

Soccer Northeastern Ontario  
Annual General Meeting  
Knights of Columbus Hall  
October 19, 2008

**Last Meeting:** October 14, 2007

**In Attendance:** Garry Boldt – District Administrator/UOVASC  
Mark Ling – President SNE  
Peter Bowles – Vice President SNE  
Susan Knight – President North Bay Youth S. C. /Treasurer SNE  
Sean Severin – Treasurer West Nipissing S. C. /Secretary SNE  
Laurie Jeffrey – President Opeongo S.C.  
Andrea Zadow – Vice President Opeongo S.C.  
Darren Ferdinand – President AMBUSC  
Peter Dodge – AMBUSC  
Barry Holt – President Renfrew Minor S.C.  
Gayle Murphy - Petawawa Minor S.C.  
Peggy – President Petawawa Minor S.C.  
Patty Hamilton – Opeongo Minor Soccer  
Geoff Waddington – President Deep River Minor S.C.  
Siggi Siepmann – President Armstrong Park S.C./ Nipissing Adult S.C.  
Glenn Hanniman – President Pembroke S.C.  
Doug Cameron – President North Bay Selects S. C. / Director of NRSL  
Nusret Aydemir – Vice President Deep River  
Tony Nacev – Director (Operations and Administration) (guest)

**Absent:**

Meeting called to order at 12:07pm

**i) Roll Call:** All clubs are represented.

**ii) Approval of Minutes:** MOTION – Moved by Laurie and seconded by Siggi to accept the minutes from October 14, 2007. Laurie rescinded the motion. The minutes were amended to remove the 'and' and replace it by a period on page one.

MOTION – Moved by Barry and seconded by Darren to accept the minutes from October 14, 2007 with the amendment. All in favour. CARRIED.

**iii) President Address:**

Mark Ling wanted to start by clearing up some questions that were asked to the district from the last AGM and items that were discussed at the meeting that Mark and Garry attended in June with Bruce Henderson.

OSA Referee clinics currently have a minimum requirement of 15 participants. The OSA will consider running the clinics with fewer participants. They must be informed before

hand. In special cases they may reduce the fee as well. As far as coaching clinics this remains unchanged. There must be a minimum of 15 participants. No exemptions.

Referee assessors, currently there is only one in Soccer Northeastern who has recertified for 2008. The next session will be spring 2009 the location will be determined depending on the number of applicants. The location will most likely be in Sudbury or Ottawa.

The membership wanted to know what they are receiving for their membership with the OSA. Currently, the OSA is putting together a benefit membership document to be ready by the end of 2008, to explain the advantages of affiliating with the OSA.

The boundaries for our district were not clearly defined. The boundaries are now the District of Nipissing, Renfrew County, Township of Nipissing, Strong and Joly, Municipal Township of Callander, Municipal Township of Powassan.

Mark suggested that some of the smaller clubs look at getting together to hire an administrator to keep all the clubs up to date with policies, forms and consistency. Renfrew asked if there was a job description or list of duties that they may be able to use for a guide. Pembroke will make a copy available.

Mark and Garry asked to simplify the rules and policies of OSA. This has been done and it is about 20% less. They asked that the OSA make the website a little more user friendly to access information. The OSA is currently working on it. Mark also asked that beside every OSA policy give an explanation. It would describe what the policy was for and who it applies to.

Clarification on the registration policy. For the clubs using registration forms, if the forms are the same one being used year after year it does not need to be re-approved by the district. District still does need to be notified. Any change to the form i.e. fees listed on the form then it must be sent to district for approval. Clubs still need to review it every year to ensure they meet the minimum standards as per OSA. Clubs not submitting changes to the registration form to the district for approval can be suspended.

The OSA has answered the question Sue asked Joyce Stewart at the 2007 AGM requiring parents/guardian signature on both sides of the registration form. Their answer is the OSA has not made any changes to the model for the registration form. Signatures of parents or guardians must be signed where indicated on the model form provided by the OSA. This comes from the OSA's legal advice. If clubs do not have the required signature locations on their registration form district will not approve the form. If the club continues to use the forms they will be doing so at their own risk.

