

Athabasca Soccer Association
Annual General Meeting
January 25, 2011

MINUTES

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

President Amy Strong called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on January 25, 2011.

a) Agenda

Sandra Hayward motioned to approve the agenda as presented (see attached); the motion was carried.

b) Minutes

No motion was made to accept the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of January 20, 2010 as the minutes were not available at the meeting.

2.0 Reports/ Presentations

a) President's Report

President Amy Strong emphasized the strength of the Athabasca Soccer Association in its registration numbers, its fiscal health and the success of its outdoor teams in tournaments (lots of medals were won) and in the two County Cup wins by the U12 Boys and U14 Boys. She reviewed changes and the current issues:

- the Town Council vetoed its commitment in the development of the outdoor soccer fields. Amy urged those in attendance at the AGM to sign a letter of support which will be presented to the Town Council in the future as the Executive tries to drum up support for the outdoor fields
- the outdoor league schedule was unfair to Athabasca as they did the most travelling on weeknights. Amy explained that the Association will bring this issue to the attention of Tri-county and demand fair scheduling for all Tri-county communities
- in an effort to attract more referees, their fees were increased for the upcoming season
- soccer registration fees did not increase this year
- another fundraising casino will be held in the late summer
- due to the lack of support and attendance of the 2010 AGM and the need to fill newly vacant Executive positions, it was decided that the registration form would not be posted on the website and parents would have to be present at the AGM to register their children for soccer

Amy concluded her report by giving a big thanks to all volunteers without whom there would be no community soccer. She personally thanked all those who helped her during her two years as President and she wished the new Executive the best of luck.

b) Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Karen Seal provided the financial statements (see attached) for the year ending December 31, 2010. Shelly Markowski passed a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report; the motion was carried.

c) Membership Issues

Numerous questions arose about the Executive's decision to boycott the outdoor provincials. The Executive explained the turmoil of the Alberta Soccer Association, that we are only 1 of 13 communities in Tri-County, and although we did vote to boycott provincials, it was still the majority vote of the 13 communities in Tri-County that determines the stance of Tri-County regarding the boycott. The membership requested a procedure for voting on a provincial boycott that would inform and include all members. The Executive responded that this issue would be discussed at the first meeting of the new executive.

3.0 Elections

The floor was open to nominations for all Executive positions. Mark Francis conducted the elections but had some opening remarks. He highlighted the fact that the Athabasca Soccer Association is a strong association that is well-organized and healthy financially. He emphasized that the Association runs an excellent soccer program as evidenced by the 32 outdoor teams and 330 kids that played this year. But, he explained, 32 outdoor teams means 32 coaches, 32 managers, 330 registration forms.....this is a lot of volunteers. The greatness of a community program lies in its volunteers. Mark urged those at the AGM to come forward and fill some of the vacant executive positions. He reminded everyone that the outgoing Executive will help with the transition to the new Executive.

The Executive positions for 2011 were filled by the following:

President – Shelli Stocki
Vice President – Michele Boczkowski
Secretary – Lorrill Waschuk
Registrar – Amy Walling
Treasurer – Karen Seal
Coaching Director – Amy Strong
Communications Director – Crystal Gray
Referee-In-Chief – *Unfilled position***
Referee and Field Scheduler – Dustin Pysyk
Tri-County Representative – Natasha Oltman
Equipment Manager – Denis Major
Tournament Chair Persons – Shelly Markowski
Field Supervisors @ WHPS – Paul Deveau
Field Supervisors @ LTIS – *Unfilled position*
Field Supervisors @ EPC – Adrian Krawec

The next Executive Meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on February 8, 2011, in the Multiplex Lounge.

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

4.0 Registrations 2011

2011 outdoor registrations were taken after the meeting had concluded.