



Northwest Territories **SOCCER ASSOCIATION**

NWT Soccer Association 2010 Annual General Meeting Agenda

October 17, 2010

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

Yellowknife, NT

1. Call to Order

NWTSA President R. Fequet called the Annual General Meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA FOR THE 2010 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Motion duly moved and seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Approval of Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting

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

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE 2009 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Motion duly moved and seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Business arising from the minutes

Members had a brief discussion on business arising from the minutes.

There were no motions arising.

5. President's Report

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 three years and has enjoyed watching the growth of NWTSA in profile, programming and governance. Coaching and player development clinics continued over the past year. NWTSA is evaluating the clinics on an ongoing basis to maintain excellence in clinic delivery and to grow the sport throughout the NWT. 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. We hope that they will continue to share their expertise through mentoring younger coaches to keep building on our capacity.

Coaching Symposium

NWTSA, in partnership with our members and the Canadian Soccer Association, is hosting the first-ever Coaching Symposium in November. We have invited all three territories – Yukon, Nunavut and the NWT – to participate. If funding can be secured, it is hoped that the Coaching Symposium could become an annual event.

Referee Development

NWTSA continues to develop its relationship with other jurisdictions. Referees from the NWT have been requested to assist Sport Nunavut at several tournaments. They have also been working with incoming referee instructors on delivering clinics. They have requested to attend a session in Ottawa to attain certification as Futsal Instructors. 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 has taken on 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. 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 continues to develop its governance procedures to ensure that our organization is open and transparent in its governance roles and responsibilities. We have developed guidelines for conflict of interest that all Board members have signed. We are standardizing our meeting minutes to ensure timely and accurate record-keeping of our governance roles. NWTSA looks forward to filling the vacant positions at this AGM.

Growing the Game

The recent soccer World Cup is expected to generate continued interest in soccer in the NWT. NWTSA has instituted an online registration system to modernize our efforts to attract new members. NWTSA has assisted in some capacity with all the tournaments that have taken place in the NWT. The new Adult Indoor Soccer League in Yellowknife has over 100 participants, thereby contributing to the development of soccer as a lifelong activity.

Major Games

NWT soccer teams performed valiantly in Grande Prairie, with four of five teams advancing to the medal round and three of those teams taking home the hardware. The revamped player and coach selection process produced teams with broad representation from throughout the NWT, and fitness levels were high. We are now gearing up for the 2011 Western Canada Summer Games, with an identification camp held in June 2010 and a player selection camp in September. The high turnout for the camps – over 120 players – demonstrates the level of interest that soccer has drawn.

Sponsors

NWTSA continues to receive support from our major partners. Northwestel has kicked in \$10,000 each year as part of a three-year agreement for grassroots development. First Air continues to support our organization with flight discounts and flight passes to help with bringing in soccer clinicians and flying our members around the NWT. Kellett Communications continues to host our website free of charge. Sport North Federation provides core funding and provides logistical support. We are pleased to



welcome two new sponsors: Darren Horne Photography and Orbus Engineering. Without our sponsors' assistance, we would not have had the successes we have had.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Motion duly moved and seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Financial Report and approval of financial statements and budget

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

Motion duly moved and seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Vice President reports

The Vice President provided a brief verbal report. No motions arose.

8. Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws

The members discussed the Constitution and Bylaws. It was noted that there is an existing motion calling for a Bylaws Committee to review the current Bylaws and make any recommended changes to a Special General Meeting.

9. New Business

a. Options for Changing Membership Season

The members discussed options for changing the membership season. This is necessary due to changes to the designation of summer and winter sports, which implicates the fiscal years and operations of the NWTSA.

- i. As of April 1, 2011, NWTSA's season will go from April 1st of that year to March 31st of the following year. Members must pay their fees at this time.



- ii. As of April 1st, 2011, NWTSA's season will go from April 1st of that year to March 31st of the following year. Membership fees paid in September 2010 will be extended to March 31st, 2012, thereby providing a 19-month period for membership while the dates are adjusted.
- iii. As of April 1, 2011, NWTSA's season will go from April 1st of that year to March 31st of the following year. As of April 1st, 2011, members will pay a reduced or proportional fee to account for the shortened seven months they will receive until their next membership fee instalment is due.
- iv. As of April 1, 2011, NWTSA's season will go from April 1st of that year to March 31st of the following year. Current fees will be good until August, 2011. As of September, 2011, membership must pay a reduced or proportional fee to account for the shortened seven months they will receive until their next membership fee is due in April 2012.