The OSA does have a help line however if clubs require assistance the clubs are to contact the district first then the district will contact the OSA. The help line was intended to help someone find a soccer club, want to referee or coach. The help line will direct them to the closest soccer club.

ITSN is being replaced by AIMS (automated information management system). Currently Garry, Patty, Tanya and Siggi have been testing the new system. It will be ready for the 2009 outdoor season. Training will begin in January. Users will not be able to access the new system until they have been trained. All data and web pages will be transferred to AIMS. Each district will have super-users that will be able to train and assist club users.

Clarification regarding ITSN and passwords i.e. sharing user ID and passwords. If the district discovers anyone using someone else's ID and password, the district is to report it immediately to the OSA. The user and everyone in that club will be suspended immediately. Everyone's access to ITSN or AIMS will be cut off.

Mark introduced Tony Nacev Director of Operations. Tony wanted to start by telling the SNE membership what is happening at OSA. First, OSA is looking at updating the website they will be adding a search engine on the website to help with communications. Secondly, With the use of money from the Trillium Foundation, the OSA will be introducing a new program called "Club Excellence". The OSA want to congratulate clubs for their hard work and they have developed this program. Clubs can receive bronze, silver and gold status. The OSA is hoping that this will make good clubs better, and better clubs become excellent. Awards will be given based on a set criterion. The next component to this program is to hire community development officers to help clubs get to the next level in the club excellence program. As mentioned earlier the OSA will be starting with the AIMS program for the 2009 outdoor season and will be putting a package together for the benefits to membership. The OSA is trying to break the Toronto central. They are committed to changing this by starting off by moving the AGM around the province i.e. last year the AGM was held in Hamilton. They are also trying to get more involvement from around the province.

Tony updated the SNE membership with the CSA (Canadian Soccer Association). The CSA has developed a new strategic plan. They are looking for a five-dollar increase to a total of eleven dollars. This increase will be towards the development of the national youth teams and the national teams. This fee will not be applied to the indoor registration. Garry suggest that Tony bring a motion to the OSA to read "If a player plays with two or more teams, a player pay only one fee instead of each time they register." Some of the provinces have already stated that they will not accept the increase and there is one province that has agreed to the increase.

#### **iv) Club Reports**

*Arnprior Soccer Club* – Along with Opeongo and Renfrew established an Ottawa Valley United competitive team in the U15, U13 and U10 boys. They played in the Ottawa league. With the house league, clubs from Opeongo, Renfrew, Deep River and Petawawa formed a five-club house league. There were administration hick-ups; however it gave these kids a place to play. The games were played on the weekends.

*Renfrew Minor Soccer Club* - Clubs are working well together for the U12 to U18. Teams enjoyed the weekend tournament format that was used.

*Opeongo Minor Soccer Club* – Had 18 mini soccer teams in 2008 with a huge increase in the U6 soccer program. This may pose a problem with the shortage of fields in the future. There were 7 youth teams. The club held a level 1 coaching clinic in May that was filled to capacity. The youth teams participated in the interclub league. The club was responsible for the U18 boys and girls. They did not have enough players however they combined with other clubs to make a three-team division. There were problems with the U18 league and have already been in contact with the other clubs to make policies to address the problems. The interclub league is developing quite well with the input and representation of all clubs, district administration. The club is committed to putting together the proper rules and policies to make this work.

*UOVAL* – Garry reports that the league was very successful as usual. There were 11 women teams and 6 men teams.

*Petawawa Minor Soccer Club* – Rules and regulations needs to be ironed out to make the interclub league run a little smoother. Petawawa is looking forward to being involved again for the 2009 season.

*Deep River Minor Soccer Club* – Geoff reports that the club had 297 players registered for 2008, which was approximately 10 percent increase over last year. The club ran a very successful mini soccer program. Highlight was for the U10 division that participated in the tournament hosted by Renfrew. The youth teams participated in the joint house league. This was a huge benefit for the Deep River kids. They were able to offer girl specific teams and immediately saw an increase. It was easy to see that the girls really developed well playing along with other girl teams. Geoff wanted to thank Renfrew, Arnprior, and Opeongo for hosting these leagues and allowing Deep River to participate. Geoff wanted to express that this was the best initiative that he has seen thus far since being involved to the promotion and development of the game. He also wanted to recognize the district as a whole for their efforts.

