

NWT Soccer Association
2010 Annual General Meeting Agenda

October 29, 2011

Greenstone Building - 5101 50th Ave., 2nd Floor Boardroom
Yellowknife, NT

In attendance: Ryan Fequet - NWTSA. M. Botermans - Tlicho Soccer. Joe Acorn - YK Bay Soccer Club. Jean-Paul Bernard - NWTSA. Craig Brody - YUSC. Vivian Hansen - YUSC. Louise Cumming - NWTSA. Peter Jobse - NWTSA. Lyric Sandhals - NWTSA. Brian Wishart - NWTSA. Rebecca Alty - YUSC.

Regrets: Nick Rivet, Roger Vail.

1. Call to Order

NWTSA President R. Fequet called the Annual General Meeting to order at 9:14am

2. Adoption of Agenda (pg. 2)

Tina added amendment to add Aviva Community fund.

MOTION: TO ADOPT THE AGENDA FOR THE 2011 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MOVED BY: Louise Cumming

SECONDED BY: Mike Botermans

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Approval of Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting (pg.4-10)

Members present reviewed the minutes from the last Annual General Meeting.

MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE 2010 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MOVED BY: Peter Jobse

SECONDED BY: Craig Broddy

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Business arising from the minutes

There were no discussions or motions arising.

5. President's Report (pg.11-13)

NWTSA President Fequet gave the President's report.

Overview

President R. Fequet began by thanking the members present for their work to advance soccer in the NWT and summarized the work of the past year. President Fequet reported that he has been NWTSA President for four years and has enjoyed watching the growth of NWTSA in profile, programming and governance. NWTSA is blessed with capacity at the local level, including individuals like Isaac Ayiku and Mike Doyle, both of whom have achieved B-National level coaching certification 6 Provincial-B level coaches. We hope that they will continue to share their expertise through mentoring younger coaches to keep building on our capacity.

Referee Development

NWTSA continues to develop with the hard work of Nick Rivet. This year 18 new referees were certified, 7 were female. We have now one referee certified as Futsol Instructors. Ryan is in discussion with CSA to have 2 referees each year to attend the CSA's All –Star Competition. This would mean that our referees will be assessed at national level. The role of referees will be critical to the growth of the sport in the NWT and we should support their development and be proud of their achievements.

Goalkeeper Training and Physiotherapy

Kristie Remillard, NWTSA's goalkeeper coach, has been offering goalkeeper training sessions throughout the past year. Angela Pace continues in the role of NWTSA's physiotherapist and will bring her expertise in training, injury prevention and recovery to our members throughout the NWT, in person or by email. Angela is receiving calls and e-mails from Nunavut . NWTSA is fortunate to have these highly-qualified and committed individuals to work with our grass roots and high performance soccer players throughout the NWT.

Governance

NWTSA has continued to improve the implementation a "Conflict of Interest" form for all Board members to sign, continued enhancement of clarity to our meeting minutes. Also, the addition of a new board members in the secretary, vice president north and south, has further solidify a core group of people involved in the decision making of the Association.

Growing the Game

Building on the motivation from the recent World Cup in Germany, NWT Soccer's membership continues to increase, with now over 1500 members registered online, our tournaments, clubs and teams continue to develop, and more people are getting involved with the sport. NWT Soccer was directly involved and able to provide assistance to every soccer tournament within the NWT and continues to assist with the development of our leagues, clubs, and teams.

Major Games and Tournaments

Our teams played valiantly at the Western Canada Summer Games in Kamloops, BC, with both our male and female athletes and coaches enjoying a great experience and gaining a better understanding of how hard they'll need to train approaching the 2013 Canada Summer Games, which will be held in Sherbrooke, QC.

The Arctic Winter Games program continues to face challenges. Funding is the biggest factor and this year will be interesting with direct entry to the Territorial Trials. I have no doubt in my mind though that with the dedicated volunteers within our soccer community we can ensure the best process possible is carried out for our athletes, which is successful, transparent and enjoyable.

The Canada Summer Games program will be launching in the summer of 2012 and we hope to see the amazing turn-out of athletes as we did at the beginning of our Western Canada Summer Games program in 2010. We would also like to recognize our senior men's team from the Yellowknife FC who competed in Quebec and the efforts of the U14 Boy's team from Yellowknife United Soccer Club who performed valiantly in Newfoundland. The Senior Men's team was the first team that has represented the NWT Soccer Association in that division at the National Club Championships.

