

STRATFORD YOUTH SOCCER – MONTHLY MEETING

June 11th 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, James Arnold, Tony Hunter, Carla Cassone (via phone) Carla Vancea, Tony Benton

Staff members present were: Trina Herman, Nikki Davidson

Regrets were received from: Holly Deighton, Stephanie Donelle, Todd Steel,
Meeting called to order at 6:57 pm 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/Delia Campbell

- Nothing to report

Treasurer's report – Paul Herman

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

Travel Administrator's report –Trina Herman

Registrations for 2024 - 347 registrations. One more to be signing up for U18 girls.

1. Graham Bunting- 81 teams registered. 11 of these are SYS teams. All paid, schedules out and ready for next week. All teams have been emailed with what they require.
2. Tony Hunter- We are at 73 registrations. 11 of these are SYS teams. Sent invoices to unpaid registrations. Looking for 1 U8 Boys, 3 U9 Boys & 2 U8 Girls. U10, 11 & 12 boys are full at 12 teams each.
3. Camp - We have 23 registrations for our Elite camps and 32 for our regular camps, through our system. We've only had two more camp registrations since last month. All HL players were emailed about the camps to try and generate more registrations.
4. AP Players - All carded and information provided to Travel teams. They can now be called up.
5. Tournament Disciplines - I am prepping all of the discipline paperwork for Pat to use when he attends the Bunting Tournament. Will have this all ready for him for Saturday.

House League Administrator's report – Nikki Davidson

1.604 total registrations for this season and U12 and U15 are full.

2. We had a bullying incident between two U15 teams that resulted in a yelling match between Coaches and some parents. Emails were sent to all parents and coaches involved and Emily and I met with the Coaches to discuss our bullying policy and proper adult etiquette on the fields. All went well. It was decided that handshakes would begin before the games instead of after where kids might be a bit heated if they lost.

3. There was a parent complaining about making switches in our U15 division the first week of soccer. It was discussed that this may be an option to even out teams. I'm not sure if that is necessary now as I do believe win/loss for teams has evened out.

4. We continue to have a handful of unpaid registrations, some I am waiting on Jumpstart or OW cheques. A few are parents I'm waiting to hear from. Second emails will go out this week.

5. We had 4 new registrations after the season started for our U15 division. I've received a few emails that these children have lied about their age on registration and are older than 15 and under. Judging by a few of the kids out on the field I believe this to be true but I'm not sure how to put a stop to this going forward.

6. There was a complaint posted on Stratford Connect regarding the litter left on the fields at Cooper by someone who walks their dog there. I have posted it with this Report. Should we send out a blast reminding parents and kids to clean up after themselves?

House League – Emily Rattray/Dennis Crawford

- nothing to report

Travel Report – U8-U12 Scott Herman

- Nothing to report

Travel Report – U13-U21 Tony Benton

- Goalie clinics continuing

SSA report - Tony Hunter

- Nothing to report

Referee report – Holly Deighton

- I have mentors covering for me at the house league field while I'm away. I'm currently organizing the tournament schedule (emails will be going out tonight and tomorrow to refs, should have 60-70 refs again).

Minor Sports Council report - Charlie Rossi

- Nothing to report

Equipment – Tony Hunter

- Nothing to report

Field Maintenance – Todd Steel

- Update on the fields:
- - All the nets on the tourney schedule that aren't used on a regular basis, have had nets installed. I checked the two St. Marys fields, and they are in good shape.
- - Nikki has made sure we have porta potties at all the fields.
- - Corner flags will have to be put out. I will put out flags on all but FHP Sat morning. If someone could put out flags either Friday night or Sat morning at FHP (Vancea, SFS, Bentley's, NA Eng), that would be great.

- I bought two new heavy gauge nets for Cowan full size. They were \$250 each. If they work out, I will buy two more for Vancea. John Selbie is going to install those tomorrow so they are in place for this weekend.
- Got the quote for the crossbar extensions for the cross fields. This is to put the four nets for 9v9 spec instead of 7v7 (18 foot wide instead of 16). It's \$8400

Sports engine/Website – Delia Campbell/Dan Di Mambro

- Dan and Delia working on a few minor issues on website

Social Media – Carla Cassone/Charlie Rossi

- Answering house league inquires, starting to settle down as house league has started

Sponsorships – Graham Bunting

- Masonic lodge inquiring about potential sponsorships, Graham has given the lodge options

Awards – Mike Binns

- Water bottles in for the tournament this coming weekend

Tournaments – James Arnold

- trying to figure out food booth
- Volunteers needed to check on field throughout the city

Indoor House League – Carla Cassone

- Still investigation Futsal tournament to be held in Stratford

Uniforms – Carla Vancea

- Waiting for a few house league jerseys, a few outstanding items Carla working on

Pictures – Emily Rattray

- Almost done house league pictures, make up dates have been scheduled for August.

Camps - James Arnold

- Nothing to report

New Business

- Tony motions to retain \$200 and refund the rest to U13 girl due to injury, seconded by Dan motioned carried.

Adjournment of Regular Meeting at 7:42pm Moved by Delia seconded by Mike

Next meeting to be held Tuesday July 9th, 2024