



Williams Lake Youth Soccer Association

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Williams Lake Youth Soccer Association Annual General Meeting

October 14, 2020 – Hosted Via Zoom.

Meeting Called to Order: 7:04pm

Roll Call: Nara Riplinger, Angie Johnson, Marnie Brenner, Andrea Gustafson, Kelvin Parent, Brian Hansen, Ian Neels, Naomi Miller, Kara Relf, Kirk Dressler, Mary Thurow, Oliver Hitch, Alexis Forseille.

Approval of 2019 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Moved: Angie Johnson

Seconded: Brian Hansen

That the Directors of the WLYSA approve the 2019 Annual General Meeting Minutes as presented.

CARRIED

Business Arising: plan for Covid will be discussed at next meeting.

Director Reports:

Review of reports:

President – Nara Riplinger

Vice President – Ian Neels

Treasurer – Kirk Dressler.

Esler Complex/Indoor Facility – Brian Hansen

Senior Coordinator – Andrea Gustafson

Administrator Report – Alexis Forseille

Technical Director Report – Oliver Hitch

Election of Officers and Directors:

Positions are up for re-election.

President: Nara Riplinger stepping down. Thank you for your work and leadership.

Nominations for president: Nara Riplinger nominated Ian Neels for president. Declined. Rules: VP the intern president until new one be found. Intern President will be Ian Neels.

Secretary: Tammy Watson will step down.

Nominations for secretary: Nara Riplinger nominated Kara Relf. Kara Accepted the nomination. No other nominations. Congratulation Kara Relf.

Directors position 1: Senior Director Andrea Gustafson let her name stand for re-election.
Two vacate Director position

Tara Sherlock and Rya Enns stepping down.

Directors position 2: left empty

Directors position 3: left empty

New Business:

Indoor session for upcoming winter season. Submitted to school district haven't heard anything yet.
Return to play plan

Date for 2021 AGM: October 20th 2021 Wednesday

Meeting Adjourned: 7:56pm

President's Report – AGM – Oct 2021

After a year of almost no soccer activity, we were able to return to full programming with some restrictions due to Covid 19. I started this year as the interim president from the vice president position that I held for the 2020 season.

Registration: This year we were able to run three full seasons but understandably we had some lower numbers compared to 2019. We continue to look at new ways to bring new members to the organization and make an easy transition for younger players/parents to join the club for the future.

	New Individual Players	Returning Players	Players Included in Season Registrations	Total for Season
Winter Season	18	14		32
Spring Season Registrations	514			514
Rep, Rep Development and Future Star Players (Rep, RD, and FS players must register during the Spring Season)			122	
Summer Season (Excel Training Program)	2	58		60
August Summer Camp	4	7		11
Fall Season	39	66		105
Total Individual Player Registrations	559			

Rep and Development Soccer: As we navigated through the varying restrictions the WYLSA made the best of it. We had some limited regional activity with the rep teams and held a successful Future Stars program.

WLYSA Office: We made the decision this year to leave our downtown location and move our address to the Esler Complex. With Oliver and Alexis working from home and moving to full-time online of online registration we felt this extra expense to WLYSA didn't make sense in the current economic environment. A big shout out to Oliver, Alexis and Brian for helping us with the move.

Esler Complex: Water, Water, Water...to say we had a few issues is an understatement. After a water main break in -38 C weather, well pump failure, lawn mower engine failure and multiple line breaks it was a year to remember. Brian and the team did come together to overcome many challenges and the fields were in excellent shape for all members to enjoy. In August we hosted the UNBC ladies team for an exhibition game with a soccer camp that helped showcase the great facility and team we have here at the WLYSA. We are working with the CRD in developing a long term sustainability plan on the water system at the complex. More upgrades and advancements to come in 2022.

Youth District: As BC soccer changed their bylaws we were forced to make a decision to join an existing youth district or create a new district existing of our own bylaws. We came together with Qusenel Youth Soccer Association and 100 Mile Youth Soccer to create a Cariboo Youth Soccer Association that will better represent the upcoming youth in the Cariboo Soccer region. The team has spent a lot of time establishing a Constitution with bylaws and finding board members to make the endeavor successful. We are still on our journey but can see the finish line to joining CYSA and complying with BC soccer. I am excited for the synergies that can be leveraged by the youth organizations for our club.

