

DSA EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

Sept 21, 2019

5 Haven Cres. Devon, AB

Meeting called by:	Board of Directors	Type of meeting:	Regular Executive
Facilitator:	WARREN HETHERINGTON	Note taker:	TAMMY MILLS
Attendees:	Warren Hetherington, Tammy Mills, Anita Hetherington, Rebekah Ott, Joe Mills, Brian Ott, Natasha Corkum		

Approval of April meeting minutes – First Warren/seconded by Anita

Approval of June agenda – First Warren/seconded by Rebekah

OLD BUSINESS:

- Coach, Parent and Referee Questionnaire results – 17 coaches, 48 parents and 9 referees responded. Noted the few concerns for next season and appreciated the overwhelming level of satisfaction with the program. Summary attached.
- 2019 Outdoor Season Outstanding fees –
 - ✓ Follow up on outstanding fees with emailed statement. Add fees to new accounts if needed. Tammy to speak with RAMP regarding options to merge player accounts, also to find solutions for future seasons.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Financials (Tammy) – As of Aug 31, 19 we have a total income of \$6073.20. Our chequing account has a balance of \$25507.16.
- Space, Day & Time – Meetings will continue to be held one Saturday per month at 6:30 pm at Warren & Anita's house.
- Indoor Season – Registration is complete for our first indoor season. We have 2 sessions of 8 weeks with a total of 68 players. As some players are in both sessions there are a total of 43 individuals and 35 families involved. On Sept 17th we found out that we will now be charged to use HSCS gym so a few adjustments needed to be made to facilitate this and Tammy will apply to the town for a grant to assist with these expenses.
- Direction of DSA – Discuss occurred about leaving BRSA/ASA and joining Parkland Fun Ball. The cost different is substantial and there would be very minor changes to how our program is run. Tammy will contact Barbara at Parkland to inquire about attending their fall meeting.
- Obtain quotes and portfolios for photographers for outdoor season – Nicole will follow up with County Nuts Photography and Koda. Warren will talk to Andy. Tammy will contact 20/20.
- Community Initiatives Grant – Tammy will apply for this grant to assist with our indoor season. Application is due Oct 1, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:15 pm

NEXT MEETING: To be set after Parkland and BRSA fall meetings.

Coaching Evaluation

1. Did you enjoy your experience as a coach or assistant coach? Why or why not?

"Yes, love coaching the kids."

"Absolutely."

"Yes."

"Yes, I did...got to see the kids learn and improve throughout the season. I loved every moment of it."

"I loved it, I felt supported by the organization and found the kids to be absolutely lovely to coach. They played with full heart."

"Yes and no, the practices were different, and I would have liked to be able to stay longer with my own team to teach skills"

2. Did you feel that the coach training was worthwhile, and you learned a lot?

"Didn't attend"

"Yes, it was awesome"

"N/A coach training was cancelled due to low enrollment"

3. U3-U9 only: This is our 2nd season using the Long-Term Player Development/Preferred Training Method. Which objectives do you feel were accomplished using the LTPD/PTM?

"Increased touches on the ball for participants. More player engagement with coach and other players. Increased activity level while at soccer."

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4. How did you like using the RAMP APP for communicating with your team?

"Not well"

"Some parents didn't want to add another APP option their phone, and some parents did not have a phone. It was nice to have the email option to send out messages."

"Worked well"

"It should be made standard, too many parents relied on emails instead of the app. But the app was nice."

"It worked great"

"Loved it"

5. Was communication with the administrator satisfactory?

"Ok"

"Absolutely"

"Yes"

"Yes, she was fantastic, can't believe how busy she must have been too!"

"Yes, the effort to keep all on the same page was apparent"

"It was great"

6. Do you have any concerns that you feel we should address for next year? Is there anything you can think of that we can improve upon?

"Not at this time"

"There seemed to be issues with field placements, however these were quickly rectified amongst the coaches. Not sure how it happened but different people had different versions of the map."

"Although the practices were great, I would have liked to spend the whole practice with my kids."

"More teaching of fundamentals."

"The U3 teams need games. They need to learn the format of a soccer game. It was also a lot of work as a coach to plan multiple drills for each night – 2 times a week. Having 15 min practice then a 15 min game against another team would be ideal."

"I get that it's a battle with parents, but the kiddos are way more engaged in skills night than on games nights...ideally most nights are skill nights."

7. Do you plan to come back as a coach or assistant coach again next year?

"Yes"

"I would love to coach again."

