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WDAFA Regular Meeting

June 16, 2022

Time: Meeting called to order 6:33

Meeting called by: Codey Soanes

Attendees: Lynne Ware, Kathryn Weremey, Tracey Bredlow, Steve Bredlow, Codey Soanes, Sandra Kim, Jennifer Boychuck

Please read: Meeting Minutes previous

1. **Approval of the Agenda:** Jennifer moves to adopt the agenda as presented. Steven seconded.

Carried

2. **Approval of the Minutes:** Kathryn moves to accept the minutes as presented. Steven

Seconded. Carried

3. **Recruitment-** Kathryn sent out an email about Spring Camp to gain interest in players. Codey talked with the CDMFA about the declaration on the 27th of June for the players that will be on the roster. CDMFA recognizes that late registration is typically an issue for the Wetaskiwin Region and is willing to accept a slightly late registration. Current enrollment stands at:

PeeWee -6

Bantam- 6

Atom- 3

Flag- 2

We do have the numbers, just that there is a deficiency of funds within the community as a whole and families are adjusting to the increased cost of living which is impacting registrations'. Should we get to the 27th of June without the numbers in place for a successful season an emergency meeting may need to be called to address that issue.

The new rules state that no club can take any more than 5 from another region. Leduc at this time holds 7 of Wetaskiwin player. This will only apply to new players only (never played football) and if we are not able to form a functional team. To apply to older players there is a process which involves the Discipline committee to determine if the player has outside circumstances that would interfere with playing within the community of residence. Only the

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City of Wetaskiwin boundaries apply in this respect. County is up for grabs to surrounding communities.

4. **Coaching-** Currently we have a full coaching staff for PeeWee. We do not for Atom or Bantam. Codey will be working on finding a solution for coaches for those two groups. Kevin Longsdale indicated that he would like to coach but may be injured list for the season. John Tomkinson has also expressed an interest in coaching at the Bantam level. There is another individual that may be available who coached last year Jason Isbreniner (spelling may not be accurate). There is an excess of Junior coaches, but a lack of Head Coaches. Options of other individuals that could be approached for Head Coaching were discussed around the table. Again, if more Head Coaches cannot be found, there may be the need for another emergency meeting to address the issue. Courses seems to be a deterrent for some of the individuals.

Motion: Steve Bredlow moves that; volunteers wishing to complete the coaching program will pay initial fees upfront and will be reimbursed at the season for any costs.

Seconded by: Jennifer Boychuck. Carried unanimously

5. **Equipment/ Supply costs:** New enrollments are to provide 1-2 rolls of KT Tape or Spider tape for each player registered as part of the equipment for the season- Codey has emailed the helmet supplier and continues to get the run-a-round with individuals. Helmets are coming in from Zenith in the United States. Helmets are about \$60-\$80 cheaper including the exchange rates getting them from Zenith. The pants that were purchased are now falling apart. Codey's kind mother in doing ongoing repairs. It is highly recommended that we do not use integrated pants in the future, but go with the hip padding and high waisted band. We do not need to order any pants for this year as we do have enough to get us through the season. Footballs: The CDMFA for League play has allowed the NIKE football to be used. A chart will be provided so that the club and understand the differences in the sizing and naming of the footballs. Socks:

Motion; Kathryn Weremey moves that; the club purchase Socks for all age groups.
Seconded by Tracey Bredlow. Carried unanimously.

Kathryn mentioned that the only group that typically uses the most amount of KT tape would be the girls team. There is a discussion that if the Club provides the White tape then any KT tape or Spider Tape would be provided and applied by the individual players.

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6.Trainers: John Tomkinson; Codey has spoken with John Tomkinson about a poster to actively try to recruit new trainers for the Club. The only item required to start is a BASIC FIRST AID. Other courses such as Taping and injuries can be taken under the same guidelines as the Coaches courses, that individuals would pay up-front and have reimbursed at the end of the season.

