

## **STRATFORD YOUTH SOCCER – MONTHLY MEETINGS**

August 13th, 2019 at the Knights of Columbus Hall

The following board members were in attendance:

Graham Bunting, Mike Vancea, Kevin Machado, Tony Hunter, Mike Binns, Julie Leitch, Delia Campbell Lynda Sauvé.

Regrets were received from John DeBoeck, Carla Vancea, Todd Steel, Anita Dubé, Tyler McIntosh, Staff members in attendance were Maureen Mitchell. Lori Misuraca sent her regrets.

**The meeting was preceded with the annual presentation of the good sport awards which honour the late Paul Nickel, City Councilor and friend of soccer. The awards were presented by Paul's wife Cheryl.**

**The 2019 awards were presented to:**

**Boys: Ashton Matt; Bentley Kuepfer; Cole Morris; Ayson Payne; Owen Hurley**

**Girls: Julia Hammerl; Aubrey Evans; Sadie Stephens; Georgina Moore**

**The meeting was called to order at 7.00 p.m. by President Graham Bunting**

### **Minutes of the previous meeting – Tony Hunter**

Moved by Tony 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**

Upcoming for discussion at September Meeting – replacing the Micro goals and nets. A price has been received from Simplistic Lines; a second price will be obtained from another supplier for comparison.

### **Treasurer's report – Kevin Machado**

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

### **Administrator's report – Maureen Mitchell**

Registrations:

House League-535; (2018 – 555)      Travel-267; (2018 – 271)

July Camp: 15 full day - 12 half day (2018 – 28)

August Camp: 12 full day - 7 half day

Classic Tournament: 42 Teams; (2018 – 36)

Festival Cup: 40 Teams (2018 – 38)

- 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.
- Received the invoices from the league with team fines. The teams have been informed.
- Responded to several e-mails about the Festival Cup

- We are hosting the GU16 Cup games on Sept 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>
- I have sent updated camp registrations lists to Challenger for the August camp, the fee has been increased \$10.
- House League Final day was great success.
- Festival Cup – I have created the schedule and communicated with all coaches.

In addition to Maureen's report:

Maureen noted that the final day for House League was a great success the older youth players (boys and Girls) that volunteered were very helpful and that idea should be use again next year. Sponsor photos are ready and will be brought to the September board meeting for directors to distribute.

Maureen researched the cost of putting a team into the indoor league in London; the total works out to about \$350.00 per player for a 10/11 member team.

**Communication Administrator's 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
- answer/check face book inbox messages daily
- post any indoor soccer information on website for upcoming indoor season
- send emails to travel coaches regarding the travel Banquet
- email all the house league families with information about final day
- updated the travel coaching application on the website and changed to the present season
- collect parent travel surveys
- collect travel coaching applications
- purchase gift cards for house league coaches and convenors
- thank you letters for coaches and convenors
- final preparations for house league final day
- did LAC ad for Sept and Oct for indoor soccer
- updated community connection data base
- did camp boosts on face book

**Referee report**

Peter Mitchell submitted the following observations gained from his duties as referee mentor:

- \* there was something very awkward (and voyeuristic) about it and yet it was rewarding to see the individual progress week by week. I was encouraged by what I saw!
- \* there should be pre-season, mid-season and post-season get-togethers to establish a team feeling and feedback opportunities and encouragement to return
- \* uniforms (maybe 2) would gain consistency
- \* developmental opportunities could be sought - right now I don't know what's out there
- \* an online SYS Referee Forum - is that a possibility?

Mike Vancea thanked Pete for his work during the past year. Scheduling will be reviewed for the 2020 season.

**SSA report – Mike Vancea**

The fitness equipment has been installed and it was rewarding to see it being used.  
A Trillium application will be mad for funding for the trail. The next Trillium application deadline is November 27<sup>th</sup> 2019.

**Minor Sports Council report – Kevin Machado**

There will be no Minor Sports Council meetings until the fall.

**Other reports**

There were no other reports

**Other Business**

A mass email will be sent to all SYS members to see if they wish to take advantage of a promotion by Forge FC (Hamilton) to attend a Canadian Premier League game on September 28<sup>th</sup> game. Tickets are \$15.00

Graham updated the members on some issues regarding a (suspected) leak in one of the washrooms. Jim Bryson has indicated that the City plumber will look into the problem for us. It is understood that the City Staff will winterize the club house for us; our plumber (Berger) will attend. We are considering a bottle filling station and an outside faucet for the club house.

The washroom floors are to have Vinyl flooring installed so that any leaks or other issues do not affect the underlying plywood floor. Julie Leitch has volunteered to co-ordinate this effort.

The Kiwanis Club donated \$2000.00 toward the construction of the Barn Swallow shelters and SYS provided the Labour.

Graham will be attending the September Kiwanis meeting to thank them and to speak about the Barn Swallow shelters and, in preparation for that speech, he will be studying the various calls that Barn Swallows make.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7.50 p.m. on a motion by Delia and seconded by Julie. The motion carried.

**Next meeting is September 10th at 7.00 p.m.**