

# **Aurora Minor Soccer League – Annual General Meeting June 22, 2004**

## **Minutes**

**In attendance:** Vincent Tam, President; Judy McLinton, Vice-President; Kelly Moore, Registrar; Peter Bengts, Treasurer; Lynn Hjartarson, Secretary; Nelson Madsen, Dennis Adams, Ron Breadmore, John Buist, James Wong, Tara Malmsten, Mark Aitken

1. **Call to Order** – Vincent Tam called the meeting to order.
2. **Introduction of the 2003-2004 Executive** – Vincent Tam introduced the Executive and noted that there was a quorum because more than 10 members were present.
3. **Approval of Agenda** – James Wong moved and John Buist seconded a motion to approve the Agenda. The motion was put to a vote and as all were in favor the Agenda was approved.
4. **Financial Report** - Peter Bengts reviewed a cash flow statement he prepared as the Financial Statement and took questions from the floor. The statement shows that revenues exceeded expenditures again this year. Peter noted that the largest costs were gym time and soccer balls. It was noted that there is approximately \$10,000 in the bank and \$55,000 in the Indoor Soccer Facility fund. Concerns were raised regarding the format of the Financial Statement. James Wong moved to approve the Financial Statement in the format presented and John Buist seconded the motion and as a majority were in favor the motion was carried.
5. **President's Report** – Vincent Tam presented the President's Report for 2003-2004 – a written copy is attached to the minutes. He thanked all volunteers, coaches, parents, as well as sponsors. Kelly Moore moved and Mark Aitken seconded a motion to accept the President's Report. All were in favor.
6. **Indoor Soccer Facility** – Judy McLinton reported on a meeting she attended of Facilities For Kids (FFK) and gave an overview of the organization. The cost of joining is:
  - \$25 per year,
  - 60 hours per year of volunteer time for fund raising activities,
  - a share of the profits from those fund raising activities,
  - an agreement to apply for and pool a percentage of any profits from the yearly super bingo, and
  - regular attendance at meetings of FFK.

Questions were addressed from the floor. It was noted that planning is expected to begin this fall for a new indoor sports facility and that it would be important for AMSL to be involved in the initial planning phase. AMSL members were invited to inform themselves about FFK by visiting the website at [www.facilitiesforkids.com](http://www.facilitiesforkids.com). Vincent Tam was named to represent AMSL at the FFK committee with Judy McLinton as back up if Vincent can not make it to the meeting.

Dennis Adams was uncomfortable about AMSL agreeing to participate in FFK without further details. Ron Breadmore had a copy of the FFK agreement on hand and read it aloud. John Buist noted that AMSL could benefit from membership in FFK because it has corporate sponsors. James Wong proposed a motion that AMSL join FFK for one year. The motion was seconded by Judy McLinton and on a vote all but one voted in favor.

**7. Skills Development Committee** – Judy McLinton provided an update. AMSL was unable to secure additional gym time for the Skills Development Program (SDP) last year because of AWG. Additional gym time has been requested for the coming year. Andy Bevan hopes to get the program up and running this year assuming adequate gym time is secured. Plans are in place to submit a letter requesting funding to support the SDP to NWT Soccer.

**8. Zero Tolerance Policy** (the Policy) – Judy McLinton led the discussion. The Policy will be attached to registration forms and all players and parents will be required to sign the policy on registration.

**9. Discipline Procedure** (the Procedure) – Vincent thanked all those who helped draft the Procedure, which is a simplified version of Edmonton's Discipline Procedure. It was noted that coaches will need to take the initiative and ensure compliance with the Procedure. Mark Aitken moved for the adoption of the Procedure, James Wong seconded and the motion was carried.

There followed a discussion of reciprocal enforcement of discipline sanctions. It was noted that that reciprocal enforcement is part of a well rounded discipline policy. Mark Aitken moved that AMSL recommend that the NWT Soccer Association develop a discipline procedure. Denis Adams seconded and all were in favor.

**10. Proposed Rule Changes:**

a) drop ball to return ball to play. The proposal is to eliminate the drop ball and replace it with an indirect free kick to defending team. Mark Aitken moved that the Executive review the proposed rule change and develop wording. The proposed wording will be brought to the coaches and Head Referee for review. The motion was seconded by Ron Breadmore and all were in favor.

b) penalty kick – foot or toe in the crease. Due to lack of time there was no discussion but Mark Aitken moved that the Executive review the existing rule and

develop wording for a rule change. The proposed wording will be brought to the coaches and Head Referee for review. The motion was seconded by John Buist and all were in favor.

**11. AMSL Scholarship Program** – Judy McLinton reviewed the Scholarship Program proposal. It is proposed that a \$250.00 scholarship be granted to 1 male and 1 female each year. There followed a discussion of eligibility. Mark Aitken moved and Tara Rmalmsten seconded that the Executive consider a scholarship program subject to a review of the application criterion and consideration of the requirement that the applicant have participated in AMSL within the last two years.

**12. Tournament** – after a discussion, it was recommended that the tournament for all Divisions be held during one weekend. This would still allow for play-offs leading up to the weekend tournament. Timing of the Tournament to be determined but it was recommended that it be held on the last weekend of scheduled play.

**13. Election** – The following positions were filled by volunteers:

President: John Buist  
Vice President: Judy McLinton  
Treasurer: Peter Bengts  
Registrar: Kelly Moore  
Secretary: **vacant**

Head Referee: Brent Murphy  
Head Coach: Mark Aitken  
Equipment Manager: **vacant**  
Volunteer Coordinator: Susan  
Scheduler: Terrel  
Fund Raising Coordinator: **vacant**

**14. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by James Wong.**