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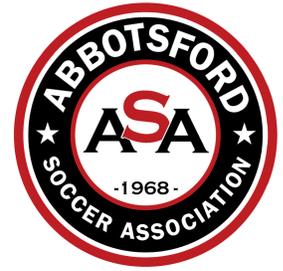
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## ABBOTSFORD SOCCER ASSOCIATION

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APRIL 2017 UPDATE

<h3>Annual General Meeting</h3>
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Our Annual General Meeting is set for May 12, 2017 at 7:00 pm. Our Community Partner Best Western Plus has offered us their conference room for this meeting. The Best Western Plus is located at 32110 Marshall Road.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting**
3. **Unfinished Business**
4. **President's Report**
5. **Treasurer's Report**
6. **Directors' Reports**
7. **Head Coach/Technical Director's Report**
8. **Nominating Committee Report**
9. **Elections**
10. **New Business**
11. **Open Forum**
12. **Adjournment**

The Nominating Committee welcomes people interested in serving on the Board of Directors. A Director's position is an annual assignment and basic responsibilities include attending bimonthly meetings. These meetings occur every other second Monday of the month beginning on June 12, 2017. The meetings begin about 5 pm and usually last an hour. There are also opportunities for individuals to serve on a variety of Fraser Valley District Boards.

The position of Club Treasurer is also open for nominations. Some understanding of QuickBooks is suggested but not a requirement.

From our Constitution:

### **Treasurer**

**5.18 Reporting to the President, the Treasurer will keep the financial records, including books of account of the Association necessary to comply with the Society Act and serve as the chief financial officer.**

**5.19 The Treasurer will provide financial statements to the Board of Directors meeting and the Annual General Meeting as required.**

**5.20 The Treasurer will share signing authority and ensure that all invoices are paid in a timely manner.**

If you are interested in joining the Board as either a Director or running for the position of Treasurer, please send an email indicating your interest, include your name, phone number, and the position in which you'd like to serve, to Dan Village at [gm@abbotsfordsoccer.com](mailto:gm@abbotsfordsoccer.com).

<b>Field/Official Costs for 2016.2017</b>
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As we prepare to open our Fall/Winter Registration, some of the issues bouncing around the sidelines need to be addressed. Yes, it was a brutal winter. Those of us that have been with the club for a while figure this happened once before about 25 years ago.

We have outlined below some of the historical costs for our club and how this season's weather impacted 'the bottom line'.

Yes, there were many cancelled sessions that affected all our programs. When possible, we moved teams off the grass fields and onto turf just so that training and games could take place. This affected our field costs significantly. Our budget was built on each team training on grass half the time and playing half their games on grass. The other half would be training and playing on turf.

The Grassroots 2 program was taken off Berry Park and relocated to the MRC mini-turf fields for the duration of their program beginning in January.

Field costs look like this:	Grass Fields are \$3.99 per hour
	Turf Fields are \$20.37 per hour
	Light Costs are \$12.00 per hour

As you can see, the cost of a two hour Divisional Game goes from \$8.00 to about \$41.00 moving from grass to turf. Add in lights for a late afternoon/evening match and you're at \$65.00 for the field plus referees.

With many grass fields in poor condition, we had to move teams off those pitches into shared spots on turf and then had to book additional turf time to accommodate all teams.

As well, this year, in order to ensure teams had coaches, we offered a player registration to head coaches stepping up to oversee teams. Included in that were coaching credentials required by the B.C. Soccer Association as part of the new Club Charter system being introduced. That ensured all coaches in our club were certified by B.C. Soccer. All coaches also received a Club Jacket.

**Referee Costs**

	<u>2014.2015</u>	<u>2015.2016</u>	<u>2016.2017</u>
September	\$4775.00	\$4380.00	\$3143.00
October	\$4100.00	\$5065.00	\$4899.00
November	\$5850.00	\$6201.00	\$6070.00
December	\$3099.00	\$4355.00	\$1462.00
January	\$5130.00	\$5850.00	\$2621.00
February	\$2827.00	\$3768.00	\$2734.00
March	<u>\$1400.00</u>	<u>\$1515.00</u>	<u>\$2342.00</u>
Total:	\$27,181.00	\$31,134.00	\$23,271.00

### Field Costs

	<u>2014.2015</u>	<u>2015.2016</u>	<u>2016.2017</u>
September	\$5294.31	\$3657.62	\$5251.82
October	\$5518.62	\$4104.09	\$6885.71
November	\$2415.44	\$4425.24	\$7235.30
December	\$4930.51	\$2186.72	\$ 969.56
January	\$3789.95	\$3922.91	\$4197.40
February	\$3914.04	\$3360.09	\$3139.20
March	<u>\$2234.56</u>	<u>\$2848.65</u>	<u>\$5253.43</u>
Total:	\$28,097.46	\$24,505.32	\$32,932.42

### Lights Costs

	<u>2014.2015</u>	<u>2015.2016</u>	<u>2016.2017</u>
September	\$ 825.30	\$1165.15	\$1642.61
October	\$3313.80	\$2347.86	\$2704.08
November	\$2803.50	\$3101.39	\$4513.06
December	\$ 516.00	\$ 638.20	\$ 578.18
January	\$2430.00	\$2072.67	\$1337.53
February	\$1866.00	\$2839.68	\$1225.08
March	<u>\$ 822.00</u>	<u>\$ 925.08</u>	<u>\$1469.80</u>
TOTAL:	\$12,576.60	\$13,090.03	\$13,470.34

Total costs for the 2014.2015 year was \$67,854.00

Total costs for the 2015.2016 year was \$68,729.00

Total costs for the 2016.2017 year was \$69,673.00

Given the issues with this year's weather, there were, indeed, some missed sessions. While every effort was made to make up lost sessions and games, the calendar proved to be our enemy in making up all sessions. With increased costs for fields, you can see that there were no actual savings from our weather despite a marked decrease in referees. The added costs of turf ate up all those savings.

We are offering teams the opportunity to play in our own little 3 v 3 tournament on August 19<sup>th</sup> at Bateman Park. The Sunday tournament has been designed for U10 – U12 teams but we would like to open things up to all our Abbotsford teams for a free day of soccer. Depending on the number of teams registering, we can offer a four game schedule using the same format of 24 minutes games where teams usually play a game, rest 30 minutes, play another, rest 30 minutes, etc.

Once we have the interested teams scheduled, we will set up a