Ongoing Projects

NWT Soccer is still leading the initiative to raise the \$30,000.00 necessary to build two trophy cases within the Yellowknife field-house. One will be solely for the NWT Soccer Association and the other will be available for any user group's trophies. NWT Soccer is also continuing discussions with the City of Yellowknife and working with the other outdoor field users in Yellowknife to get a full-size artificial grass-field. With this being said, we would like to congratulate Fort Smith on the completion of their new soccer field and track facility.

Women in Soccer

In preparation for the upcoming 2014 and 2015 Women's World Cup the Canadian Soccer Association invited each Province and Territory to participate in a meeting where a group of individuals began brainstorming for ways to promote and recognize women's soccer. Rebecca Alty represented NWT Soccer and we like to thank her for representing our Association on her way to Newfoundland with her U14 boys team for the National Club Championships.

Sponsors

And last but not least, I would like to thank our sponsors and funders; Northwestel for providing \$10,000 each year as part of a 3-year agreement for grassroots development, First Air for their discounts on flights and free passes that allow us to cope with the costs of bringing in clinicians and transporting our members around the north, Orbis Engineering for providing Keith Pritchard (a National A-Licensed coach) to help with our clinics and HP programs, Horn Photography for

providing professional photos of our Members and events to help promote the sport of soccer, Kellett Communications for hosting our website free of charge and helping us continue to build on it to move towards a more sustainable Association, and Sport North for providing our core funding, answering our continual questions and helping with many of the logistics on a day-to-day basis.

I mention our sponsors last, not because they're the least important, but rather because without their generous contributions we wouldn't be able to provide all of our programs to our members.

MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

MOVED BY: Peter Jobse

SECONDED BY: Vivian Hansen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Financial Report and approval of financial statements and budget (pg.14-18)

NWTSa Treasurer L. Cumming gave the financial report. (Financial Statements are appended to the 2010 AGM meeting package)

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 2010

MOVED BY: Mike Botermans

SECONDED BY: Craig Broddy

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Action item: President and Treasurer to send a letter to the school re Super Soccer.

7. Vice President Reports

Roger Vail, VP South, was unable to attend so report from the South was given by Louise Cumming. Fort Smith had 9 coaches certified during the August coaching clinic with 7 being youth coaches. FT Smith track now complete, inside the track is a soccer field, seeded this year, so will be playable 2013.

Crystal MacArthur has left the NWT for a year so wasn't in attendance to provide a report.

Peter Jobse, VP Central, outlined the upcoming coaching certification and player development clinics in November.

8. Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws (pg. 19-27)

The members discussed the Constitution and Bylaws.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENTS

MOVED BY: Craig Broddy

SECONDED BY: Mike Botermans

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. New Business (pg.28-36)

9.1 Discussion on CSA Initiatives re Women in Soccer

Rebecca Alty gave a report on the outcomes of the Women's Planning Session that took place in Ottawa on September 30 – October 2, 2011. The purpose of the meeting was to brainstorm initiatives to increase the awareness and participation of women in soccer.

Representatives from twelve provincial/territorial soccer associations and the Women's National Team, along with the four members of the CSA's Women's Committee, its staff support and three additional members of the CSA staff assembled in Ottawa for the purpose of identifying projects for the consideration of the Women's Committee.

The report will be posted on the website. Members can contact Rebecca via e-mail at ralthy6@hotmail.com. Any ideas can be sent to Rebecca to encourage the participation of women in soccer.

9.2 Presentations

NWT SRC - Claudia

NWT Sport North – Melanie

Sogo Active

Sogo Active is a national youth engagement movement for physical activity. This program is designed to encourage young Canadians aged 13-19 to increase their levels of physical activity. Grants are available for groups of youth who express a specific need for resources (ex. equipment, transportation, coaching etc). All grants must be linked to a challenge.

Sport North Federation delivers the Sogo Active Program in NT, for more information contact sogoactiveNWT@sportnorth.com.

National Sport Trust

NWTSA can use it to have money or inkind tax receipts issued.

The Sport North Presentation is available upon request.

9.3 Respect in Soccer

NWT Soccer Association is proposing to upgrade to the Respect in Soccer Program, from our current Respect in Sports Program that is mandatory for our traveling coaches.

Respect in soccer is an online learning program for any adult with a supervisory role over youth involved in soccer. It is designed to assist participants in identifying and dealing with abuse, neglect, harassment and bullying in soccer. Respect in soccer has been developed in consultation with the Canadian Red Cross to protect youth, inform leaders, and mitigate an organization's liability.

The online course curriculum is broken into 6, 30 minute modules and includes audio/visual presentations, quizzes and printable handouts. This program does not need to be completed all at once; it can be completed at your own leisure.

