

STRATFORD YOUTH SOCCER MEETING

May 8th, 2018 at 8.30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus, Morgan Street, Stratford.

The following board members were in attendance:

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

The following Board members were unable to attend: John DeBoeck, Lucy Doney,

Staff members in attendance were Maureen Mitchell. Lori Misuraca was unable to attend.

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 Gabby that the minutes as distributed be approved. The motion carried.

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

Mike Vancea asked the secretary to explain, for the benefit of the board, how the Affiliation Agreement made between SYS and Stratford City FC works.

Essentially the affiliation agreement allows Stratford City to call up SYS players to play for Stratford City (Male or Female) Before being called up the Youth player must first fulfill their obligation to their SYS team.

April 2018 – Administrator’s Report – Maureen Mitchell

Registrations: House League – 495 (3 pending payment for U4) (3 on the BU8 waiting list) Travel – 268
Camp - 12 full day; - 4 half day. Classic Tournament - 29 Teams; Festival Cup - 18 Teams

Referee courses:

Entry Level – 15; Small sided – 25; AR course - 5? – The district has the numbers

Registration comparison to 2017

2017 Total registration	741	2018	763
2017 House League	507	2018	495
2017 Travel Players	234	2018	268

- Responded to all incoming e-mails.
- Prepared and took deposits to the bank, collected invoices and prepared cheques.
- I have followed up with Sponsors that have not paid yet.
- Sent out invoices to the new House league sponsors.
- House League teams have been assigned sponsors.
- Sent Dunny’s a chart of all House League teams with Sponsors, colours and team sizes.
- Set up House League teams in PowerUp, just waiting on coach’s names, so they can be assigned.
- Travel meeting on April 19th, I created the agenda and went over what to expect this season
- Distributed the Referee cheques and rosters to coaches.
- Field Calendar – The Turf field has been very busy, I have scheduled all games and practices for all soccer teams in Stratford, booked several school groups on the turf.
- The field calendar has the travel team practices scheduled until the end of June, I will be completing the season as soon as I know that all teams are happy with where they are scheduled.

- Did regular updates on the calendar and sent to Lori for the web site.
- It has been a challenge getting the travel coaches to have all the required certifications. Still waiting on some to complete them. There was a misunderstanding with the MED course, some coaches thought they only had to do the online evaluation, but the full course is required. We have several coaches still working on completing this, their books cannot be completed until they have this done.
- Travel players that registered late are all entered into AIMS.
- Sent 2 letters to the District for the GU10 & GU12 teams; asking for special consideration for under-age players to be on these teams, and for them to be a combined age group. They were both approved.
- Sent in the monthly Discipline report to the district. We had nothing to report.
- Player books and ID card have been sent to the district. Some were late getting to me, so they are still pending.
- Responded to several e-mails about the tournaments, sent updates to James.
- Registered all Stratford teams into the Classic & Festival Cup on PowerUp.
- Uploaded team rosters to the SWDSL web site for the U9 – U12 teams.
- Completed the insurance applications and submitted them to the District. Sent out the certificates to the city and the school boards. Updated the School web sites.
- Booked the Army Navy for the House League meeting on May 17, we also have use of the field for a coach's session. This may be only half field as they were not sure if the Rugby group would be there.
- Port-a-potties have been booked.
- Referee courses: the small sided course was full at 25; the entry level only had 15. The district set up the A/R course so I cannot see the number registered, I have 4 that have paid us, but more could have signed up through the district. I have asked them how many are registered have not heard back yet.
- Currently working on House League Schedules; they will be complete soon.

In addition to the distributed report Maureen reported that the school complained about the classroom being left in a mess after the referee course. After discussion it was felt that there was not a lot of justification in the complaint; it was further suggested that the schools also leave our fields in a mess after they use them.

A/R course was cancelled by the District.

U8 Coaches need fundamentals course. Deadline May 25th

April 2018 - Communication Administrator Report – Lori Misuraca

- answered all incoming phone calls
- answered all incoming emails and forwarded if needed to appropriate board member
- answered and checked face book messages daily
- helped families register on power up (daily)
- helped people register for the referee courses
- updated the master field schedule on the website as needed
- put a sidelines ad in for soccer registration
- did face book posts and ads
- changed house league stuff on the website
- various mass emails were sent out
- added a world cup countdown clock on the website
- got the ref course books and delivered to Holly
- lots of emails and calls this past month....lots of questions

LET THE SOCCER SEASON BEGIN !!!!!!!

Treasurer's Report – Kevin Machado

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

House League Report – Gabrielle Nemeth and Anita Dubé

Anita is working on the handbook and will be contacting Lori for changes to be made to the website Coaching binders will be 40 pages and are to be returned at the end of the season for updates if required. Moved by Anita and seconded by Julie that \$630.00 be approved for the purchase of the binders. The motion carried.

16 Student coaches showed up and all of them will be put to good use and will be scheduled appropriately.

Ball quantity will be checked and more may have to be ordered.

60 small pinnies are to be ordered, Todd may have some.

U6 assessment is on May 9th at FAG fields. U6 is the only group that will be assessed this year.

Travel Report – Don Herlick

- Answered emails from coaches and parents
- Went out to a travel team practice to evaluate a player
- Worked with Dunny's and coaches to prepare uniforms and pickup
- Attended season opening WOYSL meeting in London as the SYS representative
- Met with coaches to hand out coaches books
- Attended Saturday training sessions for all travel team players run by Kenny Murphy
- Attended season opening SWRSA coaches meeting in Kitchener as the SYS rep.

Referee Report

Jan Bolhuis has accepted the position of referee mentor.

WORSL games are to be scheduled by SYS.

SWRSA is scheduling U13 – U18 referees

Holly is scheduling U9 – U12 and House league. Holly will also schedule the tournaments.

SSA Report – Mike Vancea

No report this month

Minor Sports Council – Lucy Doney

Next meeting is on September 17th, 2018 (no meetings during summer)

New Business

Uniforms update - Carla Vancea

Travel:

- teams have all picked up their kits, player balls, team balls, flags and coach shirts
- the 2 U9 teams picked theirs up early so they could play an exhibition tournament

House League:

- U4s for had a great response so they opened it up to more players. I was able to get 20 more reds ordered.
- We were able to change the colours for the U4/5 Division — red for U4 and gold for U5.

-More red coach t-shirts were ordered as well.

Brian would prefer to just have one contact for uniforms from now on. If you need to make changes or have a question, please contact me and I will get back to you.

Proposal from Nothers Trophies will not be pursued this year.

Refund policy was discussed and there will be no exceptions. Much of the cost has already gone into the team.

The other Sea Container is not available for our use; the city is using it to store the grooming equipment.

Old rotting nets and old broken freezer are to be scrapped.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9.25 p.m. on a motion by Todd Steel and seconded by Julie Leitch.

The motion carried.

The Next Meeting will be on June 12th, 2018 at 8.30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall.