

STRATFORD YOUTH SOCCER – MONTHLY MEETINGS

October 8th, 2019 at the Knights of Columbus Hall

The following board members were in attendance:

Mike Vancea, Kevin Machado, Tony Hunter, Mike Binns, Julie Leitch, Delia Campbell, John DeBoeck, Carla Vancea, Todd Steel, Anita Dubé

Regrets were received from Graham Bunting, Lynda Sauvé.

Absent was Tyler McIntosh

Staff members in attendance were Maureen Mitchell and Lori Misuraca.

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

Paul Burns and Sam Gevaux from Waterloo Minor Soccer (WMSC) were present to explain the benefits of affiliating with Waterloo Minor Soccer and their OPDL programme.

WHAT IS THE OPDL? <https://www.theopdl.com/About.aspx>

The OPDL is one of the province's first standards-based, youth high-performance leagues that combines top-level competition with performance development training standards. The OPDL is one piece of a much larger, transformative process that Ontario Soccer is undergoing to modernize soccer in Ontario. This innovative youth high-performance program is an important component of the Long Term Player Development (LTPD) pathway, across soccer, in Ontario and Canada. LTPD helps talented youth players, who have the ability and dedication to train at higher levels, develop into top players with a strategic training philosophy in mind.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

All new license holders will begin their offering at the U13 Division. The program at WMSC commenced with tryouts in September 2019 and was open to Boys and Girls born in 2005, 2006 and 2007. All birth years are based on the Outdoor 2020 season.

Benefits to Stratford players are the opportunities for talented players to get the opportunity to play at an elite level. The benefit to Stratford youth Soccer organization may extend as far as incorporating some of the WMSC player development programmes; participating in group buying of uniforms and equipment; the possibility of WMSC running some of their training programmes in Stratford.

Minutes of the previous meeting – Tony Hunter

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

Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters to discuss

President's/Vice-President's report

There were no matters to discuss

Treasurer's report – Kevin Machado

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

Administrator's report – Maureen Mitchell

Registrations: Indoor League – 59

- 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 Banquet was well attended and went very well. It was a good choice to have the younger players first and the older ones come later.
- Travel try-outs have been going on for the past few weeks. Some coaches had issues with the \$10 fee, but most were OK with it.
- The \$10 fee was also available for player to pay online, 63 players paid online.
- Informed coaches to come at 6 pm to return the equipment. Also send reminders.
- A coaches meeting needs to set for Travel
- 2020 fees need to be confirmed.

Moved by Kevin and Julie that the following registration fees for House League players is to be implemented for the 2020 season: U4/5 \$100.00 U6 \$125.00 U7 and older 150.00 Late fee \$40.00
Indoor 2020 season \$125.00. The motion carried

Moved by Tony and John that the following registration fees for Travel players is to be implemented for the 2020 season, with a registration cut-off date of January 17th.

U9-U12 \$425.00 a \$50.00 discount will be applied if paid before December 1st.

U13 and older \$475.00 a \$50.00 discount will be applied if paid before December 1st.

The motion carried.

Moved by Kevin and Delia that the team sponsorship fee for the 2020 season be set at \$400.00

The motion carried.

It was agreed that a \$100.00 commitment fee be considered for next year.

It was agreed to delay making a decision on the tournament fees until we see what others are charging.

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

-send email at beginning of month to travel families as final reminder and details for the travel banquet

-update website on all travel tryout dates and times and locations

-face book posts and boosts about Travel tryouts

-update website with all travel coaches, assistants and managers names and emails. Do links for emails

-posts and boosts on face book about indoor registration

-update website on indoor soccer information

-advertise the indoor program in LAC

-email travel coaches with dates and times to return jerseys etc

-post travel try out information on community facebook sites

-send mass emails to all players who qualify for travel tryouts

Referee report-Delia Campbell

Delia Campbell and Peter Mitchell hosted an end-of-season banquet for referees; there were lots of positives from the referees attending with all of them saying they would referee again in 2020.

SSA report – Mike Vancea

There were no matters to discuss

Minor Sports Council report – Kevin Machado

There were no matters to discuss

Other reports

Carla provided the board with prices and options from Dunny's and Sports Link.

It was decided that we approach Dunny's and see if they can match or come close to the prices and add-ons that were offered by Sports Link. Carla will make recommendations to the board via email.

New Business

Moved by Tony and seconded by Mike Vancea that we sign an affiliation agreement with WMSC for the 2020 season. The motion carried.

Moved by Tony and seconded by Mike Binns that the indoor fee for the team playing in London be set at \$330.00 per player. The motion carried.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8.50 p.m. on a motion by Carla and seconded by Todd. The motion carried.

Next meeting will be the AGM November 12th at 7.00 p.m.

The AGM will be followed immediately by a regular Board meeting