

Athabasca Soccer Association
Annual General Meeting
January 23, 2012

MINUTES

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

President Shelli Stocki called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on January 23, 2012.

a) Agenda

As the members had nothing to add to the agenda, Shaun Morrison motioned to approve the agenda as presented (see attached); Mandy Smith seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

b) Minutes

A motion to accept the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of January 25, 2011, were passed by Harmony Lamoureux, Shelly Markowski seconded the motion; the motion was passed.

2.0 Reports/ Presentations

a) Key Issues/Events

President Shelli Stocki began the meeting by announcing to the AGM a significant change to the regulations of Tri-County for the 2012 Outdoor Season: **all coaches must be certified**. If volunteers are already certified but moving up levels of coaching (i.e. from Youth to Adult), they will be required to be recertified. Coaching clinics for the two levels will be offered before the outdoor season begins, but the dates have yet to be confirmed. Once the clinic dates are established, announcements will be made in the Advocate, on the radio and all coaches will be contacted. The website of the Athabasca Soccer Association will be regularly updated with information on this matter.

Shelli was proud to announce that the Multisport Park was one step closer to actualization. They broke sod in October for the outdoor fields and they will be ready for use next year.

b) President's Report

Shelly reported that the Athabasca Soccer Association had another successful season. The total registration numbers were 470 with 99 youth playing indoor soccer and 371 playing outdoor. Other indicators that speak of the excellent program this community has to offer were highlighted:

- Three teams represented Athabasca in provincials: U12 Girls (Martin), U14 Boys (Elgert) and U16 Boys (Chernish).
- The Athabasca Annual Tournament hosted 50 teams with 570 youth enjoying soccer during the two day tournament.

- Athabasca Soccer Association provided referee and coaching clinics which took place in the Multiplex
- Several ambitious projects have come to fruition:
 - ◆ \$250,000 will be spent over 5 years to fund construction of the outdoor fields in the Multisport Park. The fundraising activities of bingos and casinos will finance these fields.
 - ◆ The indoor boards were purchased and installed in time for the beginning of the 2011-2012 Indoor Season. The presence of the boards has improved practices and has enabled Athabasca to host its first indoor tournament (U6/U8).
- There has been no increase to soccer registration fees for the upcoming outdoor season.
- Success of any community sports program is its volunteers so all members of the AGM were urged to volunteer and indicate where they could help out on the registration form.

Shelli concluded her report by emphasizing the strength of the Athabasca Soccer Association and credits the numerous volunteers and well-organized Executive for this solidity. Shelly specifically thanked the coaches, managers, parent liaisons, officials, the Executive and all of the members for making 2011 so successful.

b) Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Karen Seal provided the financial statements (see attached) for the year ending December 31, 2011, and they showed a balance of \$194,401.59. Karen explained in detail some of the major financial transactions that took place during the 2011 year. The September casino earned the Association \$55,043.14. The indoor boards cost \$77,403.50 but this expense does not show in the Income Statement as the invoice was recently paid (January 2012). The balance would be \$194,401.59 less \$77,403.50 = \$116,998.09 if the boards were factored in. Harmony Lamoureux passed a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, Anne Karczmarczyk seconded; the motion was carried.

c) Tri-County Report

Tri-County Representative Natasha Gillman-Oltmanns summarized her experience during the past year as Tri-County Representative. She told the assembly that in the beginning, she "tried to play nice in the sandbox". But she noticed that Athabasca got the shaft when it came to scheduling: teams in the same age group sometimes played an unequal number of games and Athabasca teams usually had the lesser amount of games. This made a difference in the final placings and some of our teams didn't go to provincials because of this scheduling inequality. Our kids were at a disadvantage and that wasn't fair. When this issue was brought up to Tri-County, Natasha was told that to correct the extra games that some communities played, there would be a draw to pull out a random "extra" game in order to equalize all the teams. This didn't happen. Natasha noticed that the Tri-County meetings can entail a lot of discussion that doesn't always find its way into the minutes.

On a positive note, Athabasca was asked to appear before a Tri-County panel to discuss our team selection process. The hearing process was conducted smoothly, Athabasca was exonerated and the whole affair highlighted that the process was in place for a reason.

Natasha explained that the current President of Tri-County is stepping down in April. Her departure leaves a void in the Tri-County Executive and a new President is needed. However, an existing Executive member cannot run for the position. As Natasha declared that she is stepping down from her Executive position of Tri-County Representative (she is interested in the Tri-County executive position of Secretary), she urged the Assembly to fill this position as Athabasca needs strong representation on Tri-County.

3.0 Elections

The Executive positions for 2012 were filled by the following:

President – Shelli Stocki

Vice President – Michele Boczkowski

Secretary – Amy Walling

Registrar – Lorrill Waschuk

Treasurer – Karen Seal

Coaching Director – Glenn Martin

Communications Director – Florene Ypma

Referee-In-Chief – Dustin Pysyk

Referee and Field Scheduler – Dustin Pysyk

Tri-County Representative – Constance Nicholle

Equipment Manager – Christa Wilkinson (Assistant – Shelly Markowski)

Tournament Chair Persons – Harmony Lamoureux

Field Supervisors @ WHPS – Marilyn Holt (Assts: Colleen Elgert/Darlene Bertin)

Field Supervisors @ LTIS – Cathy Meyer (Asst: Amanda Smith)

Field Supervisors @ EPC – Renada Wilson (Asst: Tyler McFetridge)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

4.0 Registrations 2012

2012 outdoor registrations were taken after the meeting had concluded.