

# DEVON SOCCER ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

## EXECUTIVE MEETING

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Date: January 28, 2024

Time: 12:30 PM

Meeting called to order by: Sam Ruediger

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### IN ATTENDANCE

Sam Ruediger, Sheri Issler, Sarah Wallace, Michelle Wambold

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from previous meeting were available for review. This meeting was set to discuss the upcoming season.

### AGENDA

No set agenda

### BUSINESS DISCUSSED

1. Sam will be opening up registration, unofficially, tomorrow night (January 29). Full registration will open on February 1. Late registration will be March 15.
2. *Make a note:* Sam is away on holidays from March 25 to April 17.
3. February 11 – Battle River is planning a meeting for this day. Generally, nothing much to change this year from last season. Leduc may join.
4. April 29 – Battle River says the season starts. We, Devon, will start up the week prior with the older kids (U9s and up) so that we can get some practice in rather than starting the season right away with a game.
5. April 27 – 28 – Maybe do up a coach training session again. **Sam** to reach out to Battle River.
6. April 20 – Ref courses to start. People need to register early!
  - a. **Sam** will reach out to **Rebeka**
7. April 20 – We will have the AGM (2:00), then equipment pick up and coaches meeting (3:30), then regular equipment pickup for families (4:00)
  - a. Equipment exchange bins to be present at the AGM and meetings

8. April 21 – This looks like the day we will try and line the fields. Let's get a bigger group to help out this year.
9. Millet will be hosting the tournament on the Devon Days weekend. We, Devon, will not. Millet has already been sanctioned. However; the following weekend, Father's Day weekend, may be a good time to have a tournament in Devon.
  - a. We will need to put in sanctioning for that weekend. And, pre-emptively, we should also put in for Devon to have a tournament in 2025 over the Devon Days weekend.
10. Timbits Tournament will be in Calmar again this year.
11. Devon town council was unaware that we needed more soccer fields. While we have been able to "make due" with the current situation and loss of fields by the community center, we need more.
  - a. **Sam** will address council and apprise them of our situation and needs.
  - b. Is it possible to also look at new fields out where the new ball diamonds are? (long term goal)
12. **Sam** to coordinate still with **Sheri** regarding bookkeeping. He will pass books and items over to **Michelle** on Wednesday afternoon (January 31) to send along to Sheri.
13. Fees will be staying the same this year.
14. Website help still needed. Kevin (parent volunteer/coach) to coordinate with Sam when time permits.
15. Soccer photos – looking at the week of May 13-16. **Michelle** to coordinate with Mike Saramanga.
16. Jerseys
  - a. Order for Timbits to be placed (we need a wide range of sizes)
  - b. Order to Alice Embroidery to be placed. Will do a large quantity of 6 different colors.
  - c. Coach jerseys needed too
  - d. The orders will be shipped to Michelle's place
17. SWAG
  - a. **Sheri** needs the DSA logo from **Sam**
  - b. We will do ball caps, hoodies, sweats, t-shirts
  - c. Navy color
  - d. We need to find out the costs and then appropriate mark-up
  - e. Order deadline will be April 20
18. **Sam** is ordering a sign for registration. And will have a notice up on the Lions LED bulletin board.
19. **Michelle** to create a poster for registration and put posters up around town on bulletin boards (eg: IGA, dog park, Independent, library)
20. **Sarah** to contact The Store (Devon thrift store) about having our used equipment bins there for people to drop off unwanted/outgrown soccer gear. Then, we can have a day on April 6 where families can come and take what they need (with proof of registration). Final day to search through the bins will be at the AGM.
21. SoccerPoolooza! It was a hit last year and we will do it again this year.
  - a. Looking at June 22 for the date.
  - b. **Sam** will call and book the pool
  - c. Michelle will organize food again.
  - d. Terry from Marci's is willing to provide pizza for DSA in some capacity (he mentioned to Sheri and Michelle after the meeting)
  - e. Improvements from last year...
    - i. Set up the shade tents we have in the seacan. Or have Town of Devon set some up
    - ii. Let families know there will be pizza.
    - iii. Get pizza there sooner to avoid a hungry crowd of kids.

22. Signing authority

- a. **Michelle** to print off minutes from last year noting new secretary role. **Sam** and **Sarah** to sign off on Wednesday (January 31) so Michelle can go to Servus.

23. Sam needs to renew his contract this year with DSA. Sarah suggested that next year, thanks to all of his hard work, Sam be given a raise. This can also be brought up and approved at the AGM.

- a. Motion brought forward – Sarah
- b. Motion seconded – Michelle
- c. All in favor - Yes

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- Names **highlighted** in **bold** found next to the items required.

## **NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting will be on March 16 at 1:30 PM

Motion to ended at 1:35 PM.