

Kamloops Women's Soccer League

**AGM**

**Minutes**

Sunday, September 28, 2008

Henry Grube

1. Call to Order: 6:43pm
2. Attendance: list at the front door

Door prizes will be handed out throughout the evening

3. Introduction of Executive Members

President Terri Hansen  
30+ Pres Jo McKenna  
Treasurer Sandy Blacquiere  
Registrars Monica Makar and Lisa Lindsay  
Schedulers Ali Campmans and Charlotte Shaw  
Secretary Gloria Pires  
PR/Website Heather Reibin and Willow Pyle

Reminder of Roberts Rules by Jo (motion, discussion, speakers list and vote)

4. **Approval of Minutes from last AGM (Jan 28, 2008)**

**Motion made by Tracey Hansen/Second-Lori Marchand to approve the minutes.**

No discussion

**Vote on the motion- all in favour/opposed- 0/abstained- 0 Motion carried**

5. Reports

**President-**This term will be about tidying up loose ends for improved efficiency of operation that will benefit the league. Thanked the executive for their efforts this past term.

**30+ Pres-**Reported the merger between the 30+ Rec Soccer League and the KWSL was approved by the league through a proxy vote. Only 2 individual votes were against. Apologized for the difficult process and why so much time was taken on the decision. This was a very good year and the executive merged nicely. Thanked everyone for being patient and the executive for the positive year.

**Treasurer-**Accounting program on the computer is now in operation. Total funds collected this year was \$55,016. Expenses to date are \$46,599. There is approx \$9000 remaining however the fields and officials have yet to be reimbursed.

**Secretary-**Thanks to the team reps for their emails of encouragement. I feel the executive had a successful term and looking forward to next term. Importance of relaying info to the team reps who in turn relay to their team mates. Time consuming for but very important job.

**Registrars-**Monica Makar-First year of online registration which proved to be less work for the registrars. Felt that the company we hired was very professional and tried to handle things as quickly as possible. Will be preparing a spreadsheet for all the players in the league so it's an easy search for next year. It will be more streamlined.

Lisa Lindsay-Had good contact with the team reps in Div 3 due to direct involvement with the division. Was very streamlined and everything went smoothly in all the drafts. 110 returning players 40 new players (partly on the new team) for a total of 150 players in div 3.

**Schedulers**-Ali Campmans-Thanked Charlotte for her guidance this year. Was a learning curve year and appreciated all the help. Discussed the game spread for each division. Div 1-20 games Div 2A-23 games Div 2B-28 games Div 3- 26 games plus playoffs in each division.

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Realized there were some complaints regarding fields and refs; will address those for next year.

Charlotte Shaw-Had fun scheduling for the entire league. Created a spreadsheet for each team. At times it was challenging but fun. Felt that she and Ali worked well together. Felt that our expectations are high that we are going to get good refs every night but that's not possible with the field allocation. Happy the league organized Fall League this year. Thanked everyone for their patience with the scheduling this year.

**PR/Website**-Due to the growth of the league, it was challenging with Div 2 moving up and down throughout the season. The issue of teams not reporting went much better this year. We received approx 1100-1400 hits on the website per month. Felt that this would be a good selling feature for any potential sponsors who would like to advertise on our website or sponsor the league. Willow felt that the reporting to the paper went smoothly this year. Appreciates that the website is being used and thanked everyone for their patience.

Lianne Berst-are there guidelines for sponsors?

Heather-thinks it would be in good interest to branch out on the website and hopes the new exec can garner new ideas.

Terri mentioned that grand prize draw tonight is for league fee for next year.

## 6. Old Business

None arising.

## 7. New Business

League configuration

Option 1- div 1(elite) div 2(comp/rec) div 3(30+rec) div 4(30+ masters)

May alleviate teams from div 2.

Option 2- div 1, div 2 and div 3 stay the same.

Heather-the movement of div 2 up and down between pools did not work this year. If we are to keep the status quo then each pool would play amongst themselves and playoffs would be based on the entire div 2. The movement is not reflective of how the teams really make out. There are too many variables. We may decide to draw team names out of a hat for allocation of pools.

