



**Okanagan Mission Youth Soccer Association
General Meeting Minutes
April 9th, 2018**

I. Call to order

Chairman Mark Hesketh called to order the general meeting of the Okanagan Mission Youth Soccer Association (OMYSA) at 7:08pm on April 9th, 2018, at Willow Park Church South.

II. Roll call

The following executive members with voting status were present: Mark Hesketh, Jon Basaraba, Jennifer Zwicker, Tony Parmar and Nolan Belanger. Quorum was established at 7:15pm with the arrival of Curtis Johnson-Morrison.

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

The following non-voting members were present: Susan Keller

III. Approval of minutes from last general meeting

The minutes from March 12th, 2018 were approved. **MOTION #46 Jennifer Zwicker moved that the minutes from the March 12th, 2018 general meeting be accepted as presented. Seconded by Jon Basaraba. Vote: all in favour - motion carried**

IV. Chairman report

Mark Hesketh reported that the coaches' meeting was a success. Schedules have been distributed and coaches are in the process of contacting their players. All equipment and uniforms were received on time. An email was sent to coaches reminding them that they must have up to date criminal record checks (good for 3 years).

V. Administrator report

It has been a very busy month finalizing registrations and getting the season set up. If possible, it would be useful in coming years to have the field assignments earlier. Gary Graham noted that there have been an abundance of team requests and multiple coaching issues. 32 players dropped out due to

scheduling conflicts with other sports. With 66 late registrations, the total number of players registered is 1238. Next year our registration software will be set to automatically keep registration open until the maximum number of players for a division is reached. It was agreed that it is not an issue if sponsor logos cannot be put on uniforms for late players.

Coaches are still needed for U5, U6 and U11. Girls U12 need support/an assistant coach. U18 girls have been contacted to see if any will assist with practices. College students that may need volunteer hours will also be reached out to.

Next year, Gary would like to create a form for sponsors to fill out that will compile all of their data into a spreadsheet.

VI. Financial report

Treasurer Tony Parmar reported that revenue is approximately \$20K under that projected in the budget as fewer players than expected registered. However, as a result of having fewer players, some expenses will also decrease (i.e. uniforms, photos, COYSA and Active Sports fees).

Gary will provide Susan Keller with a link to a form to send to the referees so that they can fill out their payroll information. Referees will be paid two times, electronically, during the season.

VII. COYSA report

There has not been a COYSA meeting since we last met.

VIII. Open issues

a) Development Update - holding development clinics prior to the season starting worked out well. An email reminder has been sent to coaches about a goaltender clinic and upcoming sessions.

b) Picture Day - everything is on track for Sunday, April 22nd at the Capital News Centre (CNC). Jon Basaraba will draft a reminder to go out to parents and coaches detailing used equipment donation on that day. All agreed via email that Girl Guides could sell cookies at the event as long as it is okay with the CNC.

Tracy Tremble is working on a table for coaches and U14 and up players to pick up their ID cards at. Next year, players will not be able to register without uploading a photo first.

c) U5 Program Review - the program is still developing. The current format is 30 minutes of practice time followed by 30 minutes of game play. A game schedule will be drawn up and some basic rules will be included with it.

d) U6 Program Review - the schedules for this division are still being finalized. Due to logistics, U7 divisions did not receive free balls. There should be enough size 3 balls in storage to cover the younger divisions next year. Additionally, there are black shorts in storage that should also be used in the future.

e) Store Discount - a link to the Soccer Express online store will be posted on our website. Initially, we will be promoting referee gear at 20% off. OMYSA will receive a kickback of 7% of the orders. This would be a great place for parents to purchase coach appreciation gifts such as coach jackets. Joe Yakimchuk is working on the details.

f) New Small Sided Referee Meeting - Discipline Chairman Curtis Johnson-Morrison is unable to attend the Thursday, April 12th referee meeting. Mark Hesketh will go in his place.

IX. New Business

a) Player Commitment Policy - a lengthy discussion took place regarding whether or not OMYSA needs an official player commitment policy. Players often can't fully commit to soccer due to conflicts with other sports. Having a policy would give coaches something to refer to when a player's continued absence is negatively impacting their team. The board had difficulty pinpointing the minimum number of games and practices a player should be required to attend in order to keep a spot on a team. Some members felt that instead of having a concrete policy, that coaches should continue to make their own decisions on a case-by-case basis. No consensus was reached.

X. Referee Scheduler report

Susan Keller provided her April report via email (see attachment A).

A headset would provide the referee mentor with better real time communication with referees on the field and thus add greater depth to their training. **MOTION #47 Curtis Johnson-Morrison moved that Rene Hantelmann bring to the board a few options for headsets at a maximum cost of approximately \$600. Seconded by Jon Basaraba. Vote: all in favour - motion carried**

XI. Adjournment

The next general meeting will be Thursday, May 10th, at a yet to be determined location. Jon Basaraba will chair the meeting.

Mark Hesketh adjourned the meeting at 9:00pm.

Minutes submitted by Jennifer Zwicker