Feb. 10 & 11, 2018 – no registrations

Soccer for life - Feb 24 & 25, 2018 – 7 registered

Lori & I participated in a PowerUp training session, and started the season set for the 2018 Outdoor season. We need more information on House League to get this set up. We need dates, divisions, age groups and any other changes that are happening.

Bank deposits & financial sheets sent to Kevin.

I had an inquiry from a school about booking the turf field in the spring. They do not have dates yet, but were wondering when it will be open for play.

January 2018 Administrators Report - Maureen Mitchell

Registrations Update: Travel players - 145 registered (more everyday)

Coaches courses Soccer for life – 10. Learn to Train - 4 (4 more that are unpaid)

I have concerns about these courses not having enough to run.

Travel registration deadline to get the discount is January 15, so lots of registrations coming in.

A few people have contacted me about financial assistance.

Some will go through Jump Start, other just need a payment plan.

I have been giving regular updates to Travel coaches about player registrations.

House league registration is ready to go live.

I recommend we place ads in the LAC for House League, for February & March.

I will need more information on how House League will be set up this year.

Divisions, playing nights & fields.

GU18 team registration for WRSL is ready to be sent in.

SWRSL team registration date is February 1st.

December 2018 Communications Administrator Report – Lori Misuraca

-answered all incoming calls

-helped people register for indoor and travel on power up

-answered all incoming emails and forwarded if necessary to appropriate board members

-posted board meeting notice and minutes from previous meeting and AGM on the website

-check and answer face book messages daily

-put the upcoming coaches' courses on the website

-updated all the board members positions on the website and did links to their emails

-added the new/updated concussion information on the website

-posted indoor pictures of the 5-8 year olds on Instagram and the website

-posted on the website when there is no indoor soccer

-sent mass email to all indoor participants regarding the days they don't have indoor soccer and when it starts in the new year

-sent mass emails for the U18 team

- started the process of contacting all travel coaches to create a profile on power up and be listed as a volunteer, so I can add them to the appropriate travel team and create a data base for mass emails to all travel coaches and their teams
- did power up training November 28 from 4:30-9:30 pm with Maureen (mass emails now have to be done differently and involve a lot more steps unfortunately)
- Suggestion.....we need to decide on all outdoor soccer dates and info so we can prepare power up and the website for the new year (I have already had a few inquiries)

January 2018 Communications Administrator Report - Lori Misuraca

- finished getting all the travel coaches and assistants in the power up system. I applied for them to be volunteers then added them to their appropriate team
- put the refund policies for travel and house league on the website
- put a reminder on face book for the GU18 toy drive
- face book post wishing everyone a merry Christmas
- put reminder on website regarding indoor start up after the holidays
- posted board meeting notice on website
- answered all emails and face book inboxes daily
- lots of calls regarding travel registration
- starting to get calls and emails about tournament dates. I suggest we get these set right away
- starting to get calls about house league outdoor, this also needs to be set right away
- sent emails to Don regarding interests in travel teams
- assisted families on signing up and paying on power up

In addition to the written reports the following administration items were discussed:

When Cowan field is being booked preference will be given to SSA member organizations. Cost of the field is \$100.00 per hour. SYS will collect this and remit half (\$50.00) to the City. This fee does not apply to schools with which there is a reciprocal agreement.

Tournament dates are weekends of June 9th and August 18th (Festival will be August 19th)

Stratford Youth Soccer will be running its own camp this year July 9th to 13th, 2018.

½ day will be \$150.00. Full day is \$200.00. Programme will target U4 to U13.

The times for a full day are 9.00 - 4.00 with an hour off at lunch.

½ days can be either morning or afternoon. 9.00-12.00 or 1.00-4.00

A World Cup theme will be used to describe the camp.

Advertising for this will be done in the LAC flyer and calendar.

Learn to train clinic (February 10th) has very few registrants and may have to be cancelled

Treasurer's Report – Kevin Machado

Moved by Kevin and seconded by Tony that the Treasurer's report as submitted be adopted. The motion carried

Travel Report – Don Herlick

Don indicated that this year U9 and U10 games will be on Saturday mornings only and that in 2019 this will be expanded to include U9 to U12. To avoid a clash our Festival will be moved to August 19th.

U13 to U15 teams will be sorted into two divisions (A and B) with the stronger teams in division A. Should a team in a division be too strong or too weak then that team will be moved to the appropriate division.

It will be mandatory for U11/U12 to attend two Festivals.

Boys and Girls are going to Dunnys this week to be fitted for Uniforms.

Last date for Travel registration will be February 28th 2018.

House League Report – Gabrielle Nemeth

Gaby reported that, until we get a little closer to the season, there is nothing of major consequence to report.

Referee Report

Discussion was held during the Vice-President's report, see above.

SSA Report – Mike Vancea

Prices are being obtained for the new club house/pavilion and fitness trail. A Trillium grant has been applied for the fitness trail part of the project.

Minor Sports Council – Lucy Doney

Gaby attended the last meeting and indicated that we owed approx. \$375.00 for insurance. We had already told SMSC that we no longer wished to be insured. This will be indicated to them at their next meeting.

Resumes are required for Girl, Boy and Sportsperson of the year by March 19th. Gaby will forward forms to Lucy.

Banquet is April 28th. SYS are committed to \$250.00 for ten tickets.

New Business

Mike Vancea nominated Lucy Doney to be a member of the board. Lucy accepted the nomination.

A special presentation was made to Frank Misuraca for his many years of service to Youth Soccer as a coach and as an eight year member of the Board of Directors. Thank you Frank.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8.07 p.m. on a motion by Julie Leitch and seconded by Don Herlick.

The motion carried.

Next Meeting February 13th 7.00 p.m.

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533 Romeo St., Stratford.

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