Referees: Although we were later in the season before we could run games, we had a small core of junior referees and some returning volunteers that helped come together to provide referee services to our club. It was a challenging environment without in-person training, but our club made the best out of everything. I would like to recognize the junior referees for their hard work: Paige Cheek, Amelia Dell, Jayden Fradsham, Olen Grady, Alexee Gustafson, Elyse Seinen, Tyrell Johnston, Johana Ketter, Mion Kingugasa, Ella Kruus, Grady Gustafson, Hailey Sherlock, Neen Suapa, and Kianna Kuttnick.

Scholarships: In an effort to offer more support to graduating students who have played, coached, and/or refereed soccer for WLYSA we continued our scholarship donation of \$2000 this year. Our club was able to offer four, \$500 scholarships to benefit four well-known and deserving student athletes with their post-secondary education. Our 2021 scholarship recipients were: Brooke Levens, Brityn Hinsche, Olivia Gash and Hamish Archie - who each received \$500.00 bursaries from the WLYSA.

Finances: We accessed the CBSA loan program and continued with the CEWS for our staff for this fiscal year. We most definitely still had a lot of financial pressures being that our registration is still down 45 % from pre-covid numbers, but the future looks brighter than 2020. We continue to research new grants, and fundraising opportunities to supplement our registration revenue so we are able to provide the best programming to the youth of Williams Lake area.

I sincerely wish to thank all the volunteers, coaches, staff, players, board members, sponsors and referees for making 2020-2021 a successful soccer season with the WLYSA. I look forward to the 2021-2022 season and foresee great things on the horizon at the WLYSA.

Sincerely,

Ian Neels

Interim President

Williams Lake Youth Soccer Association



WILLIAMS LAKE YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

2021 TREASURER'S REPORT

Kirk Dressler

Overview:

The 2020/2021 year went by quickly -- and with the COVID-19 pandemic continuing to cause problems around the globe it was a very challenging year. The positive news, though, is that there was a gradual return to play in 2021 and this allowed the WLYSA to salvage a considerable portion of its outdoor season and programs.

The improvement in the situation surrounding the pandemic is reflected in the financial condition of the WLYSA as we approach the 2020/2021 year-end.

A Look at Revenues and Expenditures:

In 2019/2020, during the depths of the pandemic, revenues were down approximately 90% over the previous year. This put immense pressure on the WLYSA and had there not been improvement in 2020/2021, it would've been almost impossible to continue operations.

Fortunately, in the Spring of 2021 vaccines were introduced and there was a general improvement in the COVID situation. The first phase of BC's Return to Play commenced in May of 2021 and by July we had graduated to Phase 3.

As a result, revenues from registrations recovered considerably in 2020/2021. We had made conservative budget estimates in the Fall of 2020 for the upcoming fiscal year and managed to exceed these budget estimates by approximately 40%. The bad news, though, is that even with this recovery we are seeing that registration revenues are down approximately 25-30% over historical averages.

Other 2021/2021 revenues met or exceeded budget estimates, as well. There was deferred Gaming Grant revenue brought forward from 2019/2020 and in 2020/2021, the WLYSA received grant additional Gaming Grant revenue that was more than the amount predicted in the 2020/2021 budget estimates.

Although the WLYSA failed to meet its budget estimates in relation to other program-related grant funding, we were able to satisfy government programs that provided some financial support for the organization. Most notable of these was the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS) which subsidized a portion of the wage for both the WLYSA Administrator and Technical Director positions and the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS) which provided an interest free loan of \$60,000 to the WLYSA. Of the \$60,000 loaned to the WLYSA under the CEBA program, \$20,000 is forgivable if the remaining \$40,000 is repaid prior to December 31, 2022.

In terms of expenses, the WLYSA was able to constrain most of its line items to remain within budget. For the bulk of the 2020/2021 fiscal year, there was no physical office for the WLYSA, and this allowed the organization to realize significant savings. Office expenses were well under budget and bookkeeping and accounting fees will likely come in within budget estimates, as well. Given that it was very difficult to hold events in the middle of the pandemic, event expenses were also well under budget as were volunteer appreciation expenses.