**Motion made by Paula Swint/Second-Christine Horne** to go in favour of option 1 with an amendment to include masters starting at age 35.

Discussion:

Paula - likes the idea of masters and age should go to 35 - discussed to start at 30 and go up from there to 35- thinks that women in their 30's are in their prime still so wants to go to 35. Will draw out of div 2 and be more of a balance. 30+ should stay rec.

Terri clarified the incremental age for masters.

Catherine - wants what a criteria for masters.

Terri - talked about a competitive division vs. a rec division with an age requirement. Would like to see solid divisions in all areas.

Bonnie (FIB) - div 2 wants to know if pool A would be more competitive.

Terri - there will be no A and B in div 2—we cannot have a 15 team division.

Bernadette - maybe some movement for how many games per week teams play.

Terri - decision on how long the season would go depending on registration.

Monica - likes the idea- concern is that if we start at 35 we may not have enough people if we wait—hopefully there will be movement up to div 1 as div 1 needs more attention-enough skilled players in the league.

People in divisions not playing where they belong. Team reps and exec should have some discretion and opinions- worried how to place teams without offending people.

Sue Holm- would like to know what the age stats are.

Grace Graham - concession to allow 2 or 3 players under the age of 30.

Nadine Ryan - asked about a protection list and wondering if it would affect this motion.

Terri - an amendment would have to be made. Standardization would take place and we'd go to a draft process across the board.

Diane Jules - concerned about demographics and that div 3 would become splintered.

Heather - spoke to Diane's point- people within our league need to look at where they should be playing as a person not as a team. It is positive to play with friends but it's not always possible. Inexperienced players don't fit into div 2 the way that div 2 is right now because it is more competitive. There are teams in div 2 that have players on their team that should be playing in div 3.

Colleen Lebourdais - address idea of making people play where they want- makes them a better team- thinks we are forcing people to play where they may not want to.

Terri - spoke about her team not playing in div 2 next year.

Dawn Arnett - feels its positive for both ideas, allows players that are currently playing on teams that are older that is not forcing them to stay there also. Can get monotonous playing the same teams-making a master's div will allow older players to play competitive soccer. We should have a protected list and a draft and it will make people play with other players and get new friends.

Charlotte - this motion will pull a lot of players from div 3 and it may struggle so we should have an assurance that div 3 will remain at 6 teams so it can be viable.

Good intentioned to move people but people are very dedicated to their teams and won't move anywhere. Should have flexibility in the age and make sure there are 4 viable divisions. The rule may be 35 but should have flexibility.

Monica - in general we should have a minimum of 6 teams in each div.

Terri - we'll have to have a commitment from teams and players by a certain date as to when we need to decide if master's div is viable.

Heather - not up to teams to tell players but up to player to tell team.

Opening up the option for people - evaluating for themselves.

Nicole Hagan - div 3 are they afraid of losing entire teams? Concerned that she is missing something about div 3 as she thought it was more rec.

Jo - thinks that div 3 should be for new players 25-30 also included for less skilled players.

Paula - wants to amend the motion to look at the stats.

**Friendly amendment made by Lianne Berst** - that we look at masters division and the age at 35 and surveying the membership for the age stat.

**Motion made by Jo McKenna/Second-Sue Holm** to table Paula's motion.

**Motion made by Sue Holm/Second-Dawn Arnett** - to go in favour of option 2(divide div 2 in half-teams play within that half and then playoffs would be the entire stats for the season).

Discussion:

Bonnie (FIB) - will the division of div 2 be from last years stats?

Terri - fully random only.

Paula - option of seeing where teams are at the end of the year and the top teams in div 2 and 3 move up a division.

Colleen - wants to know if div 2 can just play each other once.

Liemi - difficult for 1<sup>st</sup> option to work as people don't want to leave their teams.

Bernadette- ready to move on and some players will move on.

Lori- when we start asking questions we have trouble incorporating new players-questions new players as the skill is not there so div 3 is good for that. Experience is that some teams are truly div 2 teams.

Heather- look at the standings. Div 2 is not rec it is competitive so maybe we should look at protection list and draft.

Monica- not in favour of option 2 as it doesn't change anything for the league- teams may refuse to move if they are top in the division- there may be resistance-there has to be a rec for the 20+ players who want to play.

Diane- has there been a poll about whether the 30+ players would play in a masters div?

Terri- informally people have been asked and there should be enough for 4 teams.

Marleah- if we make a masters div and there are still 15 teams then where are we? Div 2 there still should be a separation of skill level.

**Sandra MacDonald-call the question—vote on the tabled motion and second motion.**

**Motion made by Monica Makar/Second-Sue Holm to table second motion.**

**Vote on Motion 1- opposed- 0/abstained- 4 Motion 1 carried**

KWSL is now 4 divisions- we will poll the teams in Dec and early Jan-looking at commitment of teams and players.

**Vote on Motion 2- opposed- many/abstained- 8 Motion 2 struck down**

## Constitution

The constitution needs to have an up to date hard copy for all divisions.

**Motion made by Sue Holm/Second-Lori Marchand to strike a committee to update the constitution.**

Discussion-

Mel- would like it updated on the website.

**Vote on the motion - opposed- 0/abstained- 0 Motion carried**

Sign up sheet for those interested.

**Motion made by Paula Swint/Second-Dawn Arnett- that the executive have their league fees waved for the term they serve.**

Discussion-

Charlotte-is it in the constitution?

It will be in the constitution for the main executive to have their league fees waved for the term they serve.

Discussion about how many volunteer hours it takes.

Leah-great incentive for people to volunteer.

**Vote on the motion - all in favour/opposed- 0/abstained- 0 Motion carried**

Teams moving from div to div will be discussed at team rep meeting.

## 8. Nominations/Elections

Terri- discussed each position's role.

**Div 4-Terri nominated Bernadette Krenz/She accepted - ACCLAIMED**

**Div 3-Cat nominated Lori Marchand/She declined**

Jo nominated Leah Faraday/She accepted - **ACCLAIMED**

**Div 2-Christine nominated Ashly Hay/She accepted - ACCLAIMED**

**Div 1-Amie nominated MaryAnn Mckee/She accepted - ACCLAIMED**

**Co-scheduler- Heather Kaluzny nominated Christine Horne/She accepted - ACCLAIMED**

**Vice President- Terri nominated Jo McKenna/She accepted - ACCLAIMED**

LOGO contest

To date we don't have a single entry for the logo.

Paula-has a nephew who wants to do it.

New business (adjunct)

**Motion made by Jo McKenna/Second-Dawn Arnett** when it comes to whole league items everyone votes but when it comes to division specific items than only division reps vote.

Discussion-

Lori- who lets us know what the items are.

Terri- the exec will let people know.

**Vote on the motion** - all in favour/opposed- 0/abstained- 0 **Motion carried**

**Motion made by Marleah Oginski/Second-Gaylan Kokosher** to allow each team in div 2 to carry up to 2 carded/pcl players (to be amended in the constitution).

Discussion-

Sue-wanted description of carded/pcl.

Paula- players needs to stay there for elite division.

Heather-div 2 is more recreationally based and this would not benefit the league. We need to look at the league not the player.

**Tracey Hansen- call the question**

Gale Forbes- should everyone vote?

Yes

**Vote on the motion** - for- 4/opposed- many/abstained- 1 **Motion struck down**

**Motion made by Paula Hoffman/Second-Colleen LeBourdais** that the executive should have the power when the stats are obvious to move a team to an appropriate division either up or down.

Discussion-

Leah-a friendly amendment to add in consultation with the team reps.

Paula-doesn't want to agree with the amendment.

Vanessa-comment about winning the season and there is a significant point spread then you move up automatically.

Katie-if teams are forced up or down they may not play.

**Motion made by Heather Reibin/Second-Sue Mckinnon** to table the motion until after we know what the league configuration will look like.

**Vote on the motion** - all in favour/opposed- 0/abstained- 0 **Motion carried**

League fee winner- Monica Makar

9. Adjournment

**Motion made by Tracey Hansen/Second-Gaylan Kokosher** to adjourn the meeting at 9:00pm.

**Vote on the motion** - all in favour/opposed- 0/abstained- 0 **Motion carried**