

**STRATFORD YOUTH SOCCER**  
**2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**November 9th, 2021 at the Knights of Columbus Hall**

**Meeting was called to order at 7.00 by Mike Vancea**

Members present and members attending via ZOOM were sufficient to declare a quorum

Board members present were: Graham Bunting, Mike Vancea, Kevin Machado, Tony Hunter, Todd Steel, Chris Gaylor, Julie Leitch, Quincy Martin, Mike Binns, Carla Vancea and Scott Herman.

The following Board members attended by ZOOM: Delia Campbell, Holly Deighton, Len Stannard, Michelle Evans, Carla Cassone, Melissa DeBrouwer. Regrets were received from Board member MacGregor Austin-Olsen  
Staff members present were Maureen Mitchell, Lori Misuraca and Kira Hughes

Other members present were Don Herlick, Owen Hearn and Lena Cassone.

Annual recognition awards were presented to Don Herlick as Sports Person of the year; Owen Hearn was awarded Boy Athlete of the year; Lena Cassone was awarded Girl Athlete of the year.

President Graham Bunting thanked Maureen Mitchell and Lori Misuraca for their many years of service to the aims and aspirations of Stratford Youth Soccer. As volunteers and administrators Maureen has spent 25 years and Lori 26 years working hard to promote the best game in the world. The board presented each of them with a token of appreciation.

**Minutes of previous meeting – Tony Hunter**

Moved by Tony Hunter and seconded by Kevin Machado that the minutes of the previous AGM, as circulated, be accepted. The motion carried.

**Matters arising**

There were no matters arising

**President's Report – Graham Bunting**

After the non-soccer year in 2020, it was absolutely wonderful to see our youth back on the soccer fields again this year. Not just a handful of children, but hundreds and hundreds of them, both in house league and travel.

There are a great many people that I must thank for such a great season, starting with all members of our hard working board, including several, recently appointed new Board members, who are all great additions to the Board.

Thanks to my long term executive, of Mike Vancea, Tony Hunter and Kevin Machado without whom, I personally, would have been lost .... and SYS would not have rebounded as well from the 2020 situation.

Thanks to Nick Preikschas and his team, along with some volunteers, for their great job running the 4,5 & 6

year old program as well as the indoor programs last fall and winter and again this year, when we had a bumper enrolment of approximately 175 registrants.

Thanks as always, to all coaches, assistant coaches, and managers, without whom there would be no program. Thanks to Holly Deighton who single handedly scheduled and mentored all referees and referee assistants for house league, travel and for two very successful tournaments this past summer.

It's no secret that Stratford Youth Soccer took a substantial financial hit in 2020 and without a great many parents and sponsors leaving their 2020 registration fees and sponsorship dollars with SYS, we would have been in a much worse shape. Thanks to our successful 2021 outdoor season and the current indoor program we have bounced back onto a more solid financial footing.

With the above in mind, the Board had to take a long hard look at the way we did business and accordingly some really tough decisions had to be considered, one of which was the cost involved in administration wages, which when compared with other volunteer youth organizations, was substantially more on a per player basis. It was determined that we needed to recruit more Board members and that all Board members would be required to do their bit to lessen the admin roles and allow us to restructure our organization. So far, we have recruited ( ) more Board members all of which bring with them a love of the game , a great range of knowledge and a desire to make SYS a stronger and more efficient organization.

Just this past Sunday I was in Burlington where I went to see my 6 year old grandson playing soccer at an indoor facility. The facility consisted of 3 independent domes erected cross ways over of a full sized outdoor artificial turf field. I was impressed!!

I fully intend to follow up with the City of Burlington and Burlington Soccer to get a lot more information about the facility and the costs involved. We have come a long way, particularly in recent years, but there's a lot more that we can do. Where there is a will, there's a way !

Respectfully, Graham

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

Moved by Kevin Machado and seconded by Scott Hermann that the report, as circulated, be approved. The motion Carried. The report is attached to these minutes.

#### **Registrar's Report – Maureen Mitchell**

2020 / 2021 Indoor program - 59 players

2021 Outdoor Travel - 263 players

2021 Outdoor House League - 448 players

2021 Challenger Camp - 80 players

2021 Classic Tournament - 41 Teams

2021 Festival Cup - 29 Teams

#### **Club Head Referee report – Holly Deighton**

16 referees (including 7 new small sided) were used for the majority of house league and U-9-U12 district games in Stratford.

