



Okanagan Mission Youth Soccer Association
General Meeting Minutes
January 18th, 2018

I. Call to order

Chairman Mark Hesketh called to order the general meeting of the Okanagan Mission Youth Soccer Association (OMYSA) at 7:03pm on January 18th, 2018, at the KPMG boardroom.

II. Roll call

The following executive members with voting status were present: Mark Hesketh, Jon Basaraba, Jennifer Zwicker, Jamie Schram, Curtis Johnson-Morrison, Nolan Belanger, Tracy Tremble and Joe Yakimchuk. Quorum established.

The following executive members with non-voting status were present: Gary Graham, Mike Jilek and Scott Percival

The following non-voting members were present: Susan Keller

III. Approval of minutes from last general meeting

The minutes from December 7th, 2017 were approved. **MOTION #38 Jennifer Zwicker moved that the minutes from the December 7th, 2017 general meeting be accepted as presented. Seconded by Tracy Tremble. Vote: all in favour - motion carried**

IV. Chairman report

The new club Administrator, Gary Graham, was introduced. He began training January 1st and the transition between administrators has been moving ahead smoothly. Gary has already helped with Division A try outs and promoting registration.

Joe Yakimchuk volunteered to be the Uniform Chairman. We are still in need of a photo day chairperson. Basil Cooper is booked to take photos from 8am-5pm, April 22nd at the Capital News Center (CNC).

To date, 683 children are registered (plus over 200 in Division A). The new U5 program has 43 registrants. As has been typical in past years, many late enrolments are anticipated. A registration reminder was posted on the

OMYSA Facebook page last week. Board members are encouraged to share the page. Husky has our free advertisement up on their roadside sign. The new registration reminder banners are up, but need to be reprinted in a larger size, as the present font cannot be deciphered while driving. The CNC will allow us to put a notice up advertising COYSA registration for all of its clubs. Our club will pay to have the poster made with all of the COYSA club logos. All signage can be reused for coming years. Advertising soccer registration through Mission schools is being explored. Prior to distribution, the Superintendent or designate must approve all notices.

It was debated whether or not we should continue to pay for a landline or whether a cell phone would be more beneficial to reach our club administrator with. It was agreed to set up voicemail for our existing landline and then to see how many messages are received from the public over the next few months.

Due to the resignation of the club administrator and to changes in board members, the following resolutions were necessary. **MOTION #39 Jamie Schram moved that whereas Brad Trites is no longer a member of the OMYSA Board and whereas Jessica Ireland has resigned from her position as Administrator, therefore be it resolved that both individuals be removed as signatories on all organizational bank accounts with Interior Savings Credit Union. Seconded by Curtis Johnson-Morrison. Vote: all in favour - motion carried**

MOTION #40 Joe Yakimchuk moved that whereas Gary Graham is the new Administrator for OMYSA, therefore it is resolved that he be designated as a signatory on organizational bank accounts with Interior Savings Credit Union. Seconded by Tracy Tremble. Vote: all in favour - motion carried

V. Tiering Report

Malachi Nordine was not present for the meeting. Mark reported that the second tiering evaluation session was completed on the weekend. Gary, Mark and Malachi are meeting tomorrow to confirm coaches and teams. A meeting with the coaches will then be held on the weekend and the list of Division A teams will be available Monday.

BC Soccer wants Division B teams tiered, however a lot of clubs in our area do not have enough players for multiple teams. Because of this, it is thought that it follows that OMYSA teams should also be balanced.

It was agreed that this year we would prefer not to move teams up and down between Divisions A and B. Scott Percival and Mike Jilek will take our recommendation to COYSA.

VI. Development Report

Mike Jilek relayed that Kelowna United has conformed interest in running the U5/U6 program and in assisting with development programs such as a goal keeping clinic. Proposals will be finalized for a vote at the next meeting. PacificSport is presenting information for their Fundamental Movement Skills course at the next coaches meeting.

VII. COYSA Report

Eliminating Fall soccer for older divisions is being considered. This year, the U16 season will end in June, as those players appear to have the most difficulty with fall practices. If it goes well, next year the U14 division will also stop practicing in June. We would like to send out a short survey to last years OMYSA coaches asking for feedback on ways to improve soccer in our club and with a question inquiring specifically about their fall soccer experiences.

VIII. Sponsorship Report

Jamie Schram communicated that \$13K in sponsorship money has been confirmed. It is projected that we will fall short of the funds received last year as we have lost several large sponsors. The board will continue to look for opportunities to contact potential donors.

IX. New Business

a) Refund Policy for 2018 - Regarding the club's refund policy, **MOTION #41 Mike Jilek moved that effective immediately, during the month of February, a full refund will be issued less a \$25 administration fee. During the month of March, a full refund will be issued less a \$50 administration fee. As of April 1st, no refunds will be provided (exceptional circumstances will be assessed on an individual basis). Seconded by Jon Basaraba. Vote: all in favour - motion carried**

b) Coaches Meeting - While yet to be confirmed, it is suspected that the U7-U12 season will start April 21st. In preparation, the coaches meeting will be held on *Wednesday April 4th*, at Willow Park Church South (subject to availability). Equipment will be handed out the morning of *Sunday April 8th*. The equipment container will need to come out of storage the week prior. As we have in the past, a tournament entry fee (approximately \$450) will be offered to a team (preferably U16) who is willing to help sort and hand out equipment from about 8am-noon.

X. Referee Scheduler Report

Susan Keller submitted her January report via email (see attachment A). Our club would like its own referee mentor, independent of COYSA. Susan has three appropriate candidates in mind for the position as a result of her discussions with the Referee in Chief. **MOTION #42 Nolan Belanger moved**

that Susan Keller be in charge of hiring a referee mentor contracted for referee training during the spring only, at a salary of \$750. Seconded by Tracy Tremble. Vote: all in favour - motion carried. The exact contract is to be fine tuned by both Susan and Mark.

Mark will research the cost of purchasing headsets so the referee mentor can communicate with referees in real time.

XI. Adjournment

The date for the upcoming February general meeting will be Monday February 19th in the KPMG boardroom. The following meetings are tentatively scheduled for Monday March 12th and Monday April 9th, locations to be announced.

Mark Hesketh adjourned the meeting at 9:00pm.

Minutes submitted by Jennifer Zwicker