"If I am allowed"

"Yes, more than likely"

"No"

8. DSA is working to have a 16-week indoor season for fall/winter 2019-2020, would you be interested in being a coach or assistant coach?

"Possibly"

"Yes"

"Yes"

"No, it interferes with hockey"

9. Any additional comments

"Need more information on indoor"

"Thanks to Tammy for doing such a great job at getting this website and program in place."

"Thanks for giving me the opportunity to coach. Hopefully the kids had as much fun as I did."

"Thank you for a wonderful season...I wish I could coach my own team rather than the move around."

"This was my first-year coaching and the whole process was made very easy by the admin. Thank you."

"As the coach, my kid missed out because I was busy interacting with the other players. Some parents were on their phones and not listening to the instructions. How can you expect a kid to listen if the parent doesn't listen? Also, the drill book does not work for the U3. It would be great to provide suggestions for two-year olds."

Referee Evaluation

1. Who was your mentor? Was having a mentor a valuable experience? Was the mentor enough help for one game to help you feel confident? Or do you wish you could have had more mentoring?

"I did not have a mentor"

"I thought one mentor was good enough, but it would be nice to have someone to go to for questions and stuff like that."

"Yes, very valuable experience – 1 game was enough."

"Lance. It was a very valuable experience and one game was enough, although more mentoring could have improved my confidence faster."

"I think his name was Gil Dimas and after having him mentor me, I felt very confident going on and refing little kids myself. The linesman also helps a lot."

2. Do you plan to come back as a ref again next year?

"Not sure yet"

"Yes"

"Absolutely"

"Most definitely"

"Yes, I enjoyed refing the small children"

3. Did you feel that the ref training was worthwhile, and you learned a lot?

"Yes"

"Yes, was very helpful"

"Yes. I had learned a lot of the rules I didn't know."

"I was taught well but it was a lot of information in one day, so I didn't remember all of it. The booklets we received were extremely helpful to refer back to."

"Yes, it was a helpful refresher."

4. Was communication with the referee coordinator satisfactory

"Yes, it was good."

"Absolutely"

"Yes, it was easy to contact them"

"Yes"

5. How did you like using the RAMP platform for accepting and declining games?

"It was easy to use"

"Great app, very straight forward and easy"

"It was great and very easy"

"It worked well"

6. Do you have any concerns that you feel we should address for next year? Is there anything you can think of that we can improve upon?

"No"

"Opportunity for more games in Blackgold"

"No, everything was great"

"I had a lot of fun; the kids were very polite along with the coaches. Sometimes the spray paint for the lines wore off and it was hard to see them with the pilons but other than that it was great.

"I fee that if a ref is coming form out of town, they should be paid gas mileage even if they play soccer in Devon."

7. Did you enjoy your experience as a ref? Why or why not?

"Yes, it was a good experience."

"Yes, good pay and fun"

"Yes, it was a very valuable experience and being a referee grew me as a person I feel. I enjoyed every aspect of refereeing except for some rude parents of soccer players."

"Loved every moment."

"Yes, I enjoyed my experience as a ref. I only refed U9s and I was glad about that because I was mostly doing this for fun. I got along great with the kids and loved being around them. I work great with young kids, so it was awesome for me. It gave me a great experience of learning how to make decisions, be in control, explain things, manage more than one thing at a time and it helped me get in shape for ride which was a plus. The group of soccer players were polite, kind and spoke up for themselves. If they had questions, they asked and even if they weren't on the same team as someone, they still would help them and have fun with them."

Parent Evaluation

1. Did the coach/assistant coach honour the game by obeying the rules, showing respect to officials, treating all players and opponents with respect?

"Absolutely"

"Yes"

"Yes, they did an awesome job, all of them"

"The coaches were nothing but respectful to all the children and parents"

"Yes, they all encouraged the players to have fun"

2. Did the coach/assistant coach reward effort, not just results? Did they help players learn and improve as well as help players bounce back from mistakes?

"Definitely"

"Yes, my daughter improved so much this year."

"Yes, Kyle and Di were truly wonderful. Fun, encouraging, super kind to all the kiddos."

"Sometimes...seemed to be less coaching during games though the assistant coach was great."

"Yes, fantastic coaching!"

"There was a lack of knowledge and engagement with the kids. We as a team didn't improve over the season. And they just let the kids run the show. Especially the kids that could get the ball in the net. I would have liked to see even these players grown and improve."

