

Role call of the WDSC Executive:

President	Sandy Gudz
Vice-President	Lisa Kernohan
Treasurer	Kevin Murdock
Secretary	Valerie Riess (absent)
Registrar	Alyssa Soetemans
Facilities Director	Brian Burdett (absent)
Equipment Director	Sandy Gudz
Sponsorship Director	Lisa Kernohan(acting)
Media Director	Ellen Bruce (absent)
Referee Coordinator	Samantha Greaves
Volunteer Coordinator	Chelsea Weed

Guests

President LKSA	Barry Goodwin
Director LKSA	Norma Shortt
Parent	Deb Hamilton
Parent	Jenn Phillips
Parent	Matthew Alexander

Motion by Samantha Greaves to accept 2015 Annual General Report as read, seconded by Alyssa Soetemans. CARRIED

President's Report:

The Executive is concerned with declining enrollment numbers within our program. In 2014 we had 193 players registered, 2015 had 163 and in 2016 we had 157. Membership input would be welcomed into possible causes of this decline and/or opportunities for growth.

Weather was not much of an issue for 2016. It was a great season with only a few heat related cancellations. It is important that parent's review the weather policy on our website www.wyomingsoccerclub.com.

Volunteers are the backbone of many organized sports programs across Ontario and we are no exception. The countless hours devoted by the Executive, comes with no reward other than seeing the youth of our area have a summer sport, an opportunity to meet friends, and a place for a little social time for the parents. I want to thank our Executive and Coaches for their dedication to keeping youth soccer alive in Wyoming.

We have one vacancy that must be filled. Nominations will be discussed during new business.

Vice-President's Report:

Registration: For the 2016 season, for 2 week increments, I advertised in the 4 local newspapers: The Independent, Forest Standard, Petrolia Topic and the Sarnia Observer. Posters were placed at the Post office and County building. Newsletters were sent home with students at the local schools. I also sent out a mass email to the previous year's players and posted the Registration dates on our Website in December. It was suggested to try Facebook and/or The Sarnia Journal for advertising in 2017.

Team listings/Schedules: To prevent a shortage of players during summer holidays, I created fewer teams with more children on each team, in all of the divisions. This worked out well based on a shortage of children in U8 in previous years. Our numbers were low this year which created a shortage of players in our U8 to U12/14 divisions. The division hit the hardest was U10. Based on this issue, the U10 players were not assigned to teams. A group practise occurred every week for the 18 players, and then teams were selected every week. It was commented by Norma Shortt and Barry Goodman that they liked to hear the U10 level was supporting the LTPD model for players not being assigned to teams.

Final days: Again this year, players received their photos at the second last game of the year. This was in an effort to eliminate the residual photos lingering at my house for months after the season is over.

Registrar's Report:

We had 159 children enrolled for the 2016 season. U4 – 28, U6 – 54, U8 – 33, U10 – 18, U12/14 – 26. In the U6 division the numbers were capped and we didn't accept further registrations.

Registration dates are tentatively set for 2017 – February 15 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm, February 22 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm and March 4, from 10 am – 12 pm. After March 4, a \$25 late registration fee per family will be charged with no exceptions.

Treasurer's Report:

To date, WDSC had Revenues of \$10, 817.98 and Expenses of \$12, 795.90. This created a loss of (\$1977.92). The shortfall was based on the yearly donation of \$2000 from Tim Hortons not being received. Instead, they decided to donate jerseys and equipment to the league, not a cash payment.

Sponsorship Coordinator's Report:

We are fortunate to receive support among the business community for our soccer league. This means that finding sponsors for our uniforms has never been a problem. Among these sponsors, Tim Horton's does warrant a special mention as they outfit several teams including the entire U4's level. New in 2016, U4 players received a jersey, shorts, socks and a soccer ball to keep at the end of the season. Tim Horton's also provides end of the season Timbits for all of our levels.

Uniforms for the other teams are reused, and the sponsors are promised that they'll last for at least three seasons. At this point many jerseys have been used for at least 3 years, with some lasting considerably longer. Uniforms that we decide to no longer use are then sent to less fortunate communities and/or countries. We won't know how many uniforms are required for next year until enrollment is done, but will likely suggest replacing the most worn shirts from some of our existing sets to make the entire set last longer. A few of the much older ones (pre-2011) will be retired and donated.

We don't currently use other means of sponsorship but it is something that is discussed from time to time.

Anyone interested in being a sponsor is welcome to contact Lisa Kernohan.

Facilities Director's Report:

The position of Facilities Director is responsible for the upkeep of the grounds, and coordinating with The Wyoming Fair Board for the upkeep of their land. WDSC have the grounds during the spring and summer. WDSC has a lease agreement with The Wyoming Fair Board for an annual fee of \$1 and also to provide volunteers at their fair gates in the fall, in lieu of the use of their land. WDSC pays \$1000 towards the Parks board for grass cutting fees. WDSC incurs the cost to paint the fields and setup the fields with our equipment. Also, WDSC keep the grounds clean with the support of parent volunteers to complete garbage detail.

