

STRATFORD YOUTH SOCCER – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

November 17th, 2020

The following board members were in attendance:

Graham Bunting, Mike Vancea, Kevin Machado, Tony Hunter, Carla Vancea, Mike Binns, MacGregor Austin-Olsen, , Todd Steel, Julie Leitch.

Volunteers attending: Virginia Bunting, Dale Hunter, Abigail Vancea, Dorothy Binns

Staff members attending: Maureen Mitchell and Lori Misuraca

Regrets were received from: Delia Campbell, Anita Dubé, John DeBoeck, Lynda Sauvé.

A Zoom meeting was called to order at 7.00 pm by Vice-President Michael Vancea

Roll Call

Mike Vancea (as Zoom host) verified that the minimum number of persons to form a quorum (15) were present.

Introduction of Guests and tributes.

Mike Vancea welcomed Pilar Anderson, Director of SWRSA who brought greetings from SWRSA.

Minutes of Previous Meeting AGM – Tony Hunter

Moved by Tony Hunter and seconded by Mike Binns that the Minutes of the previous meeting, as circulated, be approved. The motion passed.

Matters arising from the minutes.

There were no matters arising

President's and Vice-President's Reports.

2020 was a difficult year for Stratford Youth Soccer. We were not able to run a season of either house league or travel soccer. We had incredible support though from our athlete's families and our team sponsors. Without their commitment to our organization we would have been in serious financial difficulty. We are constantly on the lookout to make sure our organization remains financially responsible and sustainable. We were able to get through the 2021 tryouts which happened this fall and are very excited for a 2021 season. In the meantime, the board is looking at expanding. If you know of anyone that has positive contributions to give to Stratford Youth Soccer, please have them reach out to anyone one the board.

Respectfully submitted, Graham Bunting and Mike Vancea

Treasurer's Report – Kevin Machado

Moved by Kevin Machado and seconded by MacGregor Austin-Olsen that the Treasurer's Report, as circulated, be approved. The motion passed.

Kevin noted that the registration amount of \$37,668.34 represented the total amount of registration money remaining after all refunds had been issued.

Kevin also noted that the deferred revenue amount of \$9091.23 is made up of a Grant of \$4,900.00 from Canadian Tires JumpStart programme, the remaining \$5,191.23 is indoor registration. Both amounts are considered part of the 2021 income.

Graham Bunting asked SWRSA representative, Pillar Anderson, if other clubs were experiencing the same difficulties with revenue, etc. as SYS. Pilar had no direct knowledge but assumed all clubs, to a greater or lesser degree, were experiencing the same issues.

Registrar's Report – Maureen Mitchell

For the 2019/2020 Indoor season 98 players were registered.

86 were registered to our own skills and drills programme, held at the Agriplex.

12 players were registered on one team which played in the London Indoor League.

For the 2020 Outdoor Season 478 players were registered.

Unfortunately, due to COVID19, the season was cancelled. Full refunds were offered to all those families requesting a refund. Those not seeking a refund were assured of a place on a team for the following 2021 season, with a guarantee of no increase in fees.

209 players were registered to the House League programme.

113 families requested a refund and 96 families retained a credit for 2021 season.

269 players were registered on 18 teams to the Travel programme.

122 families requested a refund and 147 families retained a credit for 2021 season.

Reports from Other Committees

SSA report

The association had one year with no financial contributions by teams towards their commitments to the city. We have run financial scenarios and believe we will be able to continue to meet our funding commitments to the end of the commitment period which was 15 years from inception. This year we have begun the construction of the 1 km. trail around the Festival Hydro Community Park which will make every field fully accessible and connect all the fitness equipment and clubhouse. Shortly we will be selling benches at a cost of \$1,000 each which can be purchased by families or organizations that want to support soccer in Stratford. This will go towards the cost of building the trail and other improvements to our park.

Stratford Minor Sports Council

This year has certainly been challenging for minor sports in Stratford and surrounding areas due to the global pandemic.

At the start of the year, Minor Sports groups submitted their nominations for male and female athletes as well as sports person of the year. The judges reviewed all submissions and chose the winners which were planned to be presented at the annual Minor Sports Banquet in conjunction with the city's Sports Wall of Fame.

With the cancellation of all public gatherings in 2020 due to the pandemic and not to delay the presentation of the awards any longer, the awards were presented on July 29, 2020 in the back yard of Murray Patterson's residence.

The award winners presented were:

Sportsperson of the year - Chris Cassone (Basketball)

Female Athlete of the year - Sidoney Fountain (Girls Softball)

Male Athlete of the year - Luke DeVries (Soccer)

Here is a link to the COVID friendly ceremony:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kbw0a3L28bo&feature=youtu.be>

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished Business.

Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws

A motion to adopt the new Constitution and By-Laws was moved by Tony Hunter and seconded by Todd Steel. The motion carried. The main changes were to the number of Directors; the quorum required; the age of voting members and some minor changes to comply with Ontario Soccer recommendations. .

The vast majority of the Constitution and By-Laws remain the same as the previous.

Election of Officers and Directors

The Nominations Committee is Michael Binns and Tony Hunter.

The position of President for a term of two years is open.

The nominating committee has nominated Graham Bunting. There were no further nominations.

Graham Bunting was acclaimed and will serve a term of two years ending at the 2022 AGM

There are seven positions open for election for two year terms.

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Kevin Machado; Carla Vancea; MacGregor Austin-Olsen. There were no further nominations.

Kevin Machado, Carla Vancea, MacGregor Austin-Olsen were acclaimed and will serve terms of two years ending at the 2022 AGM.

There are two positions open for election for one year terms.

There were no nominations.

The following is the New Board of Directors

The Board is empowered to appoint directors to vacant positions

		Term Expires
1	Mike Vancea, Vice-President	2021
2	Tony Hunter, Secretary	2021
3	Mike Binns,	2021
4	Delia Campbell	2021
5	Todd Steel	2021
6	Julie Leitch	2021
7	VACANT	
8	VACANT	

		Term Expires
1	Graham Bunting, President	2022
2	Kevin Machado, Treasurer	2022
3	Carla Vancea	2022
4	MacGregor Austin-Olsen	2022
5	VACANT	
6	VACANT	
7	VACANT	
8	VACANT	

Other Business

There was no other business

Adjournment

At 7.25 p.m. it was moved by Carla Vancea and seconded by Todd Steel that the meeting be adjourned.
The motion carried.