

**Shuswap Minor Football  
Annual General Meeting  
January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011 7 PM  
Little Mountain Sports Complex**

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM by Theresa Jordan.

**Directors Present:** Theresa Jordan – President, Darryl McDonnell – Vice President, Kelly Christian – Treasurer, Shannon Qiodravu – Registrar, Anne Holmes – Director at Large, Tony Perreira – Director at Large

**Absent:** Michelle Goodrick – Secretary, Toby Gathergood – director at Large, Denise Dumas – SAS Liaison, Rob Ellis – Director of Coaching, Pam Potter – Director at Large

**Total Attendance:** 20 members

2010 AGM Minutes: Copies of the minutes were not available for distribution so Theresa read the minutes out loud. Nicole Loza presented a motion to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Tony Pereira. All in favour, motion carried.

**Presidents Report:** Theresa spoke on the performance of our teams in the past season. Not all teams did as well on the scoreboard as we might have hoped but we saw steady improvement throughout the season and our teams were noted for outstanding sportsmanship and great attitude. The JBs made the playoffs and scored well against the best team in the division. The Bantams were awesome as usual winning another division championship. We had the best ever raffle thanks to Anne Holmes' leadership and organization. The corporate sponsorship program worked well and will help offset the potential lack of gaming funds. There were some parent issues but they were easily settled and more effort in communication between coaches and parents will help prevent that in the future. Our website is up and running. Heidi Bacon provides a great service by maintaining it. Any information or suggestions for items on the website should be submitted. We want to see it improved and more people using it!

**Society Organization:** *Membership fees* were discussed and collected. Points of policy were noted from our constitution. A *quorum* is 3 members, *emergency meetings* will be called by the directors as it becomes necessary and notification will be placed on the website. There is a minimum of 5 directors required, the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and Registrar. At present we have a total of 6 additional directors at large to fulfill the business/volunteer needs of the association. *Election of officers* at the 2011 AGM are Vice President, Secretary, SAS Liaison and 2 directors at large.

**Treasurer's Report:** All funds collected throughout the season appear in the donations accounts regardless of the specific target of the funds. The corporate

sponsorship program was a huge boost to our financial position. We are sitting with a large inventory of promo product, hoodies, hats etc as we didn't sell as many as speculated. Product will be available this season. A motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented was made by Sandra Dodd, seconded by Carla Goertzen. All in favour, motion carried.

### **New Business:**

**Equipment:** Tony and some of the coaches have prepared the helmets that require recertification and some of the shoulder pads will be going in this year as well. Every helmet has to be inspected every two years. We have ordered some antibacterial cleaning product to be used on the equipment to combat MRSA. Cleaning instructions for care and maintenance of the equipment will be provided to all players this year. Information for acquiring the antibacterial agent in small bottles will be on the website. Each year we have to dispose of damaged equipment and replace it. These plans will be reflected in our budget. Every year we get equipment turned in that is dirty and/or abused. We hope that the instructions will help alleviate this but a cleaning fee may be proposed for the future as we spent a lot of money on cleaning last season. We need to completely inventory the equipment and deal with damaged/dirty stuff before spring camp. First aid supplies are expensive. We had a full field kit go missing last season and we went through 4 cases of ice packs before the season even started!

### **2011 Budget:**

Mark suggested that ice packs be distributed at the beginning of each season and when they run out that is it. Real ice is available from the kitchen at LMSC for all home games and bagged ice can be purchased for road trips. Zip lock bags make reusable ice packs. The same distribution should be applied to the tape.

Kelly noted that the budgeted amount from promo sales seems too high, however other areas can be bumped up to reduce that. The overall numbers were good in her opinion. Nicole moved that the budget be accepted, seconded by Tony. All in favour, motion carried.

### **Background Checks:**

All volunteers must have completed background checks before they can be on the field with the kids. There is a \$25 fee payable to the RCMP at the time that the request is made. It includes a criminal record check and a consent for a sexual offence for which a pardon has been granted (includes finger printing). This also requires a letter from SMFA to be submitted with the request. Theresa said we will try to put a document on the website so volunteers can access it as necessary. The board will address the financial needs of individual volunteers and provide assistance as necessary.

### **Coaches Training:**

Tony spoke as the new Director of coaching. He recommends that all coaches have their NCCP "Community Sport – Novice Coach" certification. Tony and Rob Ellis are qualified to instruct this level. The cost of this would be approximately \$100 per coach. SMFA would cover the cost as long as the volunteer coached. There are some concerns with having parents coach their own kids. This may not be in the best interest of the kids. The issue of "fair play" was addressed. SMFA adheres to the 10 play rule throughout the season. There are occasions when a player does not want to play or discipline issues require that he/she not play and then they will not meet the 10 play requirement. There must be a strong line of communication between the coaches and the parents at all times.

### **Regional Update:**

Jerry McCoy is the SIFC rep with the BCCFA. Playfootballbc and bccommunity football are good websites to keep you updated on football in the province. The U18 tryouts are on January 31 for anyone interested or eligible, registration forms are available from SMFA. There is a board of governors made up of 2 reps from each of the SIFC associations. They meet regularly to address SIFC issues and rules of conduct and play. There are still some concerns about the Bantam division. There may not be enough teams to have a division so SMFA will be prepared to join the junior varsity program through SASS if necessary. There will be an Atom team for the 2011 season.

### **Election of Officers:**

No nominations were accepted for the position of Vice president. Darryl McDonnell agreed to remain in the position until a replacement can be found. Sandra Dodd was nominated as Secretary, she accepted the nomination. Jim Roberts and Nicole Loza were nominated as Directors at Large. They both accepted the position. Carla Goertzen was nominated as the SASS Liaison. She accepted the nomination. The 2011 Board of Directors is as follows:

President – Theresa Jordan

Vice President – Darryl McDonnell (until a replacement is found)

Secretary – Sandra Dodd

Treasurer – Kelly Christian

Registrar – Shannon Qiodravu

Directors of Coaching – Tony Pereira

SASS Liaison – Carla Goertzen

Directors at Large – Anne Holmes

Pam Potter

Jim Roberts

Nicole Loza

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

