



Okanagan Mission Youth Soccer Association
General Meeting Minutes
February 19th, 2018

I. Call to order

Chairman Mark Hesketh called to order the general meeting of the Okanagan Mission Youth Soccer Association (OMYSA) at 7:04pm on February 19th, 2018 at the KPMG boardroom.

II. Roll call

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

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

The following non-voting members were present: Susan Keller and Louise Richardson

III. Approval of minutes from last general meeting

The minutes from January 18th, 2018 were approved. **MOTION #43 Jennifer Zwicker moved that the minutes from the January 18th, 2018 general meeting be accepted as presented. Seconded by Jon Basaraba. Vote: all in favour - motion carried**

IV. Chairman report

Chairman Mark Hesketh reported that, weather depending, fields will open on April 16th. Games can begin April 21st. The first club chairman meeting of the year is scheduled for February 20th. Both Mark and Jon Basaraba will attend.

Equipment (balls, bags, flags etc.) has been purchased. More gear was required this year as the club transitions from the previous free ball program to using club balls. Extra stock can be carried over to use next year. The U16 Boys Division A team will help with equipment sorting in exchange for a tournament entry fee (\$450).

In regards to the \$50 Division A surcharge, it was decided that each coach will be given \$30 from each fee to put towards fields for extra practice time. Any left over funds can be used for the team at the coach's discretion.

Gary Graham is looking into printing Player ID cards. Division A coaches have been experimenting with using Active Sports for team management.

Louise Richardson is coordinating fields.

V. Administrator report

Administrator Gary Graham noted that registration is at 1205 players. The number of girls registered is up from last year, but overall, numbers are down slightly from last year (taking into account the new U5 division). Several refunds were given due to injuries and conflicts with hockey. Late registration is no longer available for Boys U11, U12, U14 and Girls U11, U14, as player numbers are maxed out in these divisions.

The majority of coaching assignments are complete, however, volunteers are still needed to coach Boys U5, U7, U11, Girls U5, U7. We are just 10 coaches short on 96 teams. Google Docs is being used to ensure that sponsors are matched to appropriate teams. A spreadsheet has been created with team numbers to facilitate the ordering of correct uniform quantities.

Board executive changes have been updated on the website. The club voicemail is currently being checked daily and has received only 8 messages in the last month. If we move the landline to the administrator's house, the current number may be lost.

All Division A practices have been scheduled. Google Calendar is being used in order to increase organization.

VI. Uniforms report

Joe Yakimchuk presented a detailed report on uniforms (see attachment A). Soccer Express has provided a sizing spreadsheet for each age group. Sample uniforms are also being supplied. In previous years, shorts have run large. Hopefully, with our new provider, this issue can be resolved.

VII. Financial report

Treasurer Tony Parmar is in the process of reconciling the books for January. Payroll is being set up for the new administrator but an official employment contact needs to be drawn up and signed. Tony will be transferring the responsibility of day-to-day finances to Gary shortly.

The budget will be impacted as fewer players than expected registered. However, as a result of having fewer players, some expenses will also decrease (i.e. uniforms, photos, COYSA & Active Sports fees).

VIII. Tiering report

The team declaration meeting is scheduled for February 26th. A major discussion point is the policy of tiering house teams in U11 and up. A new suggestion for this process would be to create balanced teams and then once they have all played, separate them into top and bottom tiers. After much discussion regarding the pros and cons of tiering, it is the general feeling of our club that house teams should be balanced.

IX. Development report

Joe Yakimchuk emailed out Dante Zanatta's proposal to provide technical development and oversight for U5-U12 (see attachment B). The proposal is within budget. **MOTION #44 Jamie Schram moved that the development proposal be accepted at the cost presented. Seconded by Joe Yakimchuk. Vote: all in favour - motion carried**

It is felt that a nominal fee of \$20-\$30 should be charged per player, for the 6 session goal keeping clinic. The actual cost of the clinic is approximately \$60 per player, the majority of which will be covered by OMYSA.

X. COYSA report

As neither Scott Percival nor Mike Jilek was able to be in attendance at tonight's meeting, Scott submitted their report to the board via email (see attachment C).

XI. Sponsorship report

Sponsorship chairwoman, Jamie Schram reported that we currently have \$21.1K in sponsorship funds promised. We have several unsponsored divisions. It was agreed to print free advertising for longstanding sponsors on these jerseys.

XII. Photo day report

Tracy noted that everything is on track for photo day. We need to promote that on photo day, we will be collecting previously used uniforms for donation to Ecuador.

XIII. Referee Scheduler report

Susan Keller reported that Rene Hantelmann has been hired as our new referee mentor. He will be introduced to the board at the coaches meeting and at the new referees meeting. A venue is needed for the April, small sided referee meeting.

Everyone who indicated an interest in refereeing has been notified of the courses offered by COYSA.

XIV. Adjournment

The date for the next meeting will be Monday, March 12th, at a yet to be determined location.

Mark Hesketh adjourned the meeting at 8:10pm.

Minutes submitted by Jennifer Zwicker