

Wyoming and District Soccer Club (WDSC) AGM Agenda – Thursday, October 18, 2018

The order of business for the AGM shall be as follows:

Role call of the WDSC Executive:

President	Sandy Gudz
Vice President	Lisa Kernohan
Treasurer	Christine Joosten
Secretary	Valerie Riess
Registrar	Alyssa Soetemans
Facilities Director	Vacant
Equipment Director	Joe Gauthier
Sponsorship Director	Matthew Alexander
Media Director	Ellen Bruce
Referee Coordinator	Samantha Greaves
Volunteer Coordinator	Chelsea Weed

Reading and approval of the minutes from 2017 AGM/AGR.

President's Report:

The WDSC Executive is concerned with declining enrollment numbers within our program. In 2018 we had 153 players registered, 2017 had 151 players and 2016 had 159 players. Membership input would be welcomed into possible opportunities for growth.

Weather was not much of an issue. It was a great season with only a few heat related cancellations. It is important that parent's review the weather policy on our website www.wyomingsoccerclub.com for details.

Volunteers are the backbone of many organized sports programs across Ontario and we are no exception. The countless hours devoted by the WDSC Executive, comes with no reward other than seeing the youth of our area have a summer sport, an opportunity to meet friends, and a place for a little social time for the parents. I want to thank our WDSC Executive and Coaches for their dedication to keeping youth soccer alive in Wyoming.

Vice President's Report:

Registration: For the 2018 season, posters were placed at the Post office, Foodland, many vendors along the main street, and also at the County building. Newsletters were sent home with students at the local schools. I also sent out a mass email to the previous year's players and posted the Registration event dates on our Website in January.

Team listings/Schedules: To prevent a shortage of players during summer holidays, I created fewer teams with more children on each team, in all of the divisions. This worked out well based on a shortage of children in U10 in previous years. Our numbers were low this year which created a shortage of players in our U10 and U12/14 divisions. The division hit the hardest was U12/14. Based on this issue, the U12/14 players were not assigned to teams. A group practise occurred every week for the 17 players, and then teams were selected every week.

Registrar's Report:

We had 153 players enrolled for 2018: U4 – 21, U6 – 58, U8 – 37, U10 – 20, U12/14 – 17

Registration dates are tentatively set for 2019 – February 20 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm, February 27 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm and March 2, from 10 am – 12 pm. After March 2, a \$25 late registration fee per family will be charged with no exceptions.

Treasurer's Report:

The club had a net gain of \$1,381.65 for the 2018 season. This is an improvement over the 2017 net loss of \$1,938.66. Most of this improvement was due to an increase in donations and team sponsorships received in 2018. WDSC received seven sponsorships at \$550 each in 2018. In 2017 WDSC received two sponsorships, one for \$500 and one for \$1,125.

Also, in 2018 the club received two new donations; Suncor donated \$1,000 through its program of supporting employee volunteer work, and the Wyoming Lion's Club donated \$250 in addition to the use of their building and meeting room. Expenses included field maintenance, referee fees, LKSA fees, pictures and medals. The increase in team sponsors resulted in new uniforms being ordered. Therefore, the equipment expenses increased in 2018. The field maintenance costs also increased due to more paint being ordered. Advertising expenses decreased due to putting fewer ads in newspapers and instead renting a portable road sign.

Tim Horton's at Reece's Corners again donated year end treats for all our players. The annual sponsorships help offset expenses and every donation is truly appreciated.

Our agreement with Wyoming Fair Board to provide volunteer labour in return for the use of their facilities greatly reduces our yearly operating expenses compared to other local clubs. This allows our club to keep registration costs to a minimum and below other sports registration fees. We also share the cost of grass cutting with the Parks Board. The Town of Plympton-Wyoming arranges for the grass to be cut and the club pays \$1,000 to the Parks Board. The cost would be much higher without their support.

Sponsorship Co-ordinator's Report:

We are fortunate to receive support among the local and surrounding business community for our soccer league. This means that finding sponsors for our uniforms has never been a problem. Among these sponsors, Tim Horton's does warrant a special mention as they outfit several teams including the entire U4's level and provide U4 players with a jersey, shorts, socks and a soccer ball to keep at the end the season. Tim Horton's also provides end of the season Timbits for all of our levels.

A special thanks to Mocha Jeepers for sponsoring teams within the U6 and U8 levels. They have been a great supporter for the soccer club and generously support our club with annual sponsorships.