Hoping to increase numbers for the 2022 season.

#### **Action items**

- I. Choose dates for small sided and entry level clinics in 2022
- II. Reach out to travel coaches to see if there is interest from any of their players in early 2022
- III. Advertise on SYS website/Facebook page in early 2022

## Amendments to Constitution and By-laws

Moved by Tony Hunter and seconded by Mike Binns that the Constitution and the By-Laws be amended to change the maximum number of board members from 16 to 18. The motion Carried.

## Elections

Maureen Mitchell acted as Elections Chairperson

The nominating committee has put forward the following name for a two year term:

**Vice-President: Mike Vancea**

There were no further nominations and Mike Vancea was acclaimed Vice President

The nominating committee has put forward the following persons for two year terms as Directors:

**Delia Campbell, Carla Cassone, Holly Deighton, Scott Hermann, Quincy Martin, Len Stannard and Carla Vancea.**

There were no further nominations and the above named persons were acclaimed.

The nominating committee has put forward the following persons for one year terms as Directors:

**Todd Steel, Melissa DeBrouwer, Michelle Evans, Mike Binns and Tony Hunter**

There were no further nominations and the above named persons were acclaimed.

## Board of Directors for 2022

Name	Duty	Additional duty	term expires	Email	Cell
Graham Bunting	President	Sponsors	2022	<a href="mailto:blfstmn@gmail.com">blfstmn@gmail.com</a>	(519) 949-3150
Kevin Machado	Treasurer	Minor Sports Council	2022	<a href="mailto:k2machad@hotmail.com">k2machad@hotmail.com</a>	(519) 589-9694
MacGregor Austin-Olsen	U8-U12 Travel Head		2022	<a href="mailto:maustinolsen@gmail.com">maustinolsen@gmail.com</a>	(226) 921-0505
Melissa DeBrouwer	Co-Head House League		2022	<a href="mailto:melissa.debrouwer@ed.amdsb.ca">melissa.debrouwer@ed.amdsb.ca</a>	(519) 274-1839
Michelle Evans	Photos	Sports Engine	2022	<a href="mailto:michelleevans313@gmail.com">michelleevans313@gmail.com</a>	(519) 301-6110
Mike Binns	Awards		2022	<a href="mailto:mikebinns4@gmail.com">mikebinns4@gmail.com</a>	(519) 591-1890
Todd Steel	Field Maintenance		2022	<a href="mailto:toddwsteel@gmail.com">toddwsteel@gmail.com</a>	(519) 949-0299
Tony Hunter	Equipment		2022	<a href="mailto:cassone.carla@gmail.com">cassone.carla@gmail.com</a>	(519) 301-5244
Carla Cassone	Social Media	House League Indoor	2023	<a href="mailto:cassone.carla@gmail.com">cassone.carla@gmail.com</a>	(519) 703-6078
Carla Vancea	Uniforms	Social Media	2023	<a href="mailto:cmvancea@rogers.com">cmvancea@rogers.com</a>	(519) 272-9436
Delia Campbell	Sports Engine		2023	<a href="mailto:delia_Campbell@hotmail.com">delia_Campbell@hotmail.com</a>	(519) 276-9386
Holly Deighton	Club Head Referee		2023	<a href="mailto:hollydeighton@hotmail.com">hollydeighton@hotmail.com</a>	(519) 274-3314
Len Stannard	Co-Head House League		2023	<a href="mailto:lenstannard@gmail.com">lenstannard@gmail.com</a>	(416) 930-0473
Mike Vancea	Vice-President	Tournament	2023	<a href="mailto:mike@vanceafinancial.com">mike@vanceafinancial.com</a>	(519) 272-9437
Quincy Martin	U13-U21 Travel Head		2023	<a href="mailto:qmartin1307@gmail.com">qmartin1307@gmail.com</a>	(905) 849-5271
Scott Herman	Secretary	Camps	2023	<a href="mailto:hermz1983@gmail.com">hermz1983@gmail.com</a>	(519) 276-9904

**Other Business**

Mike Vancea thanked Julie Leitch and Chris Gaylor for the work they have performed as Directors for the past several years; they presence will missed. Mike also thanked Tony Hunter for his years of service as secretary to the Board. He will remain on the board performing other duties. Scott Hermann will be taking over the duties of Secretary.

**Adjournment**

At 7.35 p.m. it was moved by Julie Leitch and seconded by Todd Steel that the meeting be adjourned.  
The Motion Carried.