

# **Aurora Minor Soccer League – Annual General Meeting June 12, 2003**

## **Minutes**

**In attendance:** Vincent Tam, President, Judy McLinton, Vice-President, Kelly Moore, Registrar, Peter Bengts, Treasurer, Lynn Hjartarson, Secretary, James Wong, Nelson Madsen, Penny Johnson, Debbie Grayston, Kate John, Jacob Feenstra, Karen Short, Vivian Hansen, Louise Lavoie, Kim Mooreside, Andy Bevan, Julie McNiven, Margo Grayston, Sandra Aitken, Mark Aitken, Karen Short

1. **Call to Order** – Vincent Tam called the meeting to order
2. **Introduction of the 2002-2003 Executive and coordinators** – Vincent Tam introduced the Executive and noted that there was a quorum because more than 10 members were present.
3. **Approval of Agenda** – Penny Johnson moved and Kate John seconded a motion to approve the Agenda. The motion was put to a vote and all were in favour. The Agenda was approved.
4. **Financial Report** - Peter Bengts reviewed the Financial Statement and addressed questions from the members. James Wong moved and Kate John seconded a motion to accept the Financial Statement. The motion was put to a vote and all were in favour. The Financial Statement was accepted.
5. **President's Report** – Vincent Tam provided his report – a written copy is attached to the minutes.

Indoor Soccer Facility – Vincent stated that it isn't clear at this time how much the AMSL will be asked to contribute, but that he expects it to be a higher proportion than other user groups due to the size of the membership and the special requirements of the AMSL, such as special walls and flooring. Vincent noted that currently there is a balance of approximately \$40,000 in the Indoor Facility Fund (IFF). Vincent noted that the profits of the three upcoming bingos will be paid into the IFF. Vincent invited those present to volunteer for the bingos and join the Indoor Facility Committee.

AMSL Scholarship – Vincent noted this proposal and explained that it would be dealt with at greater length later in the evening and put to a vote.

Additional gym time - Vincent noted that he has requested additional gym time from the City.

Early registration is Thursday June 26 at the new gym/arena from 5:00 until 7:30. Vincent asked parents to volunteer to help. The deadline for mail in registrations is August 27.

Louise Lavoie moved and Vivian Hansen seconded a motion to accept the President's Report. The motion was put to a vote and all were in favour. The President's Report was accepted.

**6. Indoor Soccer Facility (ISF)** - Vincent noted that Sandra Aitken made a fantastic presentation to the City of Yellowknife regarding the ISF. The cost of the facility was discussed. There were questions regarding design, technical requirements, and comparable existing facilities in other communities. An ISF Committee has been established to consider technical requirements, design and fund raising.

**7. Skills Development Committee (SDC)** – Andy Bevan presented a report from the SDC (attached). The SDC was established at a Special Meeting in November. Committee members include Andy Bevan, Judy McLinton, Kevin McCormick, Nelson Madsen and Julie McNiven. Andy noted that the concept of the CSDC is simple: the focus is on player development. All AMSL members 7 years and over are eligible to participate. The SDC proposes that coaches are not necessarily certified, but they should be experienced. Skill development sessions would be held every two weeks for each division and consist of 1-2 hour sessions. Cost of the SD Program were considered. The recommendations of the SDC are contained in the attached report.

Andy proposed the following motion: for the 2003-2004 season, a Skills Development Program will be run and all AMSL members 7 years and older will be eligible to participate. There will be 1 Skills Development Group (SDG) per Division and each SDG will offer all interested players in the Division one 2 hour session every 2 weeks with a maximum of 30 and a minimum of 10 players per 2 hour session. The costs inherent in running the program will be covered by registration, i.e.: every AMSL member will cover the costs of the SDP.

Vincent noted that Andy Bevan would oversee the implementation of the SDP. Andy noted that it was essential that the SDC report back at the AGM next year.

James Wong moved and Julie McNiven seconded the motion. The motion was put to a vote – one opposed. The motion passed.

**8. Establish a new 14 & Under Female Division** – a motion was proposed to create a new 14 & under division by Judy McLinton, seconded by Julie McNiven. There was a discussion of problems with the existing 18 & under Female Division.

The motion amended: 13 & 14 and 15 to 18 Female Divisions will be established if the numbers warrant. If there are not enough registrants in the 15– 18 Female Division, will revert to a 13– 18 Female Division.

The amended motion was put forward by Judy McLinton and seconded by Julie McNiven. The motion was put to a vote and all were in favour.

**9. AMSL Scholarship** – Kelly Moore moved that the new Executive return next year with a detailed proposal for comment and approval regarding an AMSL scholarship. Julie McNiven seconded the motion. There followed a discussion of the need for an AMSL scholarship.

The motion was put to a vote. There were two votes against and the motion passed.

**10. End of Year Tournament** – there was a discussion of possible dates. Jacob Feenstra moved that the tournament be held on April 2, 3 and 4, 2004. The motion was seconded by James Wong. The motion was put to a vote and all were in favour. The motion passed.

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

President: Vincent Tam  
Vice President: Judy McLinton  
Treasurer: Peter Bengts  
Registrar: Kelly Moore  
Secretary: Lynn Hjartarson

**12. Appointment of Coordinators and Volunteer Positions** – the following positions were filled by volunteers:

Coordinator for 5 & 6 Division: Andy Bevan  
Coordinator for 7 & 8 Division: Julie McNiven  
Coordinator for 13 & 14 Male Division: Kevin McCormick  
Coordinator for 15 to 18 Female Division: Louise Lavoie  
Coordinator for 15 to 18 Male Division: John Buist

Positions still needing to be filled:

Coordinator for 9 & 10 Female Division  
Coordinator for 9 & 10 Male Division  
Coordinator for 11 & 12 Female Division  
Coordinator for 11 & 12 Male Division  
Coordinator for 13 & 14 Female Division  
Head Referee  
Head Coach

Equipment Manager  
Volunterr Coordinator  
Scheduler  
Fund Raising Coordinator

**13. New Business** – Penny Johnson suggested and Judy McLinton moved that that AMSL provide 5 registration vouchers to the Kidsport program. Seconded by Louise Lavoie. The motion was put to a vote and all were in favour. The motion passed.

Julie McNiven raised a concern about players arriving late for a tournament games and still being allowed to participate. The matter was discussed. Ultimately it was concluded that the matter be left to the discretion of the coaches.

Karen Short raised a concern regarding team selection and balancing of teams. The matter was discussed. It was norted that it's up to the Division Coordinators to select and balance teams – techniques were proposed. It was agreed the SDP would have an impact on team balance.

Nelson Madsen noted the need for a policy for players playing down. It was noted that if a player decides to play down (return to his/her age group) there has to be room and all coaches in the Division must agree.

Andy Bevan suggested that there be no discounted rates, even if a player joins late in the season. Kelly Moore note this would only be fair if a uniform was available to the player and Andy agreed.

**14. The meeting was adjourned.**