3. Did the Coach/Assistant Coach make the sport fun for your child by using positive reinforcement, listening to players and encouraging players to do their best?

"Always"

"Absolutely"

"Yes"

"Yes! They were always smiling and laughing"

"Yes, my daughter is shy and tends no to participate, so this was important. Both coaches were very attentive and whenever my daughter wasn't getting involved, they were right there to encourage her."

4. Thinking of coaching techniques, were practices organized, focused and age appropriate? Did coach/assistant coach display good knowledge of the game and rules? Was the assignment of playing time balanced?

"Absolutely"

"Yes"

"U7 yes, U9 practices were good but not sure the coaches knew much about the game itself or it's rules."

"The games the coaches chose for the team were very age appropriate and were a good introduction into the soccer community for the kids."

"Playing times was difficult to manage. We often had 0 players out of the 12 on our team which meant that kids need to sit 3 rotations before going back on at times. In a 30 min game this was unacceptable even with quick line changes. Team sizes need to be smaller 8 per team."

5. Would you recommend this coach/assistant coach for future seasons?

Most coaches were loved. I have made note of coaches that were not recommended as well as the reasons so we can provide feedback or further training.

6. Would you be available to help coach in an upcoming season?

Made a list for future reference.

7. Additional comments regarding coach or assistant coach.

"Coach Anita did a fantastic job as the coach."

"Cory Setter has done a great job of teaching my daughter to love the sport. He has been a great leader; I know he will be missed deeply."

"Both my kids enjoyed both practices and games. I really appreciate the effort all coaches put in."

"We love Nina and the other coaches."

"Devon Bateman and Ashley Brown were fantastic coaches. They were fair, the kids had fun and they worked extremely well together."

8. This is our 2nd season using the Long-Term Player Development/Preferred Training Method for our U3-U9. Which objectives do you feel were accomplished using the LTPD/PTM?

"Increased fun at soccer. Increased activity level while at soccer. Our child looked forward to going to soccer."

"Increased touches on the ball for participants."

"More player engagement with coach and other players."

9. What new skills/abilities did your child(ren) acquire during the 2019 outdoor season?

"Became strong with throw-ins and improved big kicks, getting in front of the ball and not being afraid of the opponent."

"To work as a team"

"I found he was more confident than last year. He isn't very fast or very good, but he did get in there and try to get the ball."

"How to score"

"Goalie skills"

"Passing to others in the game"

10. Would you recommend Devon Soccer Association program to other children/parents?

"Yes"

"Yes, for fun not competition"

"Without a doubt"

11. Will you be registering for the 2020 outdoor season?

Yes, or unsure answers, there were zero No.

12. DSA is working to have a 16-week indoor season for fall/winter 2019-2020, would your family be interested in this type of program?

We had 15 yes for sure. Some send info and some definite No.

13. Additional Comments Regarding our Program

"Smaller team sizes. Continued format of one game per week."

"Thanks to everyone involved with making this season successful."

"Would LOVE an indoor season in fall!"

"I think skills practice is so important. I hope we get a different coach that actually is intentional with this time."

"It was good. I liked the balance of practice and game time."

14. DSA strives to provide effective communication. When you were looking for information this season, which methods did you utilize?

"Website. RAMP App, Facebook Page. Checked emails. Referred to the Parent/Player Handbook"

"RAMP App. Emailed, called or sent text to Coach."

"Website."

"Checked emails"

"Website. RAMP app. Emailed, called or sent text to Coach. Emailed, called or sent text to your Team Manager (u11-U17)."

15. Following are AGM, we held an information session. We answered questions and concerns as well as showed those in attendance where to find information on our website. Would you attend a future information session? What type of information would you like to receive?

"N/a"

"No"

"Yes"

"Prefer an email"

"I would not attend"

"Probably not really necessary for me. I did not attend and the emails, website were clear enough for me."

16. Is there anything DSA could do to improve communication?

"No"

"No communication was good for this season"

"Make the call for rainouts and not the coaches"

"I thought communication was very thorough! Posted in several places and very responsive to emails."

"Ensure parents know to follow Facebook and check for emails."

17. Additional Comments Regarding Devon Soccer Association

"Thanks to everybody involved at DSA"

"Thank you to everyone involved for all of your hard work, time and dedication. I am grateful for all of you involved who make this sport possible for our children play. My son had the best time this year and loved every moment."

"It's a really great program for our community."

"Great season everyone" Thank you for all your hard work."

"Best year yet."