

## Suffield Soccer Club Annual General Meeting

August 30, 2012

Attendance – 36 members and 7 board members

Raj discussed that at the previous date in June for the AGM, we did not have a quorum to hold the meeting, we had to hold the meeting again to satisfy the bylaw requirements, thus we were holding the AGM in August. The thought process was that everyone should have returned from their vacations and we should have enough members to have a quorum to hold the meeting.

**Nominations for President:** none

**Nominations for Secretary:** none

Vote for Raj Ghosh to continue as SSC President: unanimous

Secretary position vacated by Janet Werenski: A plea was made for someone to step up for the Secretary position

**Registrar:** Noted to all members that all teams need to be registered for cup

Missing info for all but 3 teams - see Nancy to see what is missing. If your cup roster is going to be different from your league roster you will need to tell Nancy by this weekend. No changes can be made after 9/10. If Nancy does not hear from a team she will use the same roster for both league and cup.

### **Special Meeting Request:**

#### **Background:**

Earlier this summer, there was a request for a special meeting over concern that the club was going to remove NOGA and/or the paid coaching option. 17 families requested club to retain NOGA, specifically their past NOGA coach.

Raj reviewed the details that lead to the request for a special meeting and the reasons for its delay until now.

- Explained the reason for delay of the special meeting request was due to time conflicts with tryouts, the upcoming tournament, and then directly after, vacation schedules prohibited the board members to form a quorum as outlined by the bylaws. Also, by the end of June, we had notified mostly everyone who had sent in requests that SSC would be continuing with NOGA. Therefore the primary reason for the request to retain NOGA was no longer a concern.

The decision was made to hold the meeting once school started again was so there could be a quorum from both the members and the board members.

- Explained policy for removing a coach, noted that the SSC website has the club's policy listed:
- SUFFIELD SOCCER CLUB GRIEVANCE POLICY AND PROCEDURE and the steps involved with removing a coach.
- Explained that the Board is responsible for the coaching company selected, just as any other vendor used

Introduced new DOC – Mark Cervione

Discussed the plan to create a committee for the DOC to include: David Sullivan, Mark Sullivan, Gary Dunnigan, Manny Meleounis, and Marty Milne – all of these individuals played college soccer or a higher level and several have their National D License

Explained the importance for the end of season evaluations for coach selection and retention

Question was asked if a new team at U9 can bring in their own coach?

Answer was given that if the board knew the coach and approved of them, then yes, otherwise an approval from the DOC was mandatory. Background checks through the CJSA are mandatory for all individuals that work with our children.

Board also clarified that on the coaching survey and tryout forms, the paid coach question was also asked if parents wanted a paid coach or a qualified parent coach.

Concerns noted from members that town coaches should not only be qualified but also be good coaches. Other notes: the board/DOC committee was working on developing local college players through the CJSA coaching courses to coach our future youth teams.