*North Bay Youth Soccer Club* – The NBYSC had 147 teams registered with approximately 2500 children. It was a terrible year for rained out games. The City of North Bay actually closed the fields for an entire week. This made it very difficult to re-schedule games. The NBYSC started something new in 2008; it introduced 3V3 in the U4-U5 league. It was very successful and very well accepted. Sue encourages all clubs to look into it for their clubs. The NBYSC is looking at expanding this program for 2009. The club hosted two referee clinics and they were maxed out. NBYSC has two referees that interested in becoming instructors. They also held two level one, one level two and one level three clinic and all were full. The club continues with having two referee coordinators to mentor the youth referees. The referee coordinators also warned all coaches that there is a zero tolerance policy towards abuse of the referees. The clubs continue to struggle with the lack of facilities. The club can no longer grow unless more facilities become available. The club also assisted with the development of the new North Bay Select Soccer Club.

*Pembroke Soccer Club: see attached.*

*Nipissing District Adult Soccer Club/ Armstrong Park – Weather caused a lot of delays and cancellations.*

*West Nipissing Soccer Club- The mini soccer program remained the same as the previous year with six U6 teams, eight U8 teams, and six U10 teams. The club had seven teams play in the North Bay Youth Soccer League. The club saw a small increase (+20) in the amount children playing soccer. The club could have had more youth kids play however with the deadline set out by NBYSC, we fill the teams on a first come first serve basis. The club had to turn away approximately 40 kids. The club had a problem with recruiting referees this year. It was the first time that this has happened to the club in many years.*

*North Bay Selects Soccer Club – see attached. Doug wanted to express a sincere thank you to Garry, Sue and Sean for their guidance and help for their inaugural season.*

### **Officer's Reports**

*North Regional Soccer League: see attached*

### **v) Secretary's Report**

There was nothing to report at this time.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Garry on behalf of Treasurer presented the audited financial statements year ended October 31, 2007 prepared by Scott, Rosien & Dempsey Chartered Accountants.

MOTION – Moved by Laurie Jeffries and seconded by Doug Cameron to accept the audited financial statement from Scott, Rosien & Dempsey Chartered Accountants. All in favour. CARRIED.

Laurie asked what was the \$3185.00 loss on equipment? Mark's reply was the deposal of old computer equipment.

Geoff asked if the cash on hand was used for anything? Garry noted that \$30000.00 was put into a GIC.

Doug noted that the player books sold are more than we purchased. Garry noted they were left over from the last year.

Garry asked Tony if the OSA has view the RFD from SNE regarding if the amount the OSA required for District audit level from \$35000 to \$100,000. Mark says that he brought this

question up at the OSA board meeting. He submitted a RFD and was defeated. Their reasoning is the OSA needs to have higher standards.

Patty asked why the fees collected for the OSA is less than payable. Garry replied that this might be an overlap with the indoor soccer.

Garry mentioned from the advice of the auditors that the board of directors from SNE review the OSA's published rules to see if they actually stipulate that the remittance comes to the district and then to the OSA or if it only stipulates that they collect on behalf of the OSA and CSA. If they stipulate that they collect on behalf of the OSA and CSA this district will be making a request from its clubs to submit three cheques one to SNE, one to OSA and one to CSA. This way the district would only has income of \$6000.00 and the district would pass along the cheques to the OSA. The district would not require an audit.

MOTION – Moved by Patty and seconded by Gayle to accept the 2008 financial reports be accepted as presented. All in favour. CARRIED.

MOTION – Moved by Sue and seconded by Doug to appoint Scott, Rosien & Dempsey Chartered Accountants as auditors for SNE. All in favour. CARRIED.

#### **vi) Unfinished business.**

There was no unfinished business.

#### **vii) RFD Amendments to the Constitution, Policies and Procedures**

##### **RFD 2008-1 see attachment**

MOTION – Moved by Patty seconded by Gayle to accept RFD 2008-1. Garry noted that the fees do not cover the cost. Arnprior is looking at hiring an administrator to get the paperwork in on time. All opposed. DEFEATED.

