

2016 League Meeting

Wednesday, March 2nd, 2016
ELLISON HALL – 4411 OLD VERNON ROAD

Team sign in begins @ 6:15 PM
Meeting to begin @ 6:30 PM

MEETING MINUTES

1) Call to Order

EL – Introduced herself as chair due to SW being away with baby (Congrats ☺) She also discussed the survey briefly, only 7 more responses so not enough to go over at meeting.

2) Roll Call

TN – completed Roll Call with 100% attendance.

3) Introductions:

a) New members;

- i) Registrar – Meghan McCourt
- ii) Vice President – Toni Nicholls
- iii) Donna Adams – Scheduler

b) Secretary position – Debbie Moore has stepped down in the interim for family reasons

EC – At this time we are not going to replace this position, and the other members of the executive are sharing the duties.

4) Adoption of Agenda

1st: PSG 2nd: Attitude Avengers

5) Approval of minutes from AGM

1st: Surge 2nd: Wasa Shooters

6) Referee Scheduler / Referee in Chief

Al Ryder – No significant rules changes for 2016, but advised that for 2017 there will be new rules. Fifa is cutting the rule book by half which will result in significant changes. He also reminded the importance of getting the game sheet in sooner – 15 min before game time is ideal. Home team should have it prepared before even arriving at the field.

Q: Is there an easier, more efficient way of dealing with game sheets? (i.e. the use of stickers / labels) A: There is, but no system is perfect and note that the game sheet consists of only 20? lines)

As for returning AR's and Ref's – at this time last year there were 130. At this point there have only been 68 returning. A question was asked what the reason for this was – but unfortunately it is unknown. There are currently three entry level courses that are being offered now for Ref's but they haven't been filling up as in years past either.

Al advised to everyone that AR's make \$30 per game with KWSL and \$35 per game with KMSL with varying amounts for COYSA. Age to take the course is 14 to run adult lines.

Because of the shortage of returning Ref's – caution to the League that some games may not have 2 AR's running the lines. Al recommends that Div 1 should have two, and Div 3/Div 4/Masters can do without the additional.

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A question arose on if the league would contribute financially to put individuals through the course, and RE responded that KWSL along with KMSL and COYSA all put in money to help run the courses. Any additional funds to pay for the Ref Courses would have to be Motioned in the AGM and voted upon at the League Meeting in 2017.

7) Eurosport is once again KWSL drop-off location for Registration packages, Fines / payments / ID cards, etc.

EL – reminded everyone that CASH is not accepted, and to be kind to the employees of Eurosport. They have nothing to do with the League, and it is only for pick up/drop off – no questions.

8) League Sponsors – Title Sponsor: The Spotted Spa (discounts) ; League Food & Beverage Sponsor: The Canadian Brewhouse (packages for teams)

JK – Discussed the three Title Sponsors: Canadian Brewhouse, Spotted Spa and TeamKits.

CBH is donating team Prime Rib dinners, in addition to when 2 or more players go there with their cards, they will get a free 8" pizza, and there are deals on Tankards of beer.

SS has a coupon for each player for 10% off services.

TK has a coupon for each player for 10% of product.

All of these coupons/cards are in the Sponsor Package which was available to be handed out to each team after the meeting.

- a) KWSL is making a considerable effort to bring on more sponsors for the KWSL Sunday Cup and possibly Zodiac Tournament to generate more revenue to keep league fees to a minimum.

DA – working on it.

9) Open Issues:

a) 2016 Division Representatives:

EL – provided a brief explanation of duties (emails, queries, acting liaison, attend meetings, etc.). Emails for contacts are posted on website. Use the proper chain of communication.

- i) Division 1 – Amanda Samaddar
- ii) Division 2 – Stacy Rothery
- iii) Division 3 – Desiree Harris
- iv) Division 4 – Michelle Candlish
- v) Masters – Donna Adams

b) Fields

EL – Reminder: no dogs on the fields, pick up garbage & recycling. Due to inclement weather, use the fields hotlines (posted online and each team will have a card with the numbers).

If the field is in poor condition, take pictures and send to the League Scheduler (email on website) so they have concrete proof to provide to the City etc. Examples would be holes, no lines, flooding, etc.

c) League Reminders:

EL - Games to start on time w/ game sheets ready; Forfeit deadline is April 30th; Fines not received by end of day on their due date means all games are forfeit until fines are paid; Fines to be dropped off at Eurosport – DO NOT MAIL.

Teams need to speak with referee on the field when an issue arises so they can add it to their report. Otherwise the league cannot address it. Examples: Games not starting on time, cards not being checked etc.

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Forfeit deadline without penalty is April 30th for regular season and April 15th for Sunday Cup.

10) New Business:

a) Registration Packages, Fees and Due Dates

MM- First team registration packages were emailed out on February 23rd, and second ones to new teams and bounced back emails were sent out on February 26th.

