

## **STRATFORD YOUTH SOCCER – MONTHLY MEETING**

April 9<sup>th</sup> 2024 at the Knights of Columbus hall

**Board members present were:** Mike Vancea, Scott Herman, Charlie Rossi Dan Di Mambro, Tony Benton, Mike Binns, Delia Campbell, Carla Cassone, Carla Vancea, Graham Bunting, Dennis Crawford, Emily Rattray, Paul Herman, Todd Steel

**Staff members present were:** Trina Herman, Nikki Davidson

**Regrets were received from:** James Arnold, Holly Deighton, Tony Hunter

Meeting called to order at 7:01pm by Mike Vancea

### ***Minutes of previous meeting – Scott Herman***

- Motioned by Scott and seconded by Dan that the minutes from the previous meeting, as circulated be accepted. Motioned carried

There were no matters arising from previous minutes.

### ***President's and Vice-President's reports - Mike Vancea/Todd Steel***

- Nothing to report

### ***Treasurer's report – Paul Herman***

- Motioned by Paul and seconded by Delia that the report, as circulated be accepted. Motioned carried

### ***Travel Administrator's report –Trina Herman***

1. Registrations for 2024 - We are at 343. We've had a few players drop out over the last few weeks due to injury and moving.
2. Graham Bunting- We are at 53 registrations. 11 of these are SYS teams.
3. Tony Hunter- We are at 50 registrations.11 of these are SYS teams.
4. Camp - We have 23 registrations for our Elite camps and 28 for our regular camps, through our system.
5. Certifications - Still waiting on 11 coaches to complete courses, on field or updates to outdated RIS. Continuing to email coaches and monitor what is outstanding.
6. Rosters and Player Cards - We only have 6 of our 23 teams approved. These are because of coaches certifications and missing player card photos. I'm waiting on players for the U21 boys and U16 girls. Originally we were told WRSL was not going digital but SWRSA said they need to be digital to be approved. Also waiting on SWRSA to approve all of the photos as a lot have needed to be manually sized smaller as they print too small for the cards.
7. Schedules, Handbooks, Kick off Meeting - All schedules have been posted for all teams on the league sites. These have been forwarded to the coaches along with their handbooks and 2024 rules. The rescheduling process also opened this weekend and will close on April 21st. The league site is a bit different this season. Still waiting on the U8 boys and U9 Boys Dev. teams to do their team activations. All grassroots rosters are to be uploaded by myself, which I can do once SWRSA approves the teams and all Youth are to be done by the coaches. Youth teams will be fined if this is not done by the 1st of May.
8. WRSL KOC - The KOC is all set for the weekend of May 11th & 12th. Fields booked and the city is being notified.
9. Payments - We discovered that two players were able to sign up for Travel without paying the actual registration. The system allowed for them to choose the out of town fee and marked them paid

without actually choosing a payment option. Delia has been working with Sports Engine to find the cause. I am following up on missed travel payments that have been invoiced as well as camp registrations. I will be sending out invoices for any unpaid tournament fees this week.

***House League Administrator's report – Nikki Davidson***

- 444 Registrations
  - U4 - 12 spots left
  - U5 - Lots of space, quite slow for registrations so far
  - U6 - 18 spots left
  - U8 - 22 spots left
  - U10 - Lots of space still
  - U12 - 12 spots left
  - U15 - 19 spots left
  
- We have 37 Coaches.
  - U4 - we have one coach for each team (still need co-coaches)
  - U5 - one 4 coaches need four more
  - U6 - two teams have coaches - need four more
  - U8 - 12 teams - 6 coaches needed
  - U10 - Only one coach for all 8 teams
  - U12 - One team in need of a coach
  - U15 - One team in need of a coach
  
- Field Scheduling and city approvals for tournaments are well on their way. Contracts signed for all tournaments Stratford is hosting.
  
- Still an ongoing issue with the field scheduling map. Nobody is getting back to me regarding the issue with login and updating fields.

***House League – Emily Rattray/Dennis Crawford***

- Canvassing for house league coaches

***Travel Report – U8-U12 Scott Herman***

- Emailing coaches to remind about certifications
- Preparing for the coaches meeting on the 23rd of April
- Gathering supplies and getting ready for earth day on the 20th of April

***Travel Report – U13-U21 Tony Benton***

- Emailing coaches to remind about certifications
- 1 youth team has entered Ontario Cup

***SSA report - Tony Hunter***

- Nothing to report

***Referee report – Holly Deighton***

- Continuing to work with the referees to ensure they are all registered and attending the mandatory webinars.

**Minor Sports Council report - Charlie Rossi**

- We have received the banquet tickets. I've reached out to the candidates and asked how many tickets they need and got responses from all of them. Trying to arrange getting the tickets to them.
- We will have some left over of the 10, so I'll ask tonight who might be interested in going, as we need to provide numbers back of how many of the tickets we are using.

**Equipment – Tony Hunter**

- Nothing to report

**Field Maintenance – Todd Steel**

- Todd to work with Simplistic lines on field sizing
- May 11 & 12 kick off cup in Stratford
- Nets on Vancea and Cowan need to be replaced

**Sports engine/Website – Delia Campbell/Dan Di Mambro**

- Changing functionality on some features on sports engine

**Social Media – Carla Cassone/Charlie Rossi**

- Promoting house league, camps and tournaments on social

**Sponsorships – Graham Bunting**

- All sponsorships are in for teams
- Field sponsors still in the works, looking for interested parties for 1 field

**Awards – Mike Binns**

- Water bottles have been ordered for the Tony Hunter Festival in August

**Tournaments – James Arnold**

Graham Bunting Classic

- Currently we have 54 teams registered for this tournament. The registration will be open until Tuesday May 21, 2024, the schedule will take a couple of days. After completion it will be forward to Holly so we will have to SWRSL by Sunday May 26, 2024, which is 21 days before the scheduled event.
- Currently I am sending out emails to various soccer associations to see if they would forward onto their coaches, from Sarnia to Oshawa.

Tony Hunter Festival

- Currently we have 51 teams registered for this event. We are accepting registrations and will get more involved after the Graham Bunting Tournament.
- The water bottles are going to be ordered for this, changing from the medals.

**Indoor House League – Carla Cassone**

- Some indoor availability now, Carla will share with coaches

***Uniforms – Carla Vancea***

- Everything on track for uniforms for coaches meeting to be distributed

***Pictures – Emily Rattray***

- photographer to come to house league practices
- U13+ pictures to be scheduled during Stratford tournament in June

***Camps - James Arnold***

- Registrations continue to come in, we have a total of 169 participants over the course of the summer.
- We are not going to run the camp the week of August 26-30, 2024, no registrations for that week to date.
- There are some weeks that have few kids, but I suggest that we keep them open and believe that we obtain the minimum that we require to break even and more.
- I will contact Michaela Vancea this week to discuss the camp, staffing and volunteers.

***New Business***

- Carla Cassone nominated Stephanie Donelle to join the board as a director, seconded by Emily motioned carried

Adjournment of Regular Meeting at 8:15pm Moved by Carla seconded by Charlie

Next meeting to be held Tuesday May 14th, 2024