##### **RFD 2008-2 see attachment**

MOTION – Moved by Barry seconded by Peter to accept RFD 2008-2. Peter stated that Arnprior, Renfrew and Opeongo have had a growing amount of issues arising, discipline, not meeting the time lines, etc. The idea is to keep clubs accountable. In favour Pembroke, NBYSC, NBSSC, Armstrong, Nipissing Adult and West Nipissing UOVASL (44votes). Opposed, Arnprior, Renfrew, Opeongo, Petawawa, Deep River (42 votes). CARRIED.

##### **RFD 2008-3 see attachment**

MOTION – Moved by Doug seconded by Patty to accept RFD 2008-3. Mark submitted this RFD to increase communication between all the clubs and the district. The change from 2 to 4 meetings per year will allow clubs to miss 2 of the 4 meetings due to due to timing conflicts. Each club will be required to sit in on a minimum of two calls per year. All in favour. CARRIED.

**RFD 2008-4 see attachment**

MOTION – Moved by Barry seconded by Gayle to accept RFD 2008-4. Submitted by Mark to expedite communications. This will allow the executive committee to make the necessary changes to the rules and regulations (does not affect the constitution) that will take affect immediately until it is ratified at the AGM. Opposed Opeongo, all in favour. CARRIED.

**RFD 2008-5 see attachment**

MOTION – Moved by Darren seconded by Patty to accept RFD 2008-5. Submitted by Mark to change to wording. This will allow clubs to function normally until the decision of the District Discipline Committee. The OSA no longer a term accepts the term “Not in good standing”. Clubs will now be suspended. All in favour. CARRIED.

**RFD 2008-6 see attachment**

MOTION – Moved by Geoff seconded by Sue to accept RFD 2008-6. Submitted by Mark to remove the items listed because they are not a condition to be members of SNE. All in favour. CARRIED.

**RFD 2008-7 see attachment**

MOTION – Moved by Gayle seconded by Sue to accept RFD 2008-7. Submitted by Mark to remove the sentence that is stroked out. This will simplify this article. All in favour. CARRIED.

**RFD 2008-8 see attachment**

MOTION – Moved by Darren seconded by Siggie to accept RFD 2008-8. Submitted by Mark to remove the stroked out items in the article. This deals with the methods of communications. All communication has to be sent to the district office. This district office will re-direct to the appropriate personnel. All in favour. CARRIED.

**RFD 2008-9 see attachment**

MOTION – Moved by Doug seconded by Barry to accept RFD 2008-9. Submitted by Mark to change to month from May to June 30 and remove the stroked out sentence. Mark asked to rescind the motion so it may be modified. Doug and Barry agreed to rescind the motion. The RFD 2008-9 was modified to accept the first paragraph and omit the second paragraph. Moved by Doug seconded by Siggie to accept RFD 2008-9 as amended. All players must be assigned to a team by the deadline specified by the district (June 30). This will allow club the opportunity for clubs to balance their teams. All in favour. CARRIED.

**RFD 2008-10 see attachment**

MOTION – Moved by Barry seconded by Gayle to accept RFD 2008-10. Submitted by Mark to change to wording from executive member to executive committee. All in favour. CARRIED.

**RFD 2008-11 see attachment**

MOTION – Moved by Barry seconded by Doug to accept RFD 2008-11. Submitted by Mark to simplify and clarify the article. Remove “beginning November 1, 2006 and replace it with “the current fiscal year”. Remove “must” and replace with “shall”. Remove “cheque” and replace with “the required fee”. Remove “Clubs should not ask for or expect credit”. All in favour. CARRIED.

**RFD 2008-12 see attachment**

MOTION – Moved by Gayle seconded by Peter to accept RFD 2008-12. Submitted by Mark to simplify and clarify the article. Remove “and failing to comply with all of the requirements.” Add “If the requirements are not met then the bond will be forfeited and the club will be refused the right to host another tournament for a period of two years.” All in favour. CARRIED.

**RFD 2008-13 see attachment**

MOTION – Moved by Patty seconded Doug by to accept RFD 2008-13. Submitted by Mark to change the wording to add #2. The wording of #2 should include “meet every two weeks” and “meeting must have at least 3 members”. This would set up a district discipline committee. The Chair of the meeting is the only committee member that is required to have certification. Clubs can still request to handle their own discipline. All in favour. CARRIED.