Reminder that League Fees are due by March 15th, Packages by March 26th, Rosters by March 31st, and May 31st is the last day to register players and provide final BC Soccer roster.

b) Masters Division (Structure and information / free agents list)

DA – Confirmed that games will be on Monday nights. Games for the four teams registered will alternate between Rutland Fields one week, and Mission Fields the next week. Both games will be held at same fields.

Q: How many teams registered? A: 4

Q: Can players from any division play Masters if over 30? A: yes

Q: Do players have to be on Roster? A: no, they can register on another team and play 'up' for Masters

c) League Structure for 2016 season

EL: this was emailed to teams; we have done away with div 1 split and there will be 5 divisions (the Exec listened to the players). Team structure was sent out by Donna and final structure will likely be posted with the schedule.

d) KWSL 'Sister Teams': Sign-up and info:

JK – discussed the board in the back of the room and how there was contact information for all of the teams. If any other teams want to pair up, they can take the contact information of another team.

e) Tournaments:

i) Co-Ed Tournament

SS – Discussed the dates, division, location etc.

- Registration forms and posters are at the table at the back
- Request for volunteers / Donations / Sponsors
- Early Bird – June 15th. Email address for the Co-ed Tourney is kwslcoed@gmail.com

ii) KWSL Sunday Cup: structure / dates of play / teams' participation

DA – let the team reps know that this is something that needs to be voted on later in the meeting. Motioned to the poster in the back of the room that has a sample schedule. Only 1 game per month - starting with lower divisions and including the higher divisions along the way.

Q: Is this a change from last year? A: This is brand new – hasn't been done in the KWSL before.

Q: Can we vote on this if it wasn't proposed at the AGM? A: Because this isn't a By-Law or Constitutional change we can discuss and vote for at the League Meeting.

Q: Is this like the Men's League Royal Cup? A: yes

Q: How many players can be picked up? A: 3*

*the amount of players the Exec advised that each team can pick up created greater discussion. Many teams had concerns as they have over 5 women that are playing up from a Lower Division.

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With more discussions with team reps and the Exec, we agreed that it would be fair for each team to submit a Sunday Cup Roster by April 15th, same date as when teams can back out.

Q: Is Masters included in the Sunday Cup? A: No

iii) Zodiac Tournament (May Long Weekend)

SS – Bringing back the Zodiac Tournament that started many years ago, and stopped in 2010. Difference this year is the city isn't running it so we are able to get sponsorship: Mark V Auto Body and Q103.1. We are still able to get other sponsors on board as well.

Sheila is working with Tourism Kelowna to get some deals for out of town teams on accommodations. We are also eligible for a grant for each out of town player that travels more than 80km for the tournament (will get after the tournament). This will be a BC Soccer sanctioned event; note that any Red Cards will likely carry-over to that Players' League (where applicable)

City of Kelowna is still helping us promote it, along with we are promoting in Lower Mainland and Calgary.

- Registration forms are at the side table at the back
- General Information and contact info: tournaments@kwsl.ca
- Request for volunteers (set up/take town) – teams that have volunteers will have discount on team registration fees for 2017.
- Early Bird Registration deadline: April 10th. Regular cut-off is May 4th.
- 16+ years of age are eligible.
- There will be compensation to KWSL Teams for volunteering at Zodiac (likely in the form of a credit towards League Fees). This amount has not yet been determined.
- Each team is guaranteed three (3) games.

f) Items for vote:

i) Referee Bursaries

EL: \$500.00 each for one male and one female KWSL official. \$500.00 was carried over from 2015. This will be based on recommendations from Al Ryder. The chosen deserving referees will be presented their bursary at the 2016 Annual General Meeting.

Q: Are these registered Bursaries? A: No

Motion to Approve: Wasa Shooters

Second: MPG Mavericks

All in favour: Majority

ii) KWSL Sunday Cup

EL: Expenses will be paid from previous year's surplus and is not accounted for in the 2016 budget (next year this will be included as a regular expense) estimate is \$5,000.00. Amount will be dependent on the total number of teams participating. Each team is to also provide a Roster for the Sunday Cup Tournament by April 15th to confirm any players that are playing up a Division.

Note: teams without this issue do not have to submit rosters

Motion to Approve: Booty Queens

Second: Attitude Avengers

All in favour: Majority vote – Item passed

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iii) Zodiac Tournament

EL: Expenses will come from previous year's surplus and is not accounted for in the 2016 budget. No way to accurately estimate this amount at this time. The idea is to eventually use any profits generated from this tournament to off-set increases to League Fees.

Motion to Approve: Surge

Second: Booty Queens

All in favour: Majority vote – Item passed

g) Overall Budget Approval

No questions

Motion to Approve: PSG

Second: Petal to the Metal

All in favour: Majority vote – Item Passed.

All voting items were passed with Majority.

h) Jersey / Equipment donations

EL: KWSL is accepting donations for old jerseys, shorts, team equipment etc. to send to underprivileged countries. Jenn (Media Rep) will be a contact, and Spotted Spa has authorized using their location for drop off.

11) Adjournment

7:31pm

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