Although year end financial statements were not available at the time this report was produced, it is likely that there will be a moderate surplus at year end as compared against our original budget estimates.

A small cash reserve is being maintained to attempt to advance the indoor facility project. Discussions have continued with the City of Williams Lake and School District 27 with respect to this project, although it has been difficult to meaningfully advance this concept during the pandemic.

What does 2021/2022 have in store for the WLYSA?

I am cautiously optimistic that the upcoming fiscal year will see improvement in the COVID situation and that by the Spring of 2022 we will be able to return to something approximating normal outdoor programming.

The winter indoor season could be challenging, though, both because of continuing problems with COVID and the challenges associated with securing facilities.

We hope to receive strong community support in the 2021/2022 fiscal year through registrations, sponsorships, donations, and volunteer participation. I'd like to thank everyone who assisted this year and allowed us to have a relatively successful season during a challenging global situation.

Thank you/Kukstemc!

Angie Johnson – Director at Large

This past year has had its challenges, as a member of this non-profit I have felt so fortunate to have been a part of giving back to this association. This past year I signed in to all but one meeting and was able to help make the workload a little more bearable to the rest of the members. With guidance from Alexis and Ian I have grown as a director.

Some of the tasks I helped in where...

The spring session Jamboree – drafting a donation letter and successfully obtaining those donations.

As well as helping out at the year end Jamboree weekend.

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of this association

Angie Johnson

WLYSA AGM Admin Report

Alexis Walch

October 1, 2021

2020/2021 was a year of continuous changes as WLYSA navigated the Covid-19 restrictions for both the indoor and outdoor seasons.

Office Changes

The transition to home office mid-spring registrations went fairly smoothly. The only exception was the issues with our phonenumber service provider to port our existing number to a mobile line. I appreciate all the parents/guardians who were patient as the issues were being solved and emailed me with their questions.

Spring Season

The spring season saw just over half the number of registrations that we saw prior to the pandemic. All registrations were again held online as directed by the Covid-19 regulations. This year we were able to introduce the e-transfer option that many families used instead of a credit card transaction. WLYSA was also able to continue working with KidSport and Jumpstart to support families in their return to sports.

We did not have volunteers for two of our major spring positions, Mini Coordinator and Referee Coordinator. Thus, Oliver and I split the duties for the spring season. It was a new challenge for me to take on the role of the Mini Coordinator. The unpredictability of when restrictions would be lifted to allow game play, and what that would look like in terms of numbers/cohorts, made most of our coordinating be a last-minute situation. I am looking forward to being able to prepare our teams, coaches and parents much farther in advance once we are through the pandemic restrictions on youth sports and spectators.

I would say that volunteerism is at an all-time low in our community. Like many organizations in Williams Lake, the lack of volunteers presents challenges for WLYSA when trying to plan programs for our youth. I am very thankful to all the parents/guardians, grand-parents, students, and siblings that volunteered their time to coach the teams this year. WLYSA programs rely on volunteers to make the magic happen on the field for the players in our community. Increasing our volunteer base and supporting our new volunteers should be a priority going forward.

Thank you to all our spring season sponsors that chose to carry forward their donations from 2020 to our 2021 season! Special thank you to the sponsors that supported our initiative to recognize our volunteers at the end of the spring season.

WLYSA held a survey at the end of the spring season. Thank you to everyone who responded and provided us with feedback that will help us plan for the 2022 spring season.

Summer and Fall Season

The free Excel Training Program saw many players continue throughout the summer.

The July camp did not have the numbers to support drill for the players, however the August summer camp was able to run for the younger age group. We had two students assist WLYSA in running the August camp. Thank you to Patrik Prokes and Alexee Gustafson for taking on the role of camp leaders!

It was exciting to see our fall numbers increase from previous years. The introduction of the U3/U4 age group to the fall season really boosted the number of participants and hopefully introduced new members to our programs before the 2022 spring season.

Overall, WLYSA pulled through the pandemic restrictions thanks to our dedicated members and I look forward to planning the 2022 seasons!