

Athabasca Soccer Association  
**Annual General Meeting**  
February 3, 2015

***MINUTES***

**1.0 Welcome and Introductions**

President Russ Strathdee was unable to attend the AGM. The Vice-President Shelli Stocki called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on February 3, 2015.

***b) Minutes***

Lara Mahedan motioned to accept the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of February 4, 2014, Wanda Semashkevich seconded the motion, the motion was passed.

**2.0 Reports/ Presentations**

***a) Treasurer's Report***

Treasurer Karen Seal provided the financial statements (see attached) for the year ending December 31, 2014, and they showed a balance of \$95,731.21. The August 2014 Casino in Fort McMurray earned the Association \$54,665.84. Karen reviewed our commitment to the Multiplex for the outdoor soccer fields: we paid \$50,000 in 2013 and 2014, \$150,000 is therefore owing on the original \$250,000 commitment of \$50,000 per year for 5 years. The Association has decided not to proceed with our third payment of \$50,000 at this time due to the uncertainty over the future of our outdoor fields with the proposed construction of the new school. Gayle Deren-Purdy passed a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, Gayla Breckenridge seconded the motion, the motion was passed. Karen confirmed that our next Casino will take place sometime in Jan/Feb/Mar of 2016.

***b) President's Report***

Vice-President Shelli Stocki reported that the Athabasca Soccer Association had another successful season in 2014. The total registration numbers were 363: 40 kids played indoor soccer and 323 kids played outdoor. Many of our teams represented Athabasca in Outdoor Provincials:

U12 Girls – 5<sup>th</sup> place  
U14 Boys – SILVER medalists  
U16 Boys – 4<sup>th</sup> place  
U16 Girls – 8<sup>th</sup> place (Tier 3)  
U18 Boys – SILVER medalists

As well, Athabasca U10 teams won gold at the Tri-County Cup.

Regarding Tri-County, there have been changes in the last year. The registration numbers of the older players, especially U16 and U18, have decreased which has contributed to a lack of teams for these older age groups. If a particular age group does not have enough teams for a viable league, EMSA (Edmonton league) will be an option for our Athabasca teams. The U10 age group will be playing in the Tri-County league but the ages U4 – U8 will remain in-house leagues.

It is important that we have our registration numbers for the older players finalized by the Tri-County pre-declaration date of March 8. On this date, all Tri-County communities declare the number of teams they will field for U10+ age groups and Tri-County can then determine if there are enough teams for a viable league at each age level. Other options, such as EMSA or a tournament team, can then be pursued.

All Executive Members and all team officials (Coaches, Asst Coaches, Managers and Bench Persons) must have criminal record checks submitted before the season begins. The Association urges anyone interested in participating with the coaching or management of any team to please get your CRCs done immediately.

The Outdoor Season will begin in early April with indoor practices for the U10 to U18 age groups. May 4 is the scheduled date to kick off the outdoor season for all age groups. The U12+ age groups will play at the Multiplex fields; the U4 – U10 age groups will play on the WHPS fields.

### ***c) Coaching Director's Report***

Coaching Director Glenn Martin began his report with a plea for coaches, especially for the younger ages. The Association struggles with coaches at the U4 to U8 level mainly because there are so many kids playing soccer at these ages so we need so many more coaches. If your kids are playing soccer, consider taking a Coaching Clinic. The clinics are put on by very experienced people, they provide countless tips and ideas for coaching the various age groups and they provide a consistent level of coaching. The Association pays the costs (clinic fees, mileage, hotel if required) for anyone to attend a clinic elsewhere if it will not be held in Athabasca. The head coach of each team from U10 to U18 must be certified for the appropriate age. The clinics are:

**Active Start U4-U6 Coaches** – 3 to 4 hour long course

**FUNDamentals U6-U8 Coaches** – 1 day course

**Learning to Train U10-U12 Coaches** – 2 day course

**Soccer for Life U14-U18 Coaches** – 2 day course

Glenn stressed the necessity of a CRC when working with kids. A CRC can be obtained any day of the week at the local Police Station; two pieces of identification with one being a photo ID are required. If your birthdate coincides with a known criminal, an enhanced CRC with fingerprints will be required. As of August 2014, the technology for the electronic submission of fingerprints is available in Canada which means that the wait for an enhanced CRC should decrease to approximately two weeks. If you require an enhanced CRC, ask for the form letter from the Athabasca Soccer Association which allows the enhanced criminal record check fees to be waived. Tri-County accepts the validity of a CRC for three years.

Glenn will be putting on a Soccer Skills Clinic sometime in February/March for the U14 age group and older. The Skills Clinic will run for 6 weeks on Tuesday nights from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The cost will be \$40.00 per child and will be available up to a maximum of 20 kids. Glenn is also planning on organizing a Goalie clinic to develop goalie skills.

### **3.0 Elections**

The Executive positions for 2015 were filled by the following:

**President/Tri-County Rep** – Russ Strathdee  
**Vice President** – Shelly Younker  
**Secretary** – Shelli Stocki  
**Registrar** – Lorrill Waschuk  
**Treasurer** – Karen Seal  
**Coaching Director** – Glenn Martin  
**Communications Director** – Harmony Lamoureux  
**Referee Scheduler** – Dustin Pysyk  
**Field Scheduler** – Albert Assaf  
**Equipment Manager** – Ross Hunter  
**Equipment Manager** – Dave Liddell  
**Tournament Chair** – Kathryn Cyr  
**Tournament Chair** – Cyndi Logelin

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

### **4.0 Registrations 2015**

2015 outdoor registrations were taken after the meeting had concluded.