

STRATFORD YOUTH SOCCER – MONTHLY MEETINGS

March 19th, 2019 at the Knights of Columbus Hall

The following board members were in attendance:

Graham Bunting, Mike Vancea, Kevin Machado, Tony Hunter, Mike Binns, Carla Vancea, Todd Steel, John DeBoeck, Julie Leitch, Tyler McIntosh

Regrets were received from: Anita Dubé, Don Herlick, and Lynda Sauvé

Staff members in attendance were Maureen Mitchell and Lori Misuraca.

The meeting was called to order at 7.11 p.m. by Vice-President Mike Vancea

Minutes of the previous meeting

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

Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising.

President's/Vice-President's report

Mike Vancea attended the first demonstrations by Freestyle Soccer Inc. – the anti-bullying programme provided by SYS to the local primary schools. Mike was very impressed by the programme; the students were equally impressed and hopefully the bullying focused message got through to the students.

The signs for Schaeffler (FAG) and Standard Products are made and will be installed as soon as the ground thaws out..

Graham discussed the Memorial donations. Moved by Mike Vancea and seconded by Tony that the Memorial donations now on hand will be used toward the purchase of benches for the new fitness stations at the Festival Hydro Park. Stratford Soccer Association will co-ordinate the purchase and installation of the benches.

The Barn Swallow building has been delivered and is to be erected in late March/early April. The Kiwanis Club of Stratford are covering the costs associated with the building.

Treasurer's report – Kevin Machado

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

Administrators report – Maureen Mitchell

Registrations:	Outdoor Travel – 264	House League – 212
Camps:	July Camp – 8 full day & 2 half day	August Camp – 1 half day
Tournaments:	Classic – 4 teams	Festival Cup – 4 teams

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

Still following up with some coaches about the certifications; the majority are all good
SWDSL has sent me the Home schedules for our teams (first draft)

Next week the coaches will see them and will have a chance to make game changes if needed. Game times will be 7 pm & 6:45 pm – the league has a new rule for teams coming more than 60 km; games cannot start before 7 pm. We changed all games to keep things consistent. I have done my best to give all teams some games on the Turf field, but I would like to fill up Vancea field as much as possible as teams cannot practice on that field and they can on Cowan. I have not entered the teams practices on the calendar yet, this will be a challenge with so many teams (a good problem to have) Teams should be able to get the day they want, maybe not the exact field they want.

House League

Registrations have been coming in steadily
I have been logging in requests that have come in.
Working with both the City and Jumpstart to get some registrations complete.

PowerUp

I have attended a few refresher webinars for PowerUp to see what is new.
Our system is set up now and ready
I will be doing more sessions when it is time for House League schedules.

OSCAR (Ontario Soccer's new registration system)

The new system is ready for registrations, I have not done any yet as we are getting new information coming to us frequently.
I would like wait to be sure I have all the information needed to do this correctly the first time and not have to go back and correct it.
PowerUp did a webinar to show us how to get the files that need to uploaded into OSCAR
PowerUp has been very helpful and have given us some tips on this process.

Sponsors

Travel sponsors have been assigned to teams.
Dunny's has all the Logos and has sent a draft for approval; I will be looking these over tonight.
House League sponsors will be assigned when we know our numbers
The first week of April we will know if we need any new sponsors - we do have a list of potential sponsors.

*In addition to the above report Maureen answered questions about the OSCAR registration system.
SWRSA kick-off meeting for travel is April 16th
SYS have not set a date for our travel coaches meeting yet.*

Communication Administrators Report – Lori Misuraca

- answer all incoming calls
- answer all incoming emails and forward if necessary to appropriate board member
- post Board mtg. notice on website
- post minutes from board meeting on website
- mass email sent to all indoor registrants regarding final day for indoor
- answer/check face book inbox messages daily
- help families with registration on power up
- assist/direct families in need of financial assistance
- paid our dream hosting account for the year
- paid for a website comodo certificate (secure server)
- emailed all registrants from last year and sent them a camp flyer

- did face book boosts for outdoor
- did post for the challenger camp
- posted about outdoor and camp on all community sites
- sent email to indoor participants to get feedback and to order group pictures.

In addition to the above report Lori received the following feed-back regarding the Indoor programme: programme was great / very well run / coaches were awesome / solid 10 for everything the coaches were great / perfect combination of kind and firm / very thankful for the program happy with how it's run. There were no negative comments received.

A discussion was held about the low registration numbers in the senior boys house league (U14 and older). It was suggested that we could approach the Inter County league and maybe work something out with them. Graham will contact them and report.

Referee report

Lori indicated that the referee clinic is scheduled for May 11th and 12th

Lori has been in contact with Holly Deighton and Jan Bolhuis, both are on board again this year. Jan found that four nights a week during the season was a lot for one person; Peter Mitchell is interested in helping out with the referee mentor programme.

SSA report

The nets on NA Engineering and Bentley's field are to be moved and the fields re-sized to 100x60. Mike Vancea will be speaking with Quin Malot (Parks and Forestry Mgr.) regarding clearing away more of the brush on the side of those fields.

Minor Sports Council report – Kevin Machado

A Poultry Show is being proposed for the first week in November at the Agriplex. The user groups have already held meetings and are unequivocally opposed to the proposal. Kevin reported that we should provide an estimated cost to rent alternative facilities should the City Council vote in favour of the proposal.

Other reports

Travel Rules Committee: the rules Chairman Todd Steel presented a few minor changes to the existing rules. These changes will be circulated to the board members first and, when approved, will be circulated to the coaches and parents so that everybody is aware of the rules.

There was some discussion on the playing time which must be allotted to players. It was agreed that a minimum of 50% of total playing time would be fair and equitable.

Other Business

It was noted that refunds for travel players is 50% before March 31st. No refunds will be issued after March 31st.

Lynda Sauv  was unable to attend the meeting but reported the following:

I also have to send my regrets but wanted to let everyone know I have requested a table for us at the farmers market. We are allowed two weeks for no charge and up to two people can man the table. The dates requested are March 30th and April 6th. They have their board meeting tonight

*and will get back to me if the dates are approved by tomorrow. I can get teens to volunteer for the booth no problem as well as myself as long as I am not working .
Flyers are going well at Zehrs and I also have my March Break Campers our soccer camp flyers. I put some on the board at the rotary and at my doctors office.*

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8.21 p.m. on a motion by Mike Binns and seconded by John DeBoeck.
The motion carried.