

STRATFORD YOUTH SOCCER MEETING

August 14TH, 2018 at 8.30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Morgan Street, Stratford.

The following board members were in attendance:

Graham Bunting, Mike Vancea, Mike Binns, Kevin Machado, Todd Steel, Anita Dubé, Gabrielle Nemeth, Tony Hunter

The following members sent their regrets:

Don Herlick, Carla Vancea, Julie Leitch, Lucy Doney, John DeBoeck, Lynda Sauv , Tyler McIntosh.

Staff members present were Maureen Mitchell, Lori Misuraca and Referee mentor Jan Bolhuis.

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

Minutes of the 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 Vancea showed samples of uniforms being considered for travel teams next year. Pricing is ProVision \$55.00; Adidas \$47.00; Under Armour \$40.00. Decision was deferred to next meeting pending further information.

Pricing for indoor balls were requested from Sports Link and Dunnys. Sports link gave us prices for three different grades \$17.50; \$24.50; \$28.00. We are still awaiting Dunnys pricing.

Small cones will also be ordered for the indoor programme.

Soccer Camp. There was a perception from the general public that the camp was being run by Challenger again this year, this was an assumption only and was not advertised by us. There was some disappointment expressed when it was realized that it was not Challenger. A decision will be made to determine which camp we will go with for 2018. Talks will be held with Volleyball to see what their camp structure is like.

Moved by Mike Vancea and seconded by Mike Binns that Goals/Nets for Cooper fields 3 and 4 be purchased for the 2019 season. Cost would be approximately \$10,000.00. The motion carried.

Administrator’s Report – Maureen Mitchell

Registrations (Final numbers):

House League – 555; Travel – 270; Camp - 19 full day and 9 half day
Classic Tournament - 36 Teams; Festival Cup - 38 Teams

Registration comparison to 2017

2017 Total registration	741	2018	823
2017 House League	507	2018	555
2017 Travel Players	234	2018	270

- Responded to all incoming e-mails and phone calls.
- Prepared and took deposits to the bank, collected invoices and prepared cheques.
- Sponsorship invoice has been sent to the Indoor sponsor – Stratford Dental
- sent in the monthly Discipline report to the district. We had nothing to report.
- Festival Cup – communication with several coaches with questions. I have completed the schedule

and sent this out to the coaches.

- BU14 Cup games are on Sept 8th. Four games at 10 a.m., 12 p.m., 2 p.m. and 4 pm all on Cowan.
- House League Final day schedule was finalized and sent out to all.
- The district is hosting a "C" license course in October. Any coach in WRSL will need this next year.
- Indoor soccer is set up on PowerUp and ready for registrations. I confirmed with the City the dates that we needed.
- Complete Travel permits for travel team tournaments
- Lots of communication back & forth with the league about discipline, late game reports and team fines.
- Travel Indoor registration is due the end of August. I recommend they stay at the same fee of \$300

Moved by Tony and seconded by Mike Vancea that the cost of indoor registration remain at \$300.00 for the 2018/2019 season. The motion carried.

Communication Administrators Report – Lori Misuraca

- answered all incoming phone calls
- answered all incoming emails and forward if necessary to appropriate board members
- posted board meeting and minutes on website
- answer/check face book messages daily
- sent mass email to all travel families regarding the travel banquet
- sent email to board member about the travel banquet
- sent the annual coaching survey to all the travel families and collected any returned surveys
- social media posts: civic holiday, Canadian Men's soccer game, final house league day, etc.
- put the drone pictures on instagram, face book and website
- sent mass emails with information to all house league families regarding final day
- purchased 50 tickets to the Canadian Men's soccer game vs Dominica
- booked a Cherry Coach bus for the soccer game
- sent mass emails about the Canadian Men's soccer game vs. Dominica
- if we sell all 50 tickets for the soccer game, SYS will profit over \$900.00

Lori reported at the meeting that there were approximately 10 tickets left unsold at this point.

Treasurer's Report – Kevin Machado

There are some invoices mostly for field marking that are still to come in. We are awaiting a refund from the OSA for a cancelled course.

The discrepancy in the price for uniforms has been sorted out. Included in the price were the soccer balls; there were also additional teams that were originally unaccounted for. It was determined that we have received everything that was ordered.

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

House League Report – Gabrielle Nemeth and Anita Dubé

The season ended this evening with the senior girls final.

A formal report will be presented at the September meeting outlining what went well and what needs to be improved for the 2019 season.

Because of the inefficient service we got this year. It was suggested that we should go out for tender on photographs for 2019.

Travel team report – Don Herlick

I have to send my regrets as I coach our last game of the season tonight

- Helped arrange for year-end Travel Banquet
- Answered emails from parents, coaches and board members
- Went out to Festival Hydro fields to watch travel games
- Spoke with some travel coaches about their season and any issues they may have
- Asked for annual travel coaches' surveys to be sent out to travel parents
- Sent out information regarding indoor soccer at BMO to travel coaches

In addition to Dons report it was noted that Don's team is the only Stratford team that will be playing in the London indoor league this season. Playing in/out permissions have to be obtained. Coach applications will go to Don. Parents' reports will go to Don.

Referee Report – Jan Bolhuis

Jan's main focus for the referee mentoring was on house league referees.

Jan reported a general improvement in most of the children doing referee duties.

The major failing in many of the young referees was their timid whistle.

He found it a positive sign that coaches would approach him if there was a problem with a particular referee.

He suggested that instead of goalie shirts (that were seldom worn) the coaches should be issued with pinnies for their goaltenders.

There were no major issues with the scheduling even though Holly was out of town.

Suggestion made that each coach be given a corner flag and they could get one of their parents to signal out of bounds only.

SSA Report – Mike Vancea

Mike reported that as soon as we receive site plan approval the Club House refurbishment and the trail would both be completed this fall.

New Business

Mike Binns reported that the Plaque and individual awards for the Paul Nickel Awards are ready for the September meeting.

Medals for the Festival Cup on the 19th August are in the Club House.

Adjournment

Moved by Mike Binns and seconded by Todd that the meeting adjourn at 10.00 p.m. The motion carried.

Next meeting will be September 11th at the same place but a different time **7.00 p.m.**