

In Attendance:

Feb. 28, 2024 at 7:45pm

Stef Chomiak
Carrie Pearn
Tessa Keefer
Ben Blain
Bri Martin
Mark Tataryn
Chantelle Lacass
Pam Tetrault

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Absent: Niall

2024 Soccer Season

1. Registration

- We have opened registration and there is a delay because pay pal has stopped working
- About 129 registrants so far - **Niall** has contacted everyone who wasn't able to pay
- **Stef** has contacted Pay Pal regarding delay
- Sandwich boards outside of Save-On (in shed), Facebook, ect will be used to advertise season. (**Niall**)

2. Ref Clinic update - Mark

- 12 signed up so far. 3 are U12
- **Mark** is considering putting a cap on numbers
- Ref clinic is happening through Columbia Valley Association
- Open Registration - Entry level is \$135
- - Sm. Sided is \$60
- 17 modules, 10-17 hours
- April 3/5 - Sm Sided webinars at 6pm MST
- April 8 - Entry Level at 6pm MST
- April 20th - On Field at 1pm
- **Mark** will update emails with correct dates
- Needs: Whistles, Cards, Books - **Mark** will find them online or go buy them
- Yearly refreshers are required

3. Sponsorship Update

- Faith Lainchbury is taking on sponsorship duties. We will hear more from her soon

4. Year End Bash

- **Stef** will deal with Chelsea directly.
- Pam mentioned there is a year end bash grant through BC Soccer

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- **Chantelle** also found it on BC Soccer/Canada Soccer

5. Challenger Sports Camp Booked

- We have it booked Aug. 19-23 2024

6. BC Soccer Update

- **Carrie** has been making our policies and procedures document. She has been using a past document from 2010 and adding new relevant information. It is ready to send off, if everyone could look over it in their email.
- **Carrie** has pulled alot of information from BC soccer. Here are a few Relevant catagories discussed:
 - Safety, Accessability and Inclusion
 - Medical Gear - We have a kit in the shed, we will need another travelling one. It all needs to be updated.
 - We can also have a safety plan and incident report form in the shed - **Stef** is looking into safety protocols
 - We could have safety people of each age group or safety committee. That would report to a head safety officer. Maybe this is something that **Ben** could organize with the age groups, as coach coordinator.
 - Risk Management
 - Field conditions
 - **Goal Anchoring - U9/U12 nets need to be anchored in. The way we have them now is dangerous.**
 - Conflict Resolution - There is a form from BC Soccer that will be used when there is a conflict.
 - Subcommittees may be needed for different areas listed. Ie Safety, conflict resolution ect. Board members should be on subcommittees. Maybe subcommittees can be flexible in terms of who is on them, for each incident.
 - Travel and Insurance
 - Extreme Weather Policies - heat, smoke ect
 - Code of Conduct
- Risk Management Officer - **Ben** - ensures all coaches have their vulnerable sector check
- BC Soccer fees are roughly around \$1000 a year for registration. Depending on number of players
- **Carrie** needs proof we have access to the fields from **Stef**

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- Hopefully we hear if we are in by the next month or so.
- If we are accepted we can have a meeting with U12 parents and determine interest and see what tournaments we will be in. - **Chantelle**
- Lets set a goal to establish how many tournaments we would like to do as a first year rep team
- We are going to need a coach for this level of qualifications. It requires more training
- It's possible that a coach can start coaching mid-way through courses. We can reimburse coaches for trainings.
- We could possibly host training or coaches will have to travel to where the bigger centers are.
- **Chantelle** is on this. There will be an application process to find the best fit.
- Even the house league will have to do minimal coursework - online courses. Hopefully there will be guidelines from BC Soccer on this. Grassroots has some info on this.

7. Budget

- We went over budget and are discussing ways to spend/save money
- We will have more fees with BC Soccer with coaches
- Net Anchors
- Medals
- Could we put this money in a GIC with Credit Union - **Bri**
- Banking - **Bri** has been discussing with the bank and we can take away dual signing if we all decide as a board to use only one. We can also get bank cards.
- We will create our own policy of how to deal with the two signatures - maybe we need two if amount is high (over a certain amount) or have someone sign bank statements.

8. Field Painting

- Shayne was interested in doing it.
- We have been paying town to do it and if they are not going to need them we should stop paying them.
- **Stef** will talk to Jessica about how it worked last year.

9. Possible Tournament Dates for Rep Teams 2024

- Airdrie June 8/9
- Cranbrook June 21/22
- Revy Sept 7/8
- Invermere May 25/26
- Nelson May 4/5

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10. **Next Meeting April 3 - 7:30 High School Commons**