No decision to change the membership season was made at this time as the future funding for the NWTSA is unclear due to changes proposed by the Sport and Recreation Council. Decision deferred until a clear understanding of future funding is known.

b. Discussion on Sport and Recreational Council

Todd Shafer from SRC attended the meeting to discuss the new process for funding sport organizations in the NWT. The members asked questions about the new, process, timing and next steps. Members asked about the process SRC has engaged to date to consult the "partners" SNF, ASCWA, MRA, Beau/Del, and NWTRPA. Members also expressed concern with the implications on funding and accountability, and with the method by which the new system will be monitored and evaluated.

Mr. Shafer responded that the SRC is developing its current Strategic plan by late November. In order to develop its priorities, the SRC is reviewing the current Strategic Plans of the Sport North Federation, NWT Recreation and Parks Association, Aboriginal Sport Circle of the NWT, Mackenzie Recreation Association and the Beaufort Delta Sahtu Recreation Association, national sport and recreation policies and research, and the priorities identified by the 16th Legislative Assembly. In addition to this, the SRC is undertaking a consultation process that includes an external scan with the organizations who currently receive funding from the SRC and a consultation survey with all stakeholder groups, to provide input into the draft priorities.

A Draft Strategic Plan will then be presented to the board of the SRC at their next in-person meeting for approval, and subsequently to the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs for his approval.

SRC is currently in the research and development stage for the funding model and a number of details such as eligibility, criteria, processes, tools, etc. are being reviewed in other funding agencies. In



addition, concerns raised by stakeholders are also being considered as SRC works through the development stage.

The SRC confirmed that there will be a shift from a historical based funding model to one that is priority based.

c. Arctic Winter Games & WCSG Discussion

Brian Wishart discussed AWG and WCSG.

- i. AWG – there was a good representation of players from throughout the NWT and the best players from all regions represented Team NWT. Four of five teams went to the medal round; two won silver and one won bronze. Three medals are consistent with previous Games. The tryout process demonstrated that soccer is improving NWT-wide. The selection process is made by a committee instead of one person. This increases transparency in the selection process. Improvements can be still be made in evaluating players, team training before the games, more qualifications for coaches and loss of players to other AWG sports.

In the next year, regional's will take place one year ahead of the games and territorial's will be six months before the games to improve readiness. We will do a better job in promoting and advertising coaching positions. A coaching development fund would assist coaches with certification and development. The new player selection process will be widely advertised to ensure that awareness is raised of the potential of making the team for AWG.

- ii. WCSG - a large amount of players from throughout the NWT tried out for the WCSG teams. Media exposure was good for the tryouts. The quality of play improved noticeably between the June and September camps. A Canada Games player was selected as an assistant coach. No members of the coaching staff have a child playing on the teams.



Teams require time and money to prepare for WCSG. A new evaluation system that is rubric based will be simpler for coaches to fill out and allow them more time for evaluating players.

10. Presentation of NWT Soccer Awards

Coach of the Year	Mike Doyle
Female Player of the Year	Adrienne Schmaltz
Male Player of the Year	Alex Hunt
Volunteer of the Year	Craig Broddy
Referee of the Year	Mike Beauregard
Sportsmanship of the Year	Lance Gray

11. Priorities for NWTSA moving forward

Members discussed the priorities for the coming year. Much of the discussion relates to the proposed restructuring of sport funding initiated by the SRC. Members expressed hope that NWTSA will continue to build capacity and grow the game in the NWT.

12. Election of Directors

The following members of the Executive were acclaimed

President	Ryan Fequet
Vice President North	Crystal McArthur
Vice President Central	Peter Jobse
Director of High Performance and Director at Large	Brian Wishart
Director of Referee Development	Nick Rivet
Treasurer	Louise Cumming
Secretary	Shannon Cumming
Technical Director	Huw Morris
Sport Consultant	Melanie Kornacki (non-elected position)

13. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m



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