



**Okanagan Mission Youth Soccer Association  
General Meeting Minutes  
May 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018, at Willow Park Church South.

**II. Roll call**

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

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

The following non-voting members were present: Susan Keller

**III. Approval of minutes from last general meeting**

The minutes from April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 were approved. **MOTION #48**  
**Jennifer Zwicker moved that the minutes from the April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 general meeting be accepted as presented. Seconded by Jon Basaraba. Vote: all in favour - motion carried**

**IV. Chairman report**

Chairman Mark Hesketh expressed frustration that Kelowna United (KU) poached a U14 Div B player three weeks into the season. Email contact was made with KU as their coach went directly to the player in question instead of following proper channels. The rules for how to responsibly call up a player are being reiterated to KU coaches. The player will be allowed to play for KU, but now his house team is considerably weaker.

The ongoing debate over tiering house teams continues. Canada Soccer, BC Soccer and COYSA all mandate tiering in all divisions. However, the rules aren't being enforced as some clubs are tiering and some are not, which isn't fair to players. Mark is willing to discuss options with the other local club chairmen and then meet with the COYSA chairman.

An email will be sent out to coaches, encouraging them to find creative ways to work on skills during a mismatched game, in order to avoid blowouts (leading by more than 5 goals). A Google Doc has been created to document scores for U11 and U12, as they aren't otherwise recorded. The spreadsheet will be shared with all 5 clubs.

The city of Kelowna has sent out their policy for container storage. We are unable to keep 2 containers in the same location. Containers need to be painted a neutral colour, have no advertising and display an ownership label with a contact number. We need to make sure our container insurance policy is up to date.

Picture day was a success. Basil Cooper went through all of the teams/player photos efficiently.

## **V. Administrator report**

In recognition of all of the hard work Gary Graham has been doing in his new role as administrator, the board presented a small gesture of a \$100 gift card to him.

Gary reported that we ended with a total of 1242 players registered (up from 1195 last year but not taking into account the new U5 division). \$2450 in late registration fees was collected as well as \$1500 in cancellation fees. 42 players cancelled for reasons such as schedule conflict, injury, or choosing other sports (i.e. track & field, volleyball, basketball, karate). Two U10 Boys were lost to KU.

An Excel document is being put together to track criminal record checks so coaches can be notified when their check is due to be completed again.

In order to make next year's registration process more efficient, photos for U14 and above will be mandatory at the time of registration. The registration software will allow divisions to stay open until they are filled and will automatically apply late fees. It would also be helpful to do away with payment by cheque. Sponsors will hopefully be given an electronic form with the ability to upload their logo and pay with PayPal. Division A tryouts will be held earlier next season. Hopefuls will be able to register right away and then pay the surcharge later if they make the Div A team.

## **VI. Financial report**

We are waiting on financial documents, as Treasurer Tony Parmar was unable to attend tonight's meeting. It is our goal to have the club's books closed before summer break.

Gary is ready to learn basic bookkeeping. If a volunteer cannot be found to teach him, he will attend a course, at our cost.

As it has not been effective to have QuickBooks confined to one shared laptop, **MOTION #49 Curtis Johnson-Morrison moved that QuickBooks be taken to cloud storage so that it is accessible from multiple locations. Seconded by Jon Basaraba. Vote: all in favour - motion carried**

**VII. Development report**

Mike Jilek is looking into having the Whitecaps do some training next year. An email to players U11 and up will be sent to see if there is sufficient interest in a goalkeeper clinic. The cost to us is \$65, including field rental, for 6 keepers to attend. Players however, will only be charged \$30 to attend the 4 sessions. Coaches are free to attend.

Feedback from coaches would be beneficial to determine what clinics they would find helpful next year.

**VIII. Discipline report**

Curtis Johnson-Morrison reported a busy weekend as a coach was suspended as a result of his behaviour. There is still not adequate respect for referees from both coaches and players. Another reminder will be sent with the mid season update, that coaches are responsible for not only themselves but for their players and their player's parents.

**IX. Uniform report**

Uniform chairman Joe Yakimchuk provided a detailed report (see attachment A).

**X. COYSA report**

Mike Jilek stepped down as COYSA representative. **MOTION #50 Jon Basaraba moved to elect Mike Jilek as an OMYSA director as Development Chairman. Seconded by Joe Yakimchuk. Vote: all in favour - motion carried**

Scott Percival was unavailable as he was attending the concurrent COYSA meeting.

**XI. Referee Scheduler report**

Susan Keller reported that we have 26 returning referees and 70 new small-sided referees certified, for a total of 96 referees available to request games from OMYSA. Many referees are working for more than one club. 83 referees requested games for the first round of availability and to date, 78 referees have requested games for the second round of availability. The schedule has been created to the end of June. The pay system needs to be addressed.

Referee Mentor Rene Hantelmann contacted several sources regarding headsets for communicating with referees. The best price he could find was \$700, \$100 more than previously approved by the board. **MOTION #51**

**Malachi Nordine moved to increase the budget for a headset to \$700. Seconded by Mike Jilek. Vote: all in favour - motion carried.** Rene has been observing a minimum of two hours per weekend and has currently written 39 reports that have been sent out to individual referees. His presence is a great asset to the referees.

**XII. Open issues**

a) U5/U6 Wrap Up - it was agreed that the year-end pizza party wrap up traditionally held after the last game of the season would be carried out the same as in previous years. Volunteers are needed to help distribute pizza, which will hopefully be donated.

**XIII. Adjournment**

The next general meeting will tentatively take place at KPMG on Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. This will be the last meeting until September.

Mark Hesketh adjourned the meeting at 9:18pm.

Minutes submitted by Jennifer Zwicker