

STRATFORD YOUTH SOCCER – MONTHLY MEETINGS

March 10th, 2019

The following board members were in attendance:

Graham Bunting, Mike Vancea, Kevin Machado, Tony Hunter, Mike Binns, Delia Campbell, Lynda Sauvé, John DeBoeck. Carla Vancea, Todd Steel, Julie Leitch, MacGregor Austin-Olsen.

Regrets were received from: Anita Dubé

Staff members Maureen Mitchell and Lori Misuraca were in attendance

An online Zoom meeting was called to order at 7.00 pm by President Graham Bunting
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Minutes of the previous meeting – Tony Hunter

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

Matters arising from the minutes

It was noted that the regular April meeting was not held because of the COVID-19 pandemic. This had been agreed to by members and communicated by emails.

President's/Vice-President's report

All items requiring discussion will be brought forward under new business

Treasurer's report – Kevin Machado

The Treasurer's report was moved to new business

Administrator's report – Maureen Mitchell

Registrations: Outdoor Travel – 261;

House League – 159 Paid & 47 not paid = Total of 206 (535 in 2019)

Camps: July Camp – 2 for half day & 2 for full day. August Camp – 3 for half day & 1 for full day

Tournaments: Stratford teams are not entered yet.

Classic- June 6 & 7 – 9 teams (42 in 2019) Festival Cup – Aug. 16– 2 teams (40 in 2019)

Responded to all incoming e-mails and phone calls.

Collected invoices and prepared cheques.

Sent in the monthly Discipline report to the district. We had nothing to report.

I have adjusted the set up in PowerUp to not charge the late fee this year. We first extended it to May 1st, but it is removed now.

We also changed the settings to allow players to be registered and not pay until later.

Some Travel coaches could not get their required course complete before the shutdown, most of them have been moved to online, but may not be done this spring.

Every team has at least 1 coach that is fully certified.

The only exception would be the BU14 as they are registered in WRSI and they changed the requirements this year that coaches must have their C license, Kenny Murphy is registered for a course and they are planning to do this online now.

Most of the Travel books & cards are all set and ready for validation when the district opens up again. Still following up with coaches for a few photos.

I have sent out the forms for the Underage players to the coaches, I have not received them back yet. I sent the Sponsor names and new logos to Dunny's for both Travel & House League. He has put this on hold for now.

I received an email from Challenger about the camps; they only want to run 1 this year in July. We will need to discuss if we are going ahead with this.

I have received 2 requests for House League refunds and 1 for a travel player.

I have 1 Travel coach that paid for the Soccer for Life course a few months ago but the online course course will not be until the fall. He is wondering if he can be reimbursed for this. We usually do not reimburse coaches until the course is completed. I told him I would ask.

As for refunds, I have reached out to our credit card provider; refunds can be put back onto peoples' credit card if we wish to do this. They have sent me the instructions on how to do this.

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
- help families register on power up
- answer tournament questions and assist them with registration on power up
- update all house league info on the website as needed
- do regular face book posts and ads
- keeping families updated with the Covid-19 playing status

Referee report-Delia Campbell

Referee courses have been moved online; nine persons were initially registered – one person has asked for a refund.

Stratford Soccer Association (SSA) report – Mike Vancea

There were no new items to report.

Stratford Minor Sports Council (SMSC) report – Kevin Machado

The Annual Banquet was cancelled

Other reports

There were no further reports

New Business

Treasurer's report:

Kevin reported the current state of financial affairs. It was also indicated that we had three GIC's coming due; one in May and two in June for a total of \$60,000.00.

Kevin also prepared a report to show the board what the impact would be if all programmes were cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Both reports are attached to these minutes.

Moved by Kevin and seconded by Tony that the report be adopted as presented. The motion carried.

The balance of the new business will be to develop a plan of action to address the current situation.

House League

After much discussion and a wide range of opinions it was agreed that the best course of action would be to wait and see if we can offer an attenuated season.

At the point of full cancellation the options would be:

1. An immediate refund with a \$25.00 admin fee.
2. No refund but money put towards 2021 season.
3. Partial refund / partial donation.

Move by Mike Vancea and seconded by Mike Binns. The motion carried.

Travel Soccer

After much discussion and a wide range of opinions it was agreed that the best course of action would be to wait and see if we can offer an attenuated season. It was noted that Ontario Soccer are monitoring the situation and will make a decision on whether there will be a travel soccer season.

At the point of full cancellation the options would be:

1. An immediate refund with a \$50.00 admin fee.
2. No refund but money put towards 2021 season.
3. Partial refund / partial donation.

Moved by Mike Vancea and seconded by MacGregor. The motion carried

Sponsors

Wait and see if we can have an attenuated season.

Moved by Tony and seconded by Delia. Motion Carried.

Camps

Wait and see about August camps

Tournaments

Cancel June Tournament. Ask if teams wish to stay registered for 2021 tournament or want a refund.

Wait and see about August Tournament.

Medals

Purchases of medals will be delayed and dealt with as circumstances dictate.

SSA Fee

SSA Fees will be determined by the board at the next meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8.00 p.m. Moved by Todd and seconded by Carla. The motion carried.

Next meeting date and time are to be decided as circumstances dictate.