

AASC BOARD MEETING 07 October 2024

Present: Board Members: Ralph Spencer, Karen Freethy, Melissa Cross, Angela Harvey, Shane Longman, Jeremy Linning, Stephanie Linning, Amy Anaka, Tim Crosby, Danielle Hahn, Ashleigh Lockhart, Tim Keizer, Richard Giele, Chris Arcus Staff: Ashley Van Vliet, Travis Cross

Call to Order: 8:05 p.m.

The Alberni Athletics Soccer Club respectfully acknowledges the territories of the Nuu-chah-nulth Nations, on whose lands we train, compete, live, and grow.

Motion: *to adopt the previous monthly board meeting minutes.*

Amy/Jeremy/Carried

EXECUTIVE REPORTS:

CHAIR: {Ralph} Some executive decisions were made between meetings. The sponsorship and fundraising policy was approved and adopted. The executive approved a concession fundraiser and "Growing Smiles" plant sale fundraiser for two different rep teams. Both teams have read and acknowledged the club fundraising policy. One playing up request was approved. An on field Rep clinic hosted by John George from NUFC was approved at the club's expense of \$400.00 for all rep teams to participate in. Thank you to Angela who will be leaving her AASC Treasurer position at the end of the fiscal year. Please remind coaches of the club policy of having parents on the opposite side of the field as coaches and players. Some discussion was had about teams not practicing on the turf on Wednesday nights. The consensus was that it is important for teams to practice in the group style format to continue to nurture the club culture, create unity amongst coaches and players, simplify equipment use etc.

VICE CHAIR: {Karen} Thank you to everyone for all the hard work getting the season started.

TREASURER: {Angela}

Treasurer's Report May 31, 2024

AASC Bank Account Balances as of September 30, 2024:

Chequing: \$156,028.65

Savings \$12,455.14

Gaming \$18,413.32

Cash on Hand \$1,255.65

Total Sales: \$187,128.02

Total Expenses: \$81,034.01

Net Profit/Loss: \$106,094.01

SECRETARY: {Melissa} Nothing to report.

ADMINISTRATOR: {Ashley} The season start up has been busy but thankful for all of the support. The photo day schedule will be ready in the next couple of days.

MOTION: *To adopt Executive Report's*

Ashleigh/Jeremy/Carried

Director Reports:

U5/6 Girls: {Tim C} Would like to see an on-field coach get together at the beginning of the year, so coaches have better game day direction. The feedback for the girl's only division at this age has been very well received. Hope to have important dates highlighted on the website and Facebook page. Coaching course feedback – could we look at possibly scheduling the course at a different time as the age groups practice time?

U5/6 Boys: {Ralph} Great coaches. Have two on most teams. Will advertise the coaching courses to this age group.

U7/8 Girls: {Tim C} The U8's are practicing on Wednesdays.

U7 Boys: {Chris A} Have 6 teams, lots of coaches who share the job of coaching one team. Many teams have been practicing and playing as a group.

U8 Boys: {Richard} 6 teams. Division is going well. Have been some questions about the coaching courses and asking how we will accommodate the time of the course/games.

U9 Boys: {Jeremy} Division is going well. Have a waitlisted player but will need to look if it can be accommodated as teams are very full.

U9/10 Girls: {Amy} Thanks to Travis for help in getting this division going. There is a lead coach in this division who is helping oversee teams, practices, and games. The age of the two-year age bands are well suited for the division.

U10/11 Boys: {Ashleigh} Been a busy start up. Want to speak on a general reminder that teams who practice before this division on Wednesdays should be off the field at 7:10 so teams starting at 7:15 have time to get their practice organized and started on time.

Action: Stephanie will be sending an email through Team Snap for general coach reminders: CRCs are due Oct 31st; Bench mom/dad reminder; game day clean up standard; practice reminder about leaving the field on time so the next group is able to start on time.

U11/12/13 Girls: {Amy} There is only 10 players @ the U11 age group, they are mostly fitting in well but is a noticeable struggle for a few due to the 3-year age gap in the division. There is approximately 3 U11's on each team.

U12/13 Boys: {Tim K} Emailed report - Coaches are happy with the turnout so far and teams seem even. Still need a second coach for one team. There is a request for the schedule to be clearly posted online so that coaches know if they are the last game of the day to know if they have to cleanup fields that day or not.

U14+: {Danielle} The season is off to a positive start. Coaches are happy with the synergy and social aspect of the practice. 20-28 players have been showing up on Fridays. Coaches divide teams up equally based on who shows up and it has been working well. As a director, Team Snap has been user friendly and has simplified the roster and communication process.

REFEREE IN CHIEF: {Ralph} We have a great bunch of referees. Trying to schedule refs in games that they are comfortable with or are suitable for. Parents or refs can reach out at any time. Refs are still learning and have been happy with how parents and coaches have been responding to the refs on game days.

EQUIPMENT DIRECTOR: {Shane} Thank you to everyone for all the help with equipment during this season start-up. Received new game balls for rep teams. Received 100 new size 4 Tango balls in the turf shed which are meant only for the turf. The other balls will be bagged and handed out to coaches for game days. Looking to purchase more flat markers for the turf as well as light weight pinnies that will have a better dry time. Ccan and net keys will be put back in a new lock box drilled directly onto the ccan to hopefully prevent vandalism.

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: {Travis} Will look into adjusting the coaching course times to see if it is feasible. Sat in a Canada Telus She-Can meeting with all the participating clubs. We are now in the recruitment phase of the program; September is the roll out phase with all of the new coaches. Am hoping to have a female coach lead the recruitment. Sent out a technical plan developed by the president of the Comox soccer club which is the framework to develop a technical plan for our club which would help highlight and establish what our club priorities and goals are. We have a draft of a coach's handbook replacement, but this could help with officially replacing the handbook and answer the overall questions that people within the club may have. Please provide feedback. Will look into associated costs and invite Stefan to talk at our next board meeting. Tabled until next meeting: discussion of purchasing a Veo for the club.

CLOTHING COMMITTEE: {Melanie} Absent – emailed report: All Rep teams have their jerseys. Socks and shorts have been ordered and purchased for some rep teams. Soccer X orders have

been coming in quicker than previous years. Rep kit costs have come in at the same price but have had additional costs with logo, initials, etc.

TURF COMMITTEE: {Jeremy} Nothing to report.

UISA: {Stephanie} The rep clinic was successful, each rep team had a session. There will be another one scheduled for Oct 25th which is a pro day. The rep teams will be financially responsible for this next session. BC Soccer fees due Oct 1st. Will need clarification on this. There was an Upper Island scheduling issue with the Rep schedule during the weekend of September 29th and wanted to document the miscommunication from UISA in our board meeting minutes.

MOTION: *to accept director's reports.*

Chris/Jeremy/Carried

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Sponsorship and Fundraising Policy: This was approved by the board, implement and displayed on the website.
2. Team Snap Update: Continue to ask questions if needed. The privacy settings have been changed so players/parents can only see name and gender on the app, versus all the personal information. Working through a few other issues like repeated emails for people.

NEW BUSINESS

1. City of PA Master Plan: Would like to advertise this initiative within our club. This will form the city's decision for the next 5-10 years and it is vital that topics like a new community turf needs to be put on this master plan for it to have a chance to be put into reality.

Next Meeting: Nov 4th @ 8:00 pm

Adjourned: 9:57 p.m.