Through the hard work of the paint crew, and myself, we keep the fields in playing shape, as best as we can. The main issue we have yearly is the drainage during heavy rains.

I attend to the fields daily during the season to check on the nets, for safety issues, and the state of the grass, garbage and the chance of any water on the fields.

Thank you for the chance to help the youth of the Wyoming area with providing a safe place to enjoy the "beautiful game".

Equipment Director's Report:

In the Spring late jerseys were put into appropriate team bins. Inventory was taken to insure that first aid box, ice packs, plastic cones or domes, pump and inflating needles, goalie gloves, pack of 6 pinnies, and coach's planner were inside the bins. Bins were delivered to the Coaches' Clinic to John Knox School. During the season several coaches needed new soccer balls as some did not hold air after a few sessions and they needed more ice packs. New soccer nets will need to be ordered for 2017.

Volunteer Co-ordinator's Report:

We had a shortage of parents volunteering to coach this year. We were able to obtain a couple of High school volunteers to help assistant coach. We are hoping more parents step forward in 2017 to help coach. Aids are available on our web site and we also host a Coaches Clinic to parents, to help teach tricks and tips for parents to involve the players.

For most of the other volunteer duties, we had no issues with parents completing their assigned volunteer duties this year. All volunteers showed up or sent a replacement for their jobs.

This year we were still a few volunteers short to properly cover the Fair Gate, however shortages were covered by Executive members. Some volunteer duties were condensed this year to help cover the Fair gate shortages from past years and it did seem to help.

Referee Coordinator's Report:

Our Head referee for 2016 is Kale Morton. He provided support and guidance to our staff of referees. With a goal to remain consistent with all of our referees, Kale was a great asset to our Club. He will be returning in 2017. For the next season, WDSC will be pondering the decision to host a referee clinic, along with coach's clinic, to help with new rules coming from OSA. It will be decided if referee attendance is mandatory or not, and if we will be paying the referees for their attendance or not.

Unfinished business:

Election of Executive members:

Need a motion to elect Valerie Riess into the Secretary position. Motion by Alyssa Soetemans and second by Chelsea Weed. CARRIED.

Executive positions still needing to be filled: Sponsorship Coordinator. A motion to elect Matthew Alexander by Alyssa Soetemans, and it was second by Kevin Murdock. CARRIED.

New Business:

1. Raise prices for 2017 Registration Fees by \$5. Motion by Lisa Kernohan, second by Kevin Murdock. CARRIED.

2016 price listing:

U4 (2012)	Tuesday Nights (6-630 pm)	\$45
U6 (2010/2011)	Tuesday Nights (645-745 pm)	\$55
U8 (2008/2009)	Wednesday Nights (630-8 pm)	\$80
U10 (2006/2007)	Thursday Nights (630-8 pm)	\$80
U12/14 (2002/2005)	Tuesday Nights (630-830 pm)	\$85

2017 price listing:

U4 (2013)	Tuesday Nights (6-630 pm)	\$50
U6 (2011/2012)	Tuesday Nights (645-745 pm)	\$60
U8 (2009/2010)	Wednesday Nights (630-8 pm)	\$85
U10 (2007/2008)	Thursday Nights (630-8 pm)	\$85
U12/14 (2003/2006)	Tuesday Nights (630-830 pm)	\$90

2. Executive attendance at LKSA AGM in November 2016. Lisa Kernohan and Samantha Greaves attended the event in Wallaceburg. Lisa gave Sandy a copy of the booklet and it was discussed how Petrolia Soccer will be monitored more closely to pay their association dues based on their actual registration numbers. Barry Goodwin gave an explanation why it had gone unnoticed.

3. Confirm 2017 registration dates:

Registration dates are tentatively set for February 15 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm, February 22 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm and March 4 from 10 am - 12 pm.

Motion by Samantha Greaves, second by Kevin Murdock. CARRIED. Lisa has pre-booked the Lion's Hall for these dates.

4. Confirm 2017 season dates:

U8 - U12/14 – May 8 through August 3, 2017

U4 - U6 – May 23 through August 3, 2017

Motion by Alyssa Soetemans, second by Samantha Greaves. CARRIED.

Other

Parents name draw:

Two parents attended the AGM. The draw for 2 free soccer registrations was shared between the two families; one free registration per family. Motion by Samantha Greaves to present this option, second by Alyssa Soetemans. CARRIED

Adjournment @ 8:10 pm – Next meeting tentatively set January 30, 2017 at 7pm located at Lisa Kernohan's house.

WDSC would like to thank the following sponsors for their ongoing support of our Club:

