

Athabasca Soccer Association Meeting

March 26, 2025 Minutes

6:30 Multiplex meeting room

Attendees: Neil, John, Mat, Laura, Jodie, Angela, Kate, Angie, Nadine, Mitch, Trevor

Called to order at 6:33pm

1. Presidents Report (Mitch)

Team Declarations (Due April 4th). Based on current numbers **Mitch to declare 1 U11 team, 1 U13 team, 1 U15 girls, and 1 U15 boys teams to Tri-county.** If numbers increase at the U13 level we may declare two teams and need to ask for some flexibility on the declaration date.

ACTION: Mitch to also check if other areas plan to submit U15 teams or if our team are to be tournament teams.

ACTION: Mitch to also ask tri-county about two overage U15s (one is just over by a week or two with their birth date) and the other is the only boy for their age group and won't get to play. Mitch to report back on this before rosters are finalized.

2. Treasurer Report (Angie)

Angie has just received the banking access. The executive that needs signing authority will get a call/message to go to bank in the next week to sign.

Casino expenses all paid. Need to spend remaining casino money asap.

3. Coaching Report (Laura)

Laura confirmed that she has the older age groups mostly covered with experienced coaches but expect to find coaches for younger groups once teams are set. Ideally this will be set soon so she can do a reach out with the coaching training.

So far she has David F (U11/U13), Laura H (U15 boys- needs a male coach on the bench), Angela K (U15 girls), Evan W U11, Tim S U7

Mitch is a resource if coaches need some goaltender support and coaching.

All coaches U11 and up need a Vulnerable Sector Check Upload into RAMP

4. Registrar Report (Matt)

At time of meeting the following numbers were reported: U5 = 8, U7 = 7, U9 = 8, U11 = 12, U13 = 16, U15B = 17, U15G = 17

Registration for Tri-County levels (U11- U15) will close on April 2, so teams can be firmed up and declared. These are set to a max of 20 with a wait list to see about any age groups that we could get two teams for. With current numbers no evaluations will need to be set up this year, as all kids will be on the same teams. If we get enough for two teams at U13 – then evaluations will need to be set in the second week of April to have rosters ready for submission to Tri-County. There will need to be more coaches assigned then too.

To increase numbers for younger groups many ideas were discussed, including better posters and online pushing of advertisements.

ACTION: Laura will need to review coaching page in RAMP and provide Mat with feedback before more coaches use it.

5. Referee Coordinator Report (Nadine)

Nadine is just now getting the emails needed for the reffing information. The clinics are set up and advertisements posted on FB.

Nadine reported that we are in a pretty good place. Could use a few more younger ones and there is plenty of space in the training. Age verification is need for refs.

ACTION: Refeing Jerseys may need to be purchased based on increased numbers of young refs. Yellow and Blue

Confirmed that pay will remain the same

- Linesman \$25/game
- Refs \$35/game

Reminder to coaches if there is a cancelation both the field scheduler and ref coordinator need to know. Preferably by 4pm so kids don't get left on fields or without rides.

6. Field Scheduler Report (John)

ACTION: If John shut fields down he will add Nadine to communications.

ACTION: John to build a shareable excel sheet with field and game booking that Nadine can also use.

7. Equipment Manager Report (Trevor/Neil)

Pre-Season Equipment update and inventory sent via email to committee. The board supported a full refresh of all items. If items remain with the club they can be purchased now using the Casino Account

MOTION: The board approves the purchase of items included on the list to a max of \$10,000.00. Full list of items and cost to be provided for reference but purchasing can begin now.

Once new equipment is purchased there is support to donate older equipment to Boys and Girls clubs.

8. New Business

- a. Practice Schedule and locations set for U15

After meeting side bar confirmed that U15 boys will be 5:30 – 7pm T/TH and U15 Girls will be 7:00 – 8:30 pm at the high school. John to ensure booking is ok with Rugby schedule and let Angela or Laura know if any nights don't work.

- b. Schedule for Tri County teams U13 – U11 will be set by Tri-County after declarations
- c. Schedule for Athabasca teams U5 – U9 (Same as last year) to start later once fields are open.

9. Old Business

- a. First Aid Kits (Angie)

MOTION (Online approval): Approved to purchase First aid kits and icepacks at a cost of \$510.33.

- b. Jerseys

MOTION: The board approves that our U15 teams can have personalized Jerseys that they keep. This will encourage players to stay and is a nice reward for representing our community soccer league. The cost of these is approx. 75/jersey. With a max of 40 players the estimated cost to come from Checking account is \$ 3000.00.

JERSEY PLAN:

A deposit for jerseys has been collected and normally is returned when the season is over. This spring the U11 and U13 will be issued jerseys with stock that is remaining. Refunds to the deposits will be issued and the athletes can keep the jerseys as a keepsake.

Remaining jerseys in stock will be donated to local organizations or boys/girls clubs where kids can use equipment.

NEXT SEASON – In future no jersey deposit will be collected but we will increase the fees slightly to include jerseys for all age groups to keep. We can also look for sponsors of teams to help keep costs down for families. This cannot come from Casino funds based on AGLC rules but can be supplemented by the club's operational costs. This is an athlete retention strategy and gets rid of the collection and refund of a deposit. Plus, the club doesn't need to keep jerseys in storage but the kids can have new ones each year.

- c. Athabasca Tournament Progress and Planning (Kate and Jodie).

Jodie is no longer able to assist with the tournament. Angela and Kate met outside of meeting and with a smaller tournament planned for the U5 – U9 groups that is unsanctioned, have agreed to continue organizing a local event. They will bring forward a proposal with some plans and costs to next meeting. Date has been tentatively set for June 7th at WHPS.

- d. Set up Coaching and Referee Meet and Great set date (Laura and Nadine)

Still a carry forward ACTION ITEM for Laura and Nadine

10. Other Business

- a. Awards night - Laura proposed that we start having an awards night at the end of the year. This was supported in theory by the board. Laura is to bring a full proposal with costs, possible dates and event plan to next meeting for consideration and approval.
- b. It was suggested that we set up whatsapp for executive discussions that don't require documents. To reduce email clutter in busy peoples desks.

Meeting adjourned 8:45pm.