



**Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc.
Special General Meeting**
Saskatoon Kinsmen Henk Ruys Soccer Centre Boardroom
Thurs April 23, 2015, 7:00 PM

MINUTES

Present: Daniel Coté, Aurora; Kevin Sorsdahl, SUSC; Dean Rumpel, Eastside; Len Lewko, Lakewood, Sheri Willick, Hollandia; Laurier Langlois, Hollandia; David Taylor, SYSI; Brian Stevens, SYSI; Mark Millard, SYSI; and Tom Porter SYSI

I. Adopt Agenda (7:01pm) – Section III, Special General Meeting, moved to start of meeting.
Dean Rumpel moved / Len Lewko seconded - carried

II. Special General Meeting (7:04pm)

1. Bylaw Change

Motion: to modify the quorum bylaw. The bylaw will read:

Bylaw 8.2.3: The Annual General Meeting shall be open to all interested persons. A quorum shall consist of a minimum of 31 votes.

Dean / Mark - carried

2. Article Amendment

Motion: to amend the SYSI Articles of Incorporation as requested by the Saskatchewan Corporations Branch.

Len / Kevin - carried

III. SYSI Items (7:12pm)

1. Strategic Plan

Tom provided an overview of the strategic plan

General acknowledgement that we have the right 5 strategic areas

Mark suggests that SYSI market both soccer and football (futbol) in order to get the right message to new Canadians

Dean noted that everyone agrees that fun is a key motivation, but who is responsible? The plan needs to state who is responsible or accountable, otherwise it doesn't get done.

Mark suggest that we need more coaching at the Community Association (CA) level

Laurier – turn coaching over to the Zones

Dean – EYSA subsidizes the CAs in order to take over soccer

Laurier – we need to get out of the CA mindset and into the Zone mindset

Kevin – SUSC is developing better relationships with the CAs

Laurier – SYSI could work with the CAs to help them understand the overall soccer community

Mark – need volunteers

Sheri – need volunteers

Laurier – CAs have no structure

Dean – we need both U10-D and U10 rec streams

Laurier/Dean/Sheri

- There are competitive and recreational streams
- Players are enjoying the U10-D league
- General agreement for the Zones to take over mini soccer

Brian – spend \$50,000 over two years to support CAs to attract soccer players

Len – if we remove mini from schools then there will be a significant increase in soccer centre costs

Laurier – we need to target kids in the schools

Dean – wants a motion to move U6&U8 to Zones

Laurier – will SYSI start talking to CAs?

Tom – notes that the SYSI Board has authority, but the Zone Presidents may pass a resolution recommending an SYSI Board action

RESOLUTION

The Zone Presidents recommend that SYSI alters youth and mini soccer structures for the Zones to assume responsibility of mini soccer.

Dean / Sheri – discussion

Brian – use the City of Saskatoon Community Liaison staff to facilitate a transition

Mark – SYSI has money to soften the shift

Len – the open question is still about how to make this happen

RESOLUTION CARRIED

Len – Lakewood is planning on going into the schools again

Mark – We need to rebrand soccer centre as football not as a sports centre

Brian – new Canadians are not a \$400/season market

SYSI office to develop a plan for managing the shift of mini soccer to the Zones

Sheri – should we have a staff member responsible for community soccer and CA transition?

Dave – Yes, we could

Laurier – mini technical coordinator

RESOLUTION

The Zone Presidents recommend that SYSI creates a community development position for Community Association, community soccer and grassroots engagement along with a plan for financial sustainability.

Kevin / Sheri – carried

RESOLUTION CARRIED

2. Reserve Spending Plan

Tom noted that there is approximately \$400,000 that needs to be drawn down to meet the SYSI new reserve policy

Dean – not opposed to getting money back. Facility development would be years away

Dean – take half for staffing and half for a rebate

Len – agree that a games facility will be expensive, but would like a practice facility

Kevin – west-side accessibility is an issue

Dean – How much do we allocate now?

Brian – let management decide

Dean – we do not want to wait 8 months or the decisions made tonight will draft away.

IV. Adjourn (9:06pm)

Len – gratefully carried