

AASC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 17 April 2023

Present: Linda Rhodes, Melissa Cross, Ralph Spencer, Travis Cross, Angela Harvey, Jeremy Linning, Christina Poirier, Erik Waldriff, Amy Anaka, Adam Currey, Mike Mahovlic, Shane Longman, Kelly Krol, Rashpal Khakh, Christiane Kamerman

Call to Order: 7:07 pm

Alberni Athletics Soccer Club respectfully acknowledges and thanks the Tseshah and Hupacasath First Nations on whose lands we are on.

Would like to acknowledge our long serving member Gordon Jones's passing with a moment of silence.

MOTION: *To adopt the AGM 2022 minutes.*

Travis/Mike/Carried

EXECUTIVE REPORTS:

CHAIR: {Ralph} It is a privilege to chair this board. It is a team effort and thank you for everyone's contribution. Extra thanks to: Angela Harvey for her work on getting the gaming grants for the club; Megan Chase who applied and received a \$5000 for the club; Melanie Blight for all of the work with organizing club apparel; Travis Cross for his role as technical director; Amy Anaka for all of the work towards updating the club's constitution and bylaws; Linda Rhodes for all the years of service; Thanks to the spouses of all of our volunteers.

VICE CHAIR: {Erik} Dido Ralph.

TREASURER: {Angela} Revenues from last year have increased 20% but so have expenses which have increased about 40% from the last fiscal year. There is a net profit of \$12,500. There is a surplus and will have to restrict some funds to be able to qualify for the gaming grant next year.

MOTION: *move to allocate \$30,000 of our available unrestricted funds to go towards the new turf development project*

Angela/Adam/Carried

SECRETARY: {Melissa} Thanks for the great year.

ADMINISTRATOR: {Linda} This is my last AGM. It has been great to see the growth of the program and thank you for everything.

MOTION: *To accept executive reports.*

Christina/Mike/Carried

Director Reports

U5: {Erik} Overall it was a successful year. There were lots of new coaches and players so there was a learning curve this season. Having a two-season format could be beneficial for this age group.

U6: {Karli} Absent. (Ralph reported: double sided games were a success, a two-season format would work for this age as well).

U7: {Stephanie} Absent. (Erik reported: Keener nights every other week saw about 20-40 kids depending on weather).

U8: {Adam} 70 + kids this season. Attendance was good.

U9: {Mike} Absent.

U10/11 Girls: {Danielle} Absent. (Amy reported: There is much value in having a girl's only division, especially for newer players but attendance was very inconsistent. This impacted all teams from week to week. This division should be looked at before the start of next season to make sure the numbers are large enough to have enough balance within the teams and division. Some girls could also play with the boys in their own age group if this is beneficial for that player).

U10/11 Boys: {Christina} Good year, great coaches.

U12/U13: {Jeremy} Attendance remained consistent within this division. The rep/house player debate is still a constant struggle at this age group.

U14+: {Karen} Absent. (Mike: attendance seemed weather dependent).

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: {Travis} Was happy getting spring soccer going this season with 185+ players, thanks to Linda for helping to get that started in a quick manner. Other highlights were introducing a fitness night at the start of the season; increasing goal keeping clinics; hiring more lead coaches which was helpful and needed. Grade 2 Soccer Clinic info has been sent out and the Learn to Train Coaching Course is coming up next week. Megan will be leading rep evaluations and Erik will be leading the PA Summer Soccer Camp.

REFEREE IN CHIEF: {Ralph} Some older kids are starting to age out. Nick, Jayden, Tristan and JoJo are all great and have led the way for the younger refs coming up who are keen and numbers are good. The full referee course is running June.

UISA: {Ralph} UISA Guests Rashpal/Christiane: Overview of UISA: Governing body for 9 clubs in the upper island district; run the Tier 2 and 3 leagues; prevent referee abuse; advocate for more female in sport; provide scholarship opportunities; offer buddy checks for the Jessie initiative which is increased language and training for dealing with mental health crisis's, among so many other things.

EQUIPMENT MANAGER: {Shane} Nothing to report.

CLOTHING COMMITTEE: {Melanie} Absent.

NEW TURF COMMITTEE: {Jeremy} Things are moving slowly. Still working with Hope and Health to provide opportunities for first nations communities. It is an action item that was tasked to the committee by the city before we could move forward with the proposal.

MOTION: *To accept director's reports.*

Shane/Jeremy/Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Constitution and Bylaws: the updates have been posted to the board and then the whole club for everyone to read. Highlights: modernizing the language; eliminating inefficient language; clarified things like motions, quorums and voting rights.

MOTION: *That we approve the update constitution and bylaws as per previously posted.*

Travis/Shane/Carried

Action: the updated constitution and bylaws will be distributed throughout the club.

2. New Administrator: Have hired Jennifer Smith as our new administrator. Linda will help train her as needed.
3. Updated Bylaw: As per the updated constitution and bylaws, the position previously know as equipment Manager will now be referred to as Equipment Director.
4. Mini World Cup: Port Alberni will be hosting next year. Hope to have a committee lead. Table this for next meeting.
5. Nominations: Accepted: *Treasurer*: Angela Harvey; *Director's*: Mike Lange; Karli Gibson; Amy Anaka; *Equipment Manager*: Shane Longman

NEXT MEETING: May 1st @ 7:31 p.m.

MOTION: *For meeting to be adjourned.*

Angela/Adam/Carried

Adjourned: 8:31 p.m.