We are also greatly appreciative of the returning support of the 2018 season sponsors, Southwest Regional Credit Union, A Village Fireplace, Aquashine Carwash, Watson Timbermart, and Wyoming Foodland.

Uniforms for the other teams are reused, and the sponsors are promised that they'll last for at least one season. At this point many jerseys have been used for at least three years, with some lasting considerably longer. Uniforms that we decide to no longer use are then sent to less fortunate communities and/or countries. We won't know how many uniforms are required for next year until enrollment is done, but will likely suggest replacing the most worn shirts from some of our existing sets to make the entire set last longer.

We don't currently use other means of sponsorship but it is something that is discussed from time to time. Anyone interested in being a sponsor is welcome to contact Matthew Alexander.

Facilities Co-Ordinator's Report:

The position of Facilities Co-Ordinator is responsible for the upkeep of the grounds, and co-ordinating with The Wyoming Fair Board for the upkeep of their land. WDSC lease the grounds during the spring and summer. The lease agreement with The Wyoming Fair Board includes WDSC providing volunteers at their fair gates in the fall, in lieu of the use of their land. WDSC pays \$1,000 towards the Parks board for grass cutting fees. WDSC incurs the cost to paint the fields and setup the fields with our equipment. Also, WDSC keep the grounds clean with the support of parent volunteers to complete garbage detail.

Through the hard work of the paint crew, the fields are kept in playing shape, as best they can. The main issue we have yearly is the drainage during heavy rains.

The President, Vice President and previous Facilities Co-Ordinator attend to the fields daily during the season to check on the nets, for safety issues, and the state of the grass, garbage and the chance of any water on the fields. They also verify the temperature is within the weather policy standards.

Equipment Director's Report:

In the Spring late jerseys were put into appropriate team bins. Inventory was taken to ensure that first aid box, ice packs, plastic cones or domes, pump and inflating needles, goalie gloves, pack of 6 pinnies, and coach's planner were inside the bins. Bins were delivered to the Coaches' Clinic at John Knox School. During the season several coaches needed new soccer balls, as some did not hold air after a few sessions, and they needed more ice packs. New soccer nets will need to be ordered for the 2019 season for a couple of the U4/U6 fields.

Volunteer Co-ordinator's Report:

This year we had 4 volunteer cheques cashed for the season. Also, we were still a few volunteers short to properly cover the Fair Gate. Shortages were covered by WDSC Executive members and 6 high school students. Everything ran smoothly and it was a big help having the high school students help with the fair gate. We are looking at condensing and eliminating some duties for next season, so that we have enough fair gate coverage, but will look at that depending on numbers for next year. One idea is perhaps dissolving the parent helper for U10/U12/U14 picture nights.

Referee Co-ordinator's Report:

There were 7 referees this season, with Logan Wilkie as the head referee. He provided support and guidance to the staff and referees. With a goal to remain consistent with all our referees, Logan was a great asset to the club.

This season we tried to keep the referee numbers low and provide them with extra shifts and they really embraced the opportunity and everything went very smoothly.

Referees were not required to attend the coaches clinic this season and everyone remained consistent throughout the season and went to Logan for guidance.

No complaints and everyone showed up. Overall great season!

Other reports as required.

Unfinished business:

Election of Executive members:

Executive positions still needing to be filled:

Vice President
Registrar
Facilities Co-ordinator
Equipment Director

New Business:

1. Raise fees for 2019 Registration Fee. Current 2018 price listing:

U4 (2014)	Tuesday Nights	(6-630 pm)	\$50.00
U6 (2012/2013)	Tuesday Nights	(645-745 pm)	\$60.00
U8 (2010/2011)	Wednesday Nights	(630-8 pm)	\$85.00
U10 (2008/2009)	Thursday Nights	(630-8 pm)	\$85.00
U12/14 (2004/2007)	Monday Nights	(630-830 pm)	\$90.00

2. Executive attendance at LKSA AGM in November 2018

3. Confirm 2019 registration dates:

Registration dates are tentatively set for February 15 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm, February 22 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm and March 4 from 10 am - 12 pm. Dates Changed.

4. Confirm 2019 season dates:

U8 to U12/14 – May 6 through August 8, 2019
U4 to U6 – May 21 through August 8, 2019

Other

Adjournment – Next meeting tentatively set January 28, 2019.

WDSC would like to thank the following sponsors for their ongoing support of our Club:

