

STRATFORD YOUTH SOCCER – MONTHLY MEETINGS

February 19th, 2019 at the Knights of Columbus Hall

The following board members were in attendance:

Mike Vancea, Kevin Machado, Carla Vancea, Mike Binns, Tyler McIntosh, Lynda Sauvé, Julie Leitch, Tony Hunter.

Regrets were received from: Graham Bunting, Anita Dubé, John DeBoeck, Don Herlick, Todd Steel.

Staff member in attendance was Maureen Mitchell, Lori Misuraca expressed her regrets.

The meeting was called to order at 7.00 p.m. by Vice-President Mike Vancea

Minutes of the previous meeting

Moved by Tony Hunter and seconded by Mike Binns that the minutes of the previous meeting, as distributed, be approved. The motion carried.

Matters arising from the minutes

Moved by Tony Hunter and seconded by Carla Vancea that the minutes of the 2018 AGM, which indicated that Anita Dubé declined her nomination be corrected to reflect that Anita did accept the nomination and is a duly elected member of the 2019/2020 board of directors. The motion carried.

Moved by Tony Hunter and seconded by Kevin Machado that the minutes of the January 2019 meeting be altered to reflect that the investments made should be \$25,000.00 for 180 days; \$25,000.00 for 1year; \$25,000.00 for 18 months. The motion carried.

President's/Vice-President's report

It was agreed that the Memorial Donations topic be deferred to the next meeting.

Stratford will be hosting the WRSL Kick-Off Cup on May the 11th, 2019. Stratford is hosting Girls U15 – U21. Stratford will be entering the U21 G division. Remuneration will be \$250.00 per field per day.

There is an opportunity to run a food booth and possibly other fundraisers. Feltz parking lot will have to be monitored to ensure that their trucks can get in and out.

The Barn Swallow building has been delivered and is to be erected in late March.

Treasurer's report

Moved by Kevin Machado and seconded by Julie Leitch that the Treasurer's report, as distributed, be approved. The motion carried.

Administrators report – Maureen Mitchell

Registrations: (as of Jan. 26, 2019) Indoor League – 105; Travel Indoor – 11; House League – 43; Outdoor Travel – 250 (14 still to register)

- Responded to all incoming e-mails and phone calls.
- Prepared and took deposits to the bank, collected invoices and prepared cheques.
- Sent in the monthly Discipline report to the district. We had nothing to report.

Travel

- Tracking all registrations as they have been coming in, they have all been assigned in PowerUp

- Have continued to follow up with coaches to be sure they get certified.
- Sent out and updated roster sheet to all coaches to verify that it is still the same.
- Requested coaches to send us the players jersey numbers so this can be sent to Dunny's in time for the fitting.
- Team registration to the league is complete, I contacted all coaches individually to be sure they are in the level they want.

House League

- Set up in PowerUp – ready for registrations
- Registrations have started coming in

Sponsors

- Invoices have been sent out, some have already paid.

In addition to the above report Maureen informed the meeting that (as of the meeting date) all the Travel registration was complete at 259.

House league registration has moved up to 97 and with lots more coming in every day.

3 teams have registered for the Classic Tournament and 5 children have registered for the Soccer Camp.

A parent was not happy about the decision made at the last meeting to only have one U11 Boys travel team. The child had not been registered (although they had been coming out to practices). The parent went on face book to express their dissatisfaction.

Communication Administrators Report – Lori Misuraca

- answered all incoming calls
- answer all incoming emails and forward to appropriate person if necessary
- post board meeting notice and minutes on website
- check face book messages daily
- advertised in the LAC calendar for Feb, Mar, Apr, May for house league soccer
- doing face book boosts for outdoor regularly
- posting on instagram
- posting on community sites for outdoor
- worked with Joe Medcalf to design a camp brochure
- updated the website with challenger camp stuff
- fixed the power up link on website with Zac
- worked with the travel coaches to get all players registered
- called and emailed all remaining families to register before deadline
- ALL TRAVEL PLAYERS ARE REGISTERED !!!
- helping families register on power up
- sent reminder to indoor participants that there is no indoor on February 17 for family day weekend
- sent emails to last years house league players to remind them its time to sign up for outdoor again
- we now have 58 people registered for house league with 24 being in the U4 division
- helping travel coaches with their needed requirements
- attended the marketing committee meeting.

Referee report

No report required for this meeting.

SSA report

No report required for this meeting.

Minor Sports Council report – Kevin Machado

Kevin had the tickets for the Stratford Minor Sports Council 2019 Annual Awards Banquet. Tickets will be made available to the parents of our nominees.

Other reports

Travel Rules Committee: the rules Chairman was unable to attend the meeting; that report has been deferred to the next meeting.

Constitution and By-Laws Committee reported that there were significant changes that are required to bring us into sync with Ontario Soccer and with the change of responsibilities for board members. The proposed changes will be emailed to all board members for comment and suggestions.

Marketing Committee report: Moved by Mike Vancea and seconded by Tyler McIntosh that permanent signs are to be installed at Schaeffler and Cooper Standard fields. The signs will indicate our fields and follow the corporate specifications of both Schaeffler and Cooper Standard. The cost of the signs will be approximately \$800.00. The motion carried.

Brochures are to be distributed to all of our team sponsors. Brochures will also be put in key locations throughout the city.

Lynda Sauvé will check with the Agricultural Society regarding the cost of setting a small table up at the Farmers' Market with our brochures available there as well.

Moved by Carla Vancea and seconded by Mike Binns that a retractable banner be purchased which can be used at various locations to promote soccer. The estimated cost is expected to be less than \$500.00.

A draw will be held for people referring new players to our House League programme. The prize is yet to be determined; iPad has been suggested.

An anti-bullying programme is being investigated and would be made available through the schools. The programme consists of talented soccer players performing various juggling tricks while doing anti-bullying messaging. The programme would be done over a two day period and would cover six schools. Moved by Mike Vancea and seconded by Tony Hunter that, providing the logistics of getting the schools on board was successful, we proceed. The estimated cost would be \$5,000.00 plus hst.

New Business

Tony Hunter will represent Soccer at a meeting between the company proposing a Poultry Expo at the beginning of November 2020 and the many sports groups which use the Agriplex. Meeting is on February 20th at the Rotary Complex.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8.05 p.m. on a motion by Julie Leitch and seconded by Kevin Machado. The motion carried.