

Leamington Minor Soccer

2020 Annual General Meeting

Thursday, December 3, 2020

1) Introduction of Guests and Executive

- Tony Omar welcomed those in attendance: Marina Kok, Stuart Tipper, Kristen Curchin, Peter Quick and Bob Rumble.
- Regrets: Frank Rodrigues
- COVID-19 has decimated leagues and will have an impact our decisions for the 2021 season schedule and format.
- Stephanie Heaton of the St. Vincent De Paul presented to the Executive a brief description of what they do and who they help during the holiday season. They give food hampers and gift cards to families in need in our Leamington community.
- We thanked her for allowing us to have the meeting in the St. Michael's church basement and offered a \$100 donation in return.

2) Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting – 2019

- Concerns were raised over the potential of Leamington SC United taking over the house league program if we did not run a season. This stemmed from the meeting that LSCU tried to organize with Sun County centres in an effort to get them to join LSCU. LSCU gains voting powers within ECSA if the number of players, coaches and teams in their club rises.
- LMS and its families gain no significant advantage by joining LSCU. Our fees would increase and we would have to register every player under OSA.
- Lack of action on our part in 2021 could leave the possible opening for LSCU to step in and organize their own house league.
- LSCU may not have the manpower and certainly can't offer the low registration fee that LMS can.
- Discussions led to a need for meetings to plan and organize, under WECHU guidelines, a safe and manageable 2021 season.

3) President's Report (Tony)

- COVID-19 cancelled last season and will have an impact on 2021 for sure.
- This is a good opportunity to review our policies and procedures, especially as we plan for an uncertain 2021.
- As a committee, we should develop plans for a season that has flexibility in games, training and scheduling.
- Biggest concerns around having a season is enforcing restrictions on parent spectators (social distancing, contact tracing, etc.), meeting maximum participant guidelines set out by WECHU (ie. maximum 50 people at a time in the entire soccer complex), bathroom cleaning, sanitizing equipment, social distancing young players, COVID breakout protocols, etc.
- We may not have uniforms for the 2021 season, but bibs can be ordered quickly for the season.
- We may have to place restrictions on the number of teams and the number of players on those teams.
- With no uniforms, the registration cost can be reduced accordingly.
- The registration module on the website can also be adjusted to meet our new registration dates and fees.

- The LMS website has been updated with the status of LMS soccer leading into the 2021 registration period.
- 4) Finance/Treasurer's Report and Registrars Report (Marina)
    - As of November 30, 2020, our main account sits at \$60,757.93
    - There are still 20 uncashed refund cheques pending and 23 refund cheques to mail out.
    - There are 2 uncashed referee cheques that total \$100 yet to come out as well.
    - Of the 443 registrations, we have refunded most of them
    - We had a net loss due to website commissions on registrations, domain fees and other minor expenses.
    - Most sponsors donated their fees to us, helping decrease our losses in 2020.
  - 5) Other Reports – Sun County (Frank - Absent), Canteen (Tony)
    - There was no Sun County Report
    - There was no revenue or costs associated to the canteen because of the season cancellation.
    - All equipment and supplies are safely stored.
    - There is a need to check the canteen equipment (refrigerators, freezer, etc.) since we have not been in there for a while.
  - 6) Unfinished Business – Drainage repairs
    - Sadly no work was completed on the drainage in the South-East quadrant of the facility (Mini fields).
    - The town was asked to move all soccer goals back 10 feet but they did not do it. Goals are sinking into the ground in spots where they have laid for years. Need to fill those divots and reposition goals for 2021.
  - 7) Amendments to the Constitution (attached)
    - This was put off after planning for the 2021 season is complete.
  - 8) Amendments to Rules and Regulations (attached)
    - All playing rules and regulations will be reviewed starting in January as the LMS plans for the 2021 season.
  - 9) Roll Call – N/A
  - 10) Election of Officers – N/A
  - 11) Other Business - NONE
  - 12) Adjournment – next meeting is January 14, 2021 a time and place TBA.