

## Leamington Minor Soccer AGM 2017 Minutes

Attendance: Tony Omar, Bob Rumble, Anita Rumble, Marina Kok, Stuart Tipper and Kristen Curchin

Regrets: Elder Ribeiro, Jackie Ribeiro, Peter Quick

- 1) Our thoughts and prayers are with Elder and Jackie Ribeiro after the passing of Jackie's mother. A flower arrangement was sent to their home on behalf of LMS.
- 2) We went through the financial statement for 2017. In summary, we had a total soccer revenue of \$72,526.25; our soccer-related expenses were \$30,928.83; our concession losses came in at \$11,603.79 (mainly due to purchase of major equipment: freezer, hotdog machine, etc.); Our General Administrative Expenses came in at \$7,928.46; this gave us a net income of \$22,065.17.
- 3) We discussed the purchase of the following items prior to the start of the 2018 season:
  - a) Screen windows for the canteen service counters (close to \$4000 plus tax) so that we can keep out bees and June bugs. They will be good quality with sliding windows.
  - b) Soccer goals need to be ordered for our new "Field 10". They will also cost about \$4000 plus tax. They are good quality and will allow us to have another field like 6 & 7. By the way, irrigation was complete on the South-East section of the property (mini fields).
  - c) Shelving units for the garage storage will need to be purchased. Bob ordered one already and we can determine if we need more. Also, we will be fastening hooks to the back wall so that all balls can be hung and not sit on the floor.
- 4) The website would be an excellent way to advertise the hours of operation of the canteen, days we are open, menu and prices. Hopefully parents would consider not stopping at fast food place if they know we are open for sure. It was also suggested that we get as many pictures as possible on the website of our players, coaches and sponsor logos. This will draw parents to the website where they can access more scheduling and registration details.
- 5) Once the coaches' guide for U5 is developed, we could post .pdf versions on our website and hand out hard copies to coaches. These will be designed to help guide our least experienced coaches on a week to week basis.
- 6) Members discussed and debated a reduction in registration for the U5 division. The rationale was to close the gap with neighboring soccer associations (ie Kingsville charges \$40 for U5) in an effort to boost registration in that age group. This would mean we will have a reduction in revenue between \$3000 and \$4000, depending on the number of kids. The concerns included:
  - a) What if Tim Horton's pulls its sponsorship and we would have to pay the full cost of a uniform and ball?
  - b) What if registration rises to a point where we need more teams than we can accommodate with coaches and fields?

- 7) Game nights need to be decided so that flyers can be printed for elementary schools. We went with the same nights as last year with the hopes that rain dates can be advertised closer to the cancelled date. For example, all Monday cancellations will be played on the following Wednesday. The concern here is the number of available referees.
- 8) We need better quality referees and better support for them through the season. Suggestions were made to have adult refs, Ponch or Tony O, there on the sideline to watch and mentor for the first few weeks. It would also help with parent issues as well. It would be more expensive but certainly worthwhile to have young refs paired up with senior ones.
- 9) Executive members will be getting Under Armor shirts this year (Tony Omar will organize) to help identify LMS Executive members out at the fields. T-shirts for canteen workers would also be a good idea.
- 10) Kristen will be taking over scheduling of the fields and booking with the Town. She will require Elder to create an email address for her to give to coaches. Elder, can we also get an email list for our LMS Executive?
- 11) Police clearances for coaches was discussed as we have not required them in several years. Tony Omar agreed to speak to Gary Klemens at HUB International with respect to insurance concerns surrounding those police clearances. We have a safety deposit box at Libro for safe storage. Further discussion required.
- 12) There will be an Organizational meeting for the 2018 season on Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup>. The time and location will be determined very soon, but will be after regular working hours to allow everyone to attend. We need to organize in-person registration, schedules, photo dates, coaches booklets, etc.
- 13) The Adult Men's League will be forming for the 2018 season and will be played on Friday nights. They will want fields 6, 7 and 10 for their games. More details will follow. They may also want to piggy-back on our LMS infrastructure (registration, field rental, referees, etc.). More to follow.
- 14) Some field repairs were done but we still have concerns about goal mouths and Fields 1 & 5, which hold pools of water. We will re-examine in the spring to look at 2018 repairs. We also acknowledges the great work of the town and Cameron Shweishbeinger (Spelling is incorrect I'm sure). Cameron took great care of the fields and we hope we get another person next year who will do the same.
- 15) We still are owed \$5000 by LSCU and \$950 by the Adult Coed League. We hope those debts will be cleared very soon.