

Athabasca Soccer Association

Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2025

7:15pm via Zoom

Attendees: Angela Kuzyk, Jodie Fedun, Nadine Byers, Neil Kuly, Angie Delancey, Kate Walker, Laura Hynes, Trevor Bochan, Mat Rosyckuck, Mitch Cartwright

John Heroux (Regrets)

Meeting called to order at 7:22

1. President Report (Mitch)
 - Just getting started but looking forward to this year and getting to know the volunteers and association.
2. Treasurer Report (Jodie wrapping up and passing to Angie)
 - Casino went well, with our food costs a bit over budget again this year. We may need to consider upping that planned cost for future casinos. All volunteer expenses processed.
 - The books have been passed over to Angie and Jodie will help her get started for the year
 - **ACTION – Jodie will take the AGM minutes to the Bank.** The President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer will need to go in and sign.
 - Alberta Registries needs to be updated with new board members.
 - **ACTION –Everyone to update Jodie with your birthdate and contact information.**
3. Coaching Report (Laura)
 - The older age groups have solid coaches to continue but there will be a last-minute scramble for the younger age groups once registrations are firmed up.
 - **ACTION – Laura to provide updates on training opportunities for coaches to Kate to add to communications to be more pro-active this year.**
 - **ACTION – Laura to set up a meeting with all coaches** (especially u11 and up) to ensure they have set up information, are set up in RAMP with appropriate certifications, record checks and pictures. Needs to be early in season before tournaments start. Pulling coaching/player cards and rosters should be self-serve. Laura to help coaches.
4. Registrar Report
 - Registrations are open and at meeting time there were more than 45 registered already with lots of interest at the U15+ age group. Some parents were missing the discount code but the refund and adjustment is working well.
 - The U15+ groups were set up with Tri-County fees same as last year – but if they become tournament teams refunds will be issued.
 - Coaches need to use the RAMP portal this year.

- **ACTION – Mitch to connect with Tri-County for cut-off dates for team declarations and rosters.**
 - **ACTION – Mat need dates and time for practices by March 15th.** Our registration page says TBD. Not sure who can confirm but we need this. **John?**
 - **ACTION – Angie to print flyers and take them to WHPS and LTIS to promote registration.**
5. Referee Coordinator Report (Nadine)
- Nadine is brand new and has requested that anyone with suggestions and information on how to manage this role to connect with her.
 - **ACTION - Laura to connect Nadine with Tri-County resources so that refs can receive training in time for the season.** There may be an option to host training here in Athabasca. Once dates is set and arrangements made this needs to get to Kate for communication and promotion.
 - Nadine is looking into an app to help young refs and parents who may not use email and spreadsheets to manage their schedules and shifts. If there is a small user fee the club can pay for it. Nadine hoping to build this role into a “real first job” for these kids that they can put on a resume and have references/training associated with it.
 - **ACTION – Nadine to work with Angie to set up ref’s with etransfer so we don’t need spreadsheets and cash in envelopes.**
 - One suggestion for this year is to have all the refs/linesmen get together at the beginning of the season as a team to help build a network and support each other. Might be good to have a meeting with the Coaches to set expectations prior to the season too.
6. Equipment Manager Report (Trevor/Neil)
- Have not been out to the shed yet but will be soon.
 - Trevor and Neil to connect with Brandice for information on what needs to be provided to each level and team and create a shareable resource.
 - **ACTION – Trevor and Neil will do a really good inventory of what we have and bring forward a list and some recommendations for purchase to the next meeting.**
 - **ACTION – Throughout the year Trevor and Neil will build a “binder” or resource with what is required for each team and level.** Maybe even a predictable replacement schedule for equipment in the future.
 - More than willing to do a bit of a refresh on equipment and to throw away some of the older stuff.
7. New Business
- a. **Reviving Athabasca Tournament Summer 2025**
 - i. Kate and Jodi would like to create a subcommittee to revive our Athabasca Tournament.
 - ii. The U15 girls team has offered to help by showing-up in uniform and volunteering where needed that day. Mentorship opportunity.
 - iii. Will need some money for costs and a new tent.

- iv. It was suggested to include groups right up to U13 and make it a larger event if possible and field space will allow?
- v. The binder from the last one has been handed over from Brandice to Jodi.
- vi. The board is fully supportive in this initiative knowing it is a big event to plan and thanks Jodi and Kate for offering.

MOTION – The board approves the development of a subcommittee led by Jodi and Kate to host an Athabasca Tournament. This includes a supportive spending budget for medals (TBD), rentals of facilities and the purchase of a new tent. (Mitch/Kate) PASSED

b. New Purchase Suggestions

- i. Team Photos – board is supportive of this being included in the price of registration. Will wait until we know how many teams to action. Will need someone to find a photographer, set dates and get estimates. Further planning next meeting.
- ii. First Aid Kits – board is supportive of this purchase. Estimates and pricing from Angie via email.

MOTION – The board approved the purchase of up to 10 new first aid kits to start the season. (Angela/Trevor) PASSED

- iii. Benches – Some of the benches are old and broken and are really heavy. We need to price out new ones and look at replacing.
- iv. U15 Representative Jerseys – It was suggested if our U15+ teams might be representing Athabasca Soccer Association all over the province and going to provincials that the club should be purchasing them proper uniforms (jerseys/shorts/socks). They would be for the kids to keep and could be personalized with numbers and name. This will help build excitement for the sport and representation Athabasca in the province again. Also takes some of the cost prohibition from continuing in the sport and travel down.
- o **ACTION – Laura to check with Cheap Seats on estimates and bring forward to next meeting for consideration and vote** (will depend on how many U15 teams we have).
- v. New Jerseys for U11&U13 – some of the Jerseys are getting pretty worn out and a bit older. Once numbers are in and we know need. Trevor will check inventory and provide an update on how many new ones we need. The board was supportive of an update to the jersey and Laura offered to get an estimate from Cheapseats to help discussions next meeting.
- vi. New Shirts for U5 and up – We purchase these for the kids to keep every year but need an inventory to get a new stock in this year. Some of the previous shirts were pretty big.
- vii. Coaching Shirts – suggested we look at updating coaching shirts. Estimates needed.
- viii. Zoom membership – Mitch suggested the club have an account for meetings. There was support to set up an account.

- ix. Other spending suggestions (with estimates) to come forward to the next meeting to help facilitate decisions/motions and so we can spend the money prior to the next Casino deposit.

Next meeting - We hope to start our season by week of April 7th with practices in the multiplex and need one more meeting before then. [Next meeting is March 26th In Person. 6:30 pm Multiplex meeting room](#) (Mitch has confirmed booking).

- **ACTION – Laura and John to meet and set up dates and times for trials, placements and practices for the first few weeks before we can get on the fields.** This will come to the next board meeting for discussion and approval.
- John has multiplex booked already to start beginning of April – more info at next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:29pm.