MOTION: that respect in sport be upgraded and replaced by respect in soccer.

MOVED BY: Louise Cumming

SECONDED BY: Brian Wishart

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION: that all coaching staff (coaches, managers, chaperones) that participate in NWT Soccer programs (i.e. Arctic Winter Games, Canada and Western Canada Summer Games) are required to complete the respect in soccer program

MOVED BY: Rebecca Alty

SECONDED BY: Peter Jobse

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION: NWT Soccer will cover the cost of the respect in soccer program and encourage club team coaches to take the course

MOVED BY: Craig Broddy

SECONDED BY: Brian Wishart

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.4 Arctic Winter Games & WCSG Discussion

Brian gave a verbal report on the Western Canada Summer Games and how male and female team performed in Saskatoon during the final selections and subsequently at the WCSG in Kamloops. A major challenge was finding qualified coaches. In the end, both coaches were appointed as no suitable applicants had been identified.

The fitness level of our players was below the level of the other teams so we need to find ways to encourage higher levels of fitness in our players. Erica Bowie has developed a fitness program that is available on the NWTSA website that players can access to increase their level of fitness. Concern how players could track their level of fitness was raised and how their fitness level would be assessed. There was a suggestion for the VP's have a contact for each school in their

area to perhaps build a relationship to help track the levels of fitness for our athletes. There was discussion on creating a website page where individuals could register their fitness level each week.

The Canada Summer Games (CSG) selection process will begin in the summer of 2012.

Arctic Winter Games: There will be no regionals this year, everyone will be going straight to territorials due to Sport North receiving less funding. Territorial Tryouts will be hosted from December 8-11th.

The AWG coaches were selected by the NWTSA Technical Director, Mr. Huw Morris. The following individuals have been selected to coach at the 2012 AWGs in Whitehorse: Kristie Remillard, Mike Doyle, Roger Vail, Brian Wishart, and Rebecca Alty were selected as the five coaches.

Updates about the AWGs are available on the website which is updated regularly.

9.5 Discussion of NWTSA Annual Membership Fees

The current membership fee is 20 dollars for those Members 13 years old and older and 10 dollars for those Members 12 years old and younger. Eight dollars goes to the CSA but beginning next year the CSA membership fees will increase by 4% each year moving forward.

Discussion surrounding the impacts of an increase to NWTSA membership fees ended with a recommendation that the fees be raised to 3015 dollars, respectively. If the Board agreed with this recommendation, it would come into effect for the 2012-13 season, which begins on September 1st 2012. This suggestion will be voted at the next board meeting of the new board.

9.6 Safety Concerns and Protective Gear

Due to the increasing awareness of concussions from soccer, especially within the youth population, suggestion from Membership that NWTSA consider the use of mouth guards while playing soccer.

Mouth guards are a good way to protect your teeth, lip, cheeks, and tongue, and can help prevent head and neck injuries such as concussions and jaw fractures that may not present until later in life.

Mouth Guards are a great recommendation which coaches and volunteers can enforce.

Action: NWTSA to investigate current options for obtaining mouth-guards and exploring opportunities to promoting their use to our Members moving forward.

9.7 Other priorities and Issues moving forward

Nominations for the NWT Soccer awards will be advertised via the website and in an email to all Members. There was a suggestion to present the awards during the Territorial Tryouts for the Arctic Winter Games.

The initiative to have a full-sized artificial-grass outdoor Field is still in the works. It will be a long process and there was a suggestion to outline some of the timelines and components of this project.

The pursuit of funds to commence the construction of the trophy cases at the Yellowknife Fieldhouse is still ongoing. With the help of NWT Soccer's new Executive Director, we hope this initiative will be completed in the next few months.

10. Election of Directors

President	Ryan Fequet
Vice President North	John Paul Bernard
Vice President Central	Peter Jobse
Vice President South	Roger Vail
Director of High Performance and Director at Large	Brian Wishart
Director of Referee Development	Nick Rivet
Treasurer	Louise Cumming
Secretary	Tina Drew

MOTION:Nominated John Paul Bernard VP North.

MOVED BY: Ryan Fequet

SECONDED BY: Vivian Hansen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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MOTION:Nominated Louise Cumming Treasurer .

MOVED BY: Craig Brody

SECONDED BY: Ryan Fequet

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION:Nominated Brian Wishart Director of High Performance, Director at Large.
MOVED BY: Ryan Fequet
SECONDED BY: Craig Brody
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ryan noted that Doug McNiven has expressed interest in serving on the Board for the NWTSA and that he will follow up to see if he will serve as a Director.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:55pm