



**Okanagan Mission Youth Soccer Association**  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**I. Call to order**

Vice-Chairman Jon Basaraba called to order the general meeting of the Okanagan Mission Youth Soccer Association (OMYSA) at 7:05pm on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018, at Willow Park Church South.

**II. Roll call**

The following executive members with voting status were present: Jon Basaraba, Jennifer Zwicker, Malachi Nordine, Curtis Johnson-Morrison, Tracy Tremble and Joe Yakimchuk. Quorum established.

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 February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 were approved. **MOTION #45 Jennifer Zwicker moved that the minutes from the February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 general meeting be accepted as presented. Seconded by Tracy Tremble. Vote: all in favour - motion carried**

**IV. Administrator report**

Gary Graham reported that registration is currently at 1221 players (548 girls/673 boys). Coaches are still needed for U7 Boys (x2), U8 Girls (possibly filled), U11 Boys and U12 Girls. Multiple follow up emails have been sent out requesting volunteers. If no parents are willing to fill these positions, conceivably, university students or U18 players could be used. Tracy Tremble will contact the Referee in Chief for leads. As a very last resort, Malachi Nordine could help with the U11 Boys, as their practice is the same night as his U16 team. While the past few budgets have not allowed for it, the board feels strongly that something needs to be done to show appreciation for our coaches. At a minimum, coach jackets should be included in the next budget.

1110 players have been assigned to a team, leaving only 88 unassigned. 23 players are missing payment or documentation. Ways to make team formation more efficient for next year are being identified. One option being considered is at the time of registration, allowing players to elect to be on the same team as the previous year. This would provide a base for team formation rather than starting from scratch each year.

COYSA has declared that U7 games will no longer have referees. Coaches are to oversee these games.

All sponsors have been invoiced. Time is now being devoted to getting current sponsor logos on the OMYSA website.

## **V. COYSA report**

Unable to attend tonight's meeting, Mike Jilek submitted a COYSA report via email, portions of which were also presented by Scott Percival who was present at the meeting.

COYSA's office is moving to a new location as the current rent increased from \$9,765 to \$13,241. The new location will see a small increase in rent to \$11,400 (\$0.33 per player) but has more square footage.

Much debate continues to occur regarding the policy of tiering house teams. It is a complex issue that some clubs, like OMYSA, balanced their teams while others did not. Curtis Johnson-Morrison would like to see the outcome of each match recorded in order to gather empirical data on how each team fared throughout the season. A well-liked idea for the future is that all B teams could play each other and then be split into two divisions based on results.

The ideal length of the U16 season remains undetermined. Providing there are enough fields and referees available, it may be possible to condense the current number of games into a shorter season, ending in June instead of September. A committee with a representative from each club, chaired by Scott Percival, will further explore all of the options available.

Cowichan will be hosting the BC Summer Games from July 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>. Kelowna United is in charge of selecting teams for the event. The games are open to U15 boys and girls (born in 2003 or 2004) that are registered with BC Soccer (with the exception of the BC Soccer Premier League). Applications are being accepted for coaches with a minimum coaching qualification of Provincial B. Once coaches are selected, evaluation dates will be determined.

All coaches and assistants need to have up to date criminal record checks done. The check can be completed in person at the local RCMP station or

online thru the Justice Institute. Any fees will be reimbursed. If both a coach and assistant with a completed check are not present on the field, the game or practice needs to be cancelled unless a team manager with a completed check can step in. Thus, it is recommended that team managers also have a criminal record check done so that they can sub in and avoid sessions being cancelled.

Tragically, referees continue to be abused, most frequently in the younger divisions. There is ZERO tolerance of verbal and/or physical referee abuse from coaches and parents. Perhaps more coach education is necessary to reiterate that it is the coach's responsibility to control not only themselves, but also parents. If a coach has an issue with refereeing, the rule is to wait 24hrs and then to contact Al Ryder, the Referee in Chief.

Referees were removed from small-sided (3 vs. 3) games.

It was discussed that the board and Willow Park Church South would still like to see the Bellevue Creek field utilized. Unfortunately, to date, COYSA has not approved the project to go ahead.

#### **VI. Uniform report**

Joe Yakimchuk reported that uniform orders have been placed for both Div A and House. Sponsor logos are in place. The Div A uniforms should arrive by the 21<sup>st</sup> of this month. The courier requires a residential address. Nolan Belanger received them last year and it will need to be confirmed if he will do so again.

A link to a flyer is being provided for referees who need to purchase gear at a discount. OMYSA will also receive a percentage of all orders as an incentive. Susan Keller will email the referees the link.

Joe will be unable to attend the coaches meeting in April.

#### **VII. Referee Scheduler report**

Susan Keller noted that our new Referee Mentor, Rene Hantelmann, will be introduced to the board at the May general meeting. He will also attend the coaches meeting and new small-sided referee meeting for introductions.

The new small-sided referee meeting will be held at Willow Park Church South on Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm to 7:30pm.

#### **VIII. Open issues**

a) Practice Schedule - Louise Richardson has the practice fields tentatively assigned. Mark will review them and have them finalized for the coaches meeting.

b) Picture Day - A pick up location is needed for coaches to get the completed photos for distribution to their teams. It was felt that Mark's house is the most central.

c) Coaches Meeting - the coaches meeting is scheduled for April 4<sup>th</sup>. As he is unable to attend, Curtis will delegate his discipline chair information to Mark to present. All board members available are encouraged to attend.

d) Coaches Clinics - there are no dates set yet for our coaches clinics. Dates need to be established in communication with Kelowna United, Dante Zanatta and Tom Flanagan as they will be in attendance to help promote the idea and to introduce themselves.

e) Email Reminder - it was discussed that it would be helpful for Gary to send an email reminding coaches of important dates such as the coaches meeting, clinics, picture day etc. and also highlighting the necessity of criminal record checks and the no abuse policy towards referees.

f) Div A Tryouts - perhaps Div A teams could be formed earlier next season as there was feedback that it was a great rush to register players, order uniforms and enroll teams in tournaments in time for this season's start. Suggestions included holding the 2 evaluations closer together and allowing potential players to register earlier and pay the surcharge later once they are confirmed a spot on a team.

## **IX. Adjournment**

The next general meeting will be Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, at Willow Park Church South.

Jon Basaraba adjourned the meeting at 8:40pm.

Minutes submitted by Jennifer Zwicker