

# Mid-Isle Soccer Club Executive

Monday, June 4, 2018 – 7:00 pm – Fox & Hounds Meeting Room

## Members Present:

Mike Rankin - President  
Jeremy Kaye – Vice President  
Laurie Bastian – Equipment  
Tim Richards – Sponsorship  
Willow J. Rae – Club Administrator  
Cheryl Smith – Registrar  
Bill Merriman – Technical Director

Hiromi Tollefson – Tier III  
Kelly Rodgers - Secretary  
Jennifer LeBlanc – Communications  
Paul Brockhurst – UISA Rep  
Cheryl Merriman – Adult League  
Chris Such – Turf/Fields

## Regrets:

Aaron Lafontaine - Referees  
Chelsea Cooke – Pony Program

Danielle Winters – Tots Coordinator  
Tonya Soules – Merchandise Coordinator

1. Mike Rankin called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.
2. Chris moved to adopt the minutes from the May 14<sup>th</sup> Executive meeting; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jen. All in favour. Motion carried.
3. Jen moved to adopt the Agenda; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris. All in favour. Motion carried.
4. Old Business:
  - **Merchandise** – b/f next meeting as Tonya away.
  - **Gaming Grants** – Jeremy has given all the required information to the grant writer and he will now start applying for grants on our behalf. He is planning to apply for \$15,000-20,000 in grants.
  - **BBQ's** – One has been purchased and the other will be purchased this week by Tim. A checklist will be created regarding what steps people using the BBQ's need to follow prior to their return. Teams will be required to provide their own propane when they use the BBQ's - for safety reasons, propane tanks will not be stored in the SeaCan at the field.
  - **Tables** - Tim will be purchasing 2 banquet tables for the Club
  - **5-aside Tournament** – Date of 2019 tournament will be April 6-8<sup>th</sup>. Motion made by Kelly that we no longer run a beer garden at the event, as this is primarily a youth event and could send the wrong message. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hiromi. All in favour. Motion passed.
  - **Late Registration** – posters have been made and are being shared on Facebook and posted around town.
  - **Girl Power** – Poster has been made. Registration fee for this program will be \$135. Mike will update the on-line registration so that an option will appear for girls in the age group to be able to select “girl power” or traditional pony soccer. Several Executive members are working to get the girl power information out to the local schools and B&G Club. A 4-session INTRO camp for young girls will be provided. It would cost \$20 for any girls not already registered for soccer in September and be free to those already signed up. It will provide a crash course for girls to try out the new format and be informed about what stream of Pony soccer they want to be in.

Discussion regarding getting senior mid isle players/coaches into the local elementary schools to do an in-person presentation instead of sending flyers home. Previously schools have not allowed Mid Isle to do this; however, both the primary school and the intermediate school will have new principals in September so we may want to explore this in the future.

- **U21/Div 1** – discussion regarding having all age groups featured on the Mid Isle Soccer Facebook group instead of just the initial discussion of the U21/Div1 players only. Motion made by Tim to profile all kids and adults on the Facebook page by providing a schedule to coaches and asking them to submit a small bio and picture of someone from their team. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeremy. All in Favour. Motion carried.
- **Merriman Contract** – Discussion – although at present there are 50 kids registered for U16-18 many were not attending Monday this past season as they were tired and injured after weekend games and thus it was suggested that the U16-18 move to a Tuesday night.
  - Girl Power will be held Monday nights with all the U10 teams from 5:30-6:30. U11 – u14 will be Monday nights from 6:45-8:15.
  - Bill expressed that coaches can ask for assistance with drills etc. regarding specific skills they are trying to work on with their teams.
  - Bill explained that he has his coaches coaching to their strengths each week and he moves the children around to different coaches each week so they are getting the most out of what each coach has to offer. Bill expressed that some coaches struggled to coach the children this past year while also managing behaviours. Discussion regarding how to support the technical team in order for them to spend the majority of their time coaching the kids vs dealing with problematic behaviours. A decision was made that the technical team will inform the Executive of children they are regularly having issues with. The Executive will then contact that child's coach and have them approach the parent to discuss this issue, and problem solve how to support both the child that appears to be struggling and the other children that are being impacted. Executive members will also be walking around the fields and intervening should the need arise in order to allow the coaches to coach. Willow will create a clearly worded "3 strikes" policy to be sent to all parents of children registered in Mid-Isle soccer regarding this issue. Additionally, a clearly worded policy will also be drafted regarding coaches attending the Monday night development sessions. New training shirts will be provide to the younger kids.
- **Willow's contract** – B/F to next meeting.

## 5. NEW BUSINESS:

- **Registration** – Mike is working on it. We have numbers and now with having Cheryl come on as the Registrar things will move along better.
- **Treasurer position**– Motion made by Jen to amalgamate the Treasurer and Vice President (Jeremy) positions until further notice. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim. All in favour. Motion carried.
- **Referee Coordinator position** – B/F to next meeting.
- **Equipment update** – discussion of required equipment for next season. Request for weighted pup nets. Mike will talk to Parks/Rec about new goals. Request for new netting for the Pony goals. Discussion of having a tote of pinnies for Monday nights. Membership informed that goalie gloves and jerseys start at U10 level. Discussion or having a sensory light installed on the outside of the SeaCan. Membership agreed to donate the old jerseys that are no longer used. Bill informed that he believes we are fine to keep using

the “Mariners” name for our club. Mike requested that Tim pick up the engraved trophies for this past season and provide the invoice to Jeremy.

- **UISA AGM** – Hiromi has a copy of all the by-laws and gave them to Jeremy to work on our bylaws. It appears that many clubs are doing a “girl power” type program/jamborees to try and increase the number of girls playing soccer. There was talk of several clubs offering “pre-mini world cup” jamborees. Next year UISA fees will be going up \$11/ U11+ player and \$2 for younger players for insurance. As a result we will likely need to raise our league fees for the 2019/2020 season. June 23<sup>rd</sup> is the Tier III meeting at Oceanside. It is a very important meeting as there will be discussion regarding rule changes; Hiromi, Paul, and Willow will attend.
- **U16-18** – At the house level it appears the format will be more a co-ed style due to low numbers. Right now there is discussion of wanting to rotate where the games are held each week and having all the U16-18 teams play at those rotating sites. Discussion – this is not an option in Ladysmith as we do not have the field allocation in order to have all these teams play in Ladysmith at the exact same time. Discussion that Mid Isle could offer that “all mid isle home games would be Saturdays at \_\_\_(2pm?)\_\_\_”.
- **Certifications** - Bill informed that he now has 2 more coaches that are certified in “Soccer for Life” that will be at Monday night session. The membership believes that all the U11 and high level coaches have completed their “Soccer for Life” certification. As such it will not be offered in Ladysmith this year; there may be a few new coaches this year that need to be supported to attend a Nanaimo session. All the Pony B/C coaches completed the “Learning to Train” (U9-U12) certification last year.
- **Tots** - Discussion that we need someone to step in a run the “Tots” program for a couple of weeks. Members to ask around.

**NEXT MEETING:** There will be no July meeting. The next meeting will be **August 18** and will be an executive meeting and Coaches BBQ/soccer-golf.

Motion made by Jen to adjourn meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Laurie. All in favour. Motion Carried. Meeting Adjourned.