

STRATFORD YOUTH SOCCER – MONTHLY MEETING

May 14th 2024 at the Knights of Columbus hall

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

Staff members present were: Trina Herman

Regrets were received from: Holly Deighton, Carla Cassone, Carla Vancea, Tony Benton, Tony Hunter

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm by Mike Vancea

Minutes of previous meeting – Scott Herman

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

Travel Administrator's report –Trina Herman

1. Registrations for 2024 - 345 registrations. All paid and good to go for the season. U18 girls are still looking for a couple more players as a few dropped out last minute.
2. Graham Bunting- We are at 81 registrations. 11 of these are SYS teams.Sent invoices to all teams not yet paid.
3. Tony Hunter- We are at 67 registrations.11 of these are SYS teams. Sent invoices to unpaid as well
4. Camp - We have 24 registrations for our Elite camps and 30 for our regular camps, through our system.
5. Certifications - Still waiting on 4 coaches to complete courses, on field or updates to outdated RIS. Most have dates scheduled but I have removed them from the teams to get them approved. They will be readded once complete and all head coaches are aware they can not be on the bench until I have confirmed they are approved.
6. Rosters and Player Cards - All teams have been approved except for two U12 teams. This was due to certificates not being completed. We agreed we would have things finalised before their first game so I am working on getting them approved now. All player cards have been emailed to coaches and all approved teams now have stamped rosters.
7. Discipline Chair - We have heard from SWRSA that Jim Gaylor needs to be recertified this year to be our tournament discipline chair. Scott Herman & Mike Vancea are our other chairs but because Scott is coaching in the Graham Bunting Tournament, he can not be a discipline chair. Because of this we have asked SWRSA to provide chair's which they have done but we need to pay travel costs from Kitchener.
8. U8 Pilot Project - Ontario Soccer has started a pilot project this year to implement a new Goal Kick rule. They will play the first half of the season with the current rules and switch mid July to the new modified kick-in/dribble-in rule. They had sent a survey to coaches, parents and the club to

complete now, will send again mid season and at the end of the season. The club needs to complete their part by May 25th - I believe Scott is handling this.

9. iModel/ Grassroots Standards - SWRSA is holding a meeting Wednesday May 15th to discuss the iModel 2025 Pilot as well as the Grassroots Standards review. We have a few board members attending. Its not being sent to coaches as we don't want anyone confusing what is discussed with this season or getting anyone upset about something that hasn't been decided on yet.
10. AP Players - Now that the HL teams are being rostered we can get our AP players carded. I've asked coaches for the player photos. Once Nikki is able to confirm the teams they are on, I will get them uploaded and approved by SWRSA.
11. Insurance - Updated with OS and has been updated with the school boards, the City and Eddie McKenna's insurance has been updated and given to him.

House League Administrator's report – Nikki Davidson

1. 565 Registrations are in. We had to collapse U5 from 8 teams to 6 teams as we did not have enough registrations this season. Every other division is almost full and we have had great success with our U15 division.
2. We now have at least one coach for each team, for the younger teams it would still be nice to have a co-coach for each team but I have discussed with parents that if they can't make it to a game to ask other parents on the team to help out.
3. The HL Coaches meeting is on May 16 and emails have gone out in that regard. Our Manuals are printed and are at Vancea for pick-up for the night of the meeting. We also have a Coaches Training Session on May 21 at the Cooper Fields. An email regarding this will be sent out before the end of this week also reminding of the May 16 meeting.
4. I have made an excel spreadsheet of all registrations in their age categories. This will be used for the first night when parents have questions about where their kids are supposed to be. The only piece missing is the field each team will be on the first night. This spreadsheet will need to be updated with that once schedules are finalized and then the sheet will need to be filtered into alphabetical order. I have spoken to our Heads of HL about this.
5. Emails have been and continue to be sent out for unpaid registrations. Any parent that is not waiting on Jumpstart or help from the City I have requested pay their registrations fees by May 20.

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House League – Emily Rattray/Dennis Crawford

- House league coaching meeting this Thursday the 16th

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Travel Report – U8-U12 Scott Herman

Travel Report – U13-U21 Tony Benton

- Goalie clinic on Sunday May 26th at 10:30am

SSA report - Tony Hunter

- Nothing to report

Referee report – Holly Deighton

House League

- I will be meeting with all house league referees next week prior to the start of the season

Graham Bunting Classic Tournament

- I will be sending out a call for referees this week – as a reminder, the tournament schedule must be complete and sent to SWRSA no later than Saturday June 1st

Practical Session

Stratford held a practical session for new and returning referees on Tuesday May 7th 2024

- Cecily Kowalik, McKayla McBride and Steve Cahoon were in attendance as instructors from SWRSA
- We had a good turnout – about 16 referees!
- We are hoping to make these sessions a regular thing to allow referees to get onto the pitch before the season starts

Minor Sports Council report - Charlie Rossi

- Nothing to report

Equipment – Tony Hunter

- Nothing to report

Field Maintenance – Todd Steel

- Getting quote on some new nets

Sports engine/Website – Delia Campbell/Dan Di Mambro

- Working on rostering
- Some changes made pending Ontario Soccer approval

Social Media – Carla Cassone/Charlie Rossi

- Receiving some house league request through social
- Going to follow up with coaches for pictures to post

Sponsorships – Graham Bunting

- 1 field without a sponsorship currently

Awards – Mike Binns

- all awards are set

Tournaments – James Arnold

- up to 80 teams for Graham Bunting tournament
- Need 1 U15 girls, U14 boys, U17 girls team for the tournaments still

Indoor House League – Carla Cassone

- Mike was approached by a couple guys running a futsal league in Kitchener wanting to start up a futsal league in Stratford on Sundays. Want to try and run a futsal tournament in August here in Stratford.

Uniforms – Carla Vancea

- All uniforms are set for house league coaches meeting Thursday

Pictures – Emily Rattray

- Time schedule to be set in sports engine for house league parents
- U13 - U18 to be scheduled on June 15th during G.B tournament, registration sheet to be created

Camps - James Arnold

- Camp numbers are coming in, to promote lower numbered weeks to house league

New Business

- Motion to refund U16 girls withholding \$200.00 for uniform and ball. Motioned by Mike B seconded by Paul motioned carried
- Mike is in final term as president, Mike has asked board members to step up in V.P role. Delia has volunteered.
- Mike motions to make Todd a director at large and Delia to move into V.P role, seconded by Dan, motioned carried. Delia will need to replace Todd as signing authority with the bank

Adjournment of Regular Meeting at 7:57pm Moved by Mike B seconded by James

Next meeting to be held Tuesday June 11th, 2024