

In Attendance:

Stef Chomiak
Carrie Pearn
Tessa Keefer
Ben Blaine
Chantelle Lacasse
Bri Martin
Faith Lainchbury
Hanna Sander-Green
Alan Kennedy
Vikki Kennedy
Anthony Bayou
Leo Keefer
Jordan Petrovics
Shae Archibald

Feb 4, 2025 at 6:30 pm

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GSMA 2025 AGM

*Call to order at 6:35
~Land Acknowledgement*

1. Approval of Agenda

- Approved by Chantelle, second by Ben

2. Approval of 2024 AGM minutes

- Approved by Carrie, second by Bri

3. President's Report: Summary of Last Season

- We feel season was overall quite successful
- In general, younger age groups need more support as the current board members all have kids in the older age groups
- Implemented new jerseys to avoid one-use t-shirts from past years
- We started up a rep team, U12 boys. It was a pilot year and was quite successful
- They attended one tournament and one travel game. Chantelle's new board position revolves around the development of this team(s)
- We are focusing on getting a girls rep team as well, starting with a U13/U11
- We switched to weekend games. Bike camp still needs Saturdays in spring for a few weekends. But overall we feel this works well
- Carrie is focusing on girls soccer development U9-U13 and working with some teachers this year regarding girls soccer and possible combining school soccer with GMSA or after school practices
- Last year was our first year with BC soccer so we had to start implementing coach credentials.
- Younger team coaches need a bit less training: active start, fundamentals, learn to train. Coaches of old kids should take them all.
- Town is working on bringing some of these courses to town - Jordan P

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- Team Linkt is our new Soccer App. Each Coach can have communication with their team. This should improve communication and make start up easier.

4. Treasurers Report

- Bri - sponsorships and registrations make up our revenue.
- We did make some money on the BBQ
- Treasurer Report Approved by Faith, second by Leo

5. U7/U5 Soccer

- We tried different stations with different levels of success
- Stef made booklets for 8 weeks of coaching strategies this should help with a lot of confusion
- We want to make the coaching a better experience in the younger years so the players have an enriching soccer experience and can go on to play at higher age levels
- We are thinking of having managers or liassons for each age group to help with practice day organization, since the board members all have kids on older age days and won't be there for Field set up and helping on U5/U7 days.
- Field set up has been challenging but different this year, as we have made sure they have both sides of the field so they can have more space
- We would like to encourage parents to watch from the sidelines, rather than making a circle around the games.
- Maybe Coaches can set up in same spot every time
- On first day maybe we can have coaches show up 30 mins early with balloons and show them how it will be set up
- We could have a U5 parent meeting at the soccer field

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6. Move a motion to add two open seats to board.

- Approved. First by Dave, second by Carrie

7. Call for a motion to keep the positions listed below the same.

- Approved. First by Leo, second by Tessa

President Stef Chomiak
V President Carrie Pearn
Treasurer Bri Martin
Secretary Tessa Keefer
Coaching Mentor Ben Blain
Ref Coordinator Mark Tataryn/Navneet Rondeau

Election of Officers:

Rep Development Coordinator Chantel Lacasse (first by Leo, second by Carrie)
Communications Faith Lainchbury (first by Chantelle, second by Ben)
Sponsorship/Jersey Coordinator (Dave Perez, first by Dave, everyone in favour)
Registrar Hannah, (first by Bri, everyone in favour)

AGM adjourned at 7:35

8. Further Discussions:

- We will not be doing games on Saturdays for U7 again this year
- We could put together a group who is keen to play on Saturdays U7 as a casual, last minute decision.

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- What about having teenagers come coach again? Maybe they would be better in assistant positions, as the head coach would have the credentials
- This year we will do a coaches meeting again and we will involve some coaches in picking the teams
- Dave is wondering if we can do a few practices early on indoors
- Rep - plan tournaments early