7. CDMFA-AGM- Was not as successful as anticipated. The issues of boundaries and recruitment were dominating topics of discussion. At this time, it is uncertain what was approved and passed in motions and what was discussion only. It is the opinion of this Club that the CDMFA may not be a long-term solution for the operation of local clubs. There are several ongoing working committees in which they are requesting members of the local club governing boards to attend and participate in. A focus of Self-Sufficiency may be the focus of the WDAFA at this time.

8. Funny Fundraiser- Kathryn was in discussion with Rob Patrick on a comedy fundraising event. On September 16th or 17th WDAFA will be having a funny fundraiser at the Millet Agriplex. Tickets will be \$65/ea with catering provided by Cornerstone. If we can sell out there is a potential profit of \$11, 825.60. The profit margin does not include Liquor sales, Silent Auction Items or donations. We will need about 350 people to attend to make a substantial profit. There is a need of 8-10 volunteers or pay him \$17.50/hr to hire people himself. The proposal is still in the works and has costs totaling about \$13,000. It is recommended that the Club use RAMP as a method of ticket sales and tracking. Depending how much money in the Auction sales come to, there is an expectation that a percentage donation be given back to the Funny Fundraiser organization to keep Non-Profit support ongoing. A minimum number of tickets to be sold to make any money at all will be 210 tickets. The Millet Agriplex will hold 382, so tickets sales of 325 people is a comfortable number for both profits and enjoyment of the venue.

Bentstick Brewery is willing to assist in the fundraising of this event to the benefit of the Club. Insurance will be needed for the event.

It seems that at this time the Cards that we have traditionally used for fundraising has brought in about \$3000.00. Discussion was made that perhaps with other events and some of the difficulties experienced with the Cards, that we do not proceed with Cards this year.

A bottle drive is planned for September 8th, 2022, instead of a regular practice so encourage all players, parents and supporters to participate.

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Football Day: Edmonton Elks have only one day available October 2, 2022, which is a Sunday. Jennifer booked them for that day. An attempt should be made to have teams PeeWee and Bantam to play that day with Camrose.

9. **Treasurer Report-** Currently there is \$9583.97 in the bank account. The Arber Greenhouse made \$475.00 profit. Annual filing needs to be in at the end of June.

Motion: Tracey Bredlow made a motion that; the Club reimburse or provide funds up to a maximum of \$100 for paper, ink/toner and some general office supplies to the end of the Fall 2022 season. Seconded, by Lynne Ware. Carried unanimously

10. **President's Report-** Not at this time (already presented through the course of the meeting)

11. **Bantam Girls- Football Canada LTAD-** There was a discussing that took place in the winter of 2021 on a motion that was decided unanimously previously by this board that did not allow females on the Bantam team. A letter was presented by Lynne Ware, written by Kaylee Belbeck requesting a reconsideration of the motion currently in place. Codey did inform the meeting that new rules that have come into place on weeks of play which may impact the ability of girls playing on a Bantam team. Also, male and female athletes may play together until U14 and after that the recommendation that each team have their own groups in which to play.

(John Tomkinson entered the meeting at 8:07pm)

Currently WDAFA is the only one in the area with a Girls Football program. Football Canada desires that male and female teams be kept separate.

As this decision was made at a special meeting, then there must be a motion and a seconder to bring the motion back to the board at a special meeting.

A request for the issue to be placed as an agenda item for a scheduled special meeting was made.

A reminder was kindly made that as a board, the goal is to be united in the face of public backlash on decision making of the Board. Not everyone may agree with the Board, but the roles of Board members are to be unified in the final decision.

Motion: Lynne Ware moves that, WDAFA call a Special General Meeting at the earliest opportunity. Seconder, Kathryn Weremey. Defeated 5-2

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Discussion on a creation of talking points to allow for better information sharing and communication on the decisions of the Board be drafted and presented for approval. Codey will look at methods/options on draft plans for communication.

Motion: John Tomkinson moves that, the WDAFA board advocates for better equality between the Spring and Fall Season. Seconded, Lynne Ware. Carried unanimously

Meeting Adjourned: 8:35pm June 16, 2022