**RFD 2008-14 see attachment**

MOTION – Moved by Siggie seconded by Sue to accept RFD 2008-14. Submitted by Mark to eliminate the paragraph. This is to eliminate the term “Not in good standing” this will bring SNE in line with OSA policies. All in favour. CARRIED.

**RFD 2008-15 see attachment**

MOTION – Moved by Patty seconded by Sue to accept RFD 2008-15. Submitted by Garry Boldt to remove the paragraph. It is covered by items b) and c) of the same article. All in favour. CARRIED.

**RFD 2008-16 see attachment**

MOTION – Moved by Gayle seconded by Doug to accept RFD 2008-16. Submitted by Geoff to simplify and open communications from clubs to district, additional effort by district office to deal with potential more communication. This will allow any club director or an official to contact the district. In favour Renfrew, Pembroke and Deep River. Opposed Arnprior, Opeongo, UOVASL, Petawawa, NBYSC, NBSSC, Nipissing Adult, Armstrong Park, West Nipissing. DEFEATED.

**viii) Roll Call:** All clubs are represented.

**a) Election of Officers**

Up for elections for 2009 are Vice President and Secretary.

Vice President – Patty nominated Peter Bowles. MOTION – Moved by Peter Dodge seconded by Siggie to have nominations be closed. Peter accepted his nomination and was acclaimed.

Secretary – Sue nominated Sean Severin. Peter nominated Doug Cameron. MOTION – Moved by Siggie seconded by Peter Dodge to have nominations be closed. Doug declined his nomination and Sean accepted his nomination and was acclaimed.

Peter Bowles was appointed as District Referee Coordinator for the east end of the district. Andy Hazelwood was appointed the District Referee Coordinator for the west end of the district.

District Administrator – Peter nominated Garry Boldt. MOTION – Moved by Gayle seconded by Siggie to have nominations be closed. Garry accepted his nomination and was acclaimed.

#### **b) New Business**

- All requirements to be club have been met.
- League operation, someone from the district should attend the multi league operations meeting to clarify misunderstanding and misconceptions. Clubs should be providing teams to fill the void, as the previous teams are moving up when play out permissions are granted.
- Doug Cameron was appointed as North Region Soccer League representative. Garry asked Doug to make a report on the operations of the NRSLS so it can be presented to other clubs within the district so they may see how this league operates.
- Appointment of East Region Soccer League will be left open. Arnprior will look into having their representative represent the district.
- Functionality of Itsoccernet versus AIMS has been already covered earlier.
- Changes to SNE website did not have posted on the website regarding the cancellation of the referee clinic and posting of new clinics.
- SNE office functionality, Peter thanked the district for supplying a template for referee assignments.
- SNE district, the OSA is looking at changing all the districts. The talk on the table is the east end of the district would go to Ottawa bringing in some of the smaller clubs to make a district. The west end will go to Sudbury or make their own district.
- Nusret asked if there is some sort of way to have the district inform clubs that any correspondence sent to the district could have a receipt number or tracking number. Garry noted that it would double the amount of work at the office to implement it. Mark suggested that the district could look at doing something like this in the future that would track to and from the district.
- Coordination of clinics is already done.
- Budget for 2009 OSA/CSA fees. The fees for CSA have not been finalized it could be anywhere from \$7-\$11. It will probably be \$7. The OSA fee is up 3%. The SNE fee will remain the same. Mark wants to use some of the

reserves to get some refresher course throughout the district. Next year we will need to review the SNE fee.

- Concerns with Clubs with non-compliance, there is no money in the budget currently to cover expenses to have the district check clubs for compliance. Mark is hoping with the reports that are requested by the district to member clubs would elevate the need to visit the clubs within the district.
- SNE discipline committee Mark asked to have the nominated person per club into the district by December 1, 2008. The district will then set up the dates and the number of times this committee needs to meet. Hopefully this can be done by conference call.
- The OSA AGM will be held in Toronto on November 8, 2008. Mark asked if anyone is interested in going. Sean Severin and Doug Cameron will be attending the meeting for SNE.

**ix) Adjournment.**

MOTION – Moved by Geoff and seconded by Gayle to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 PM. All in favour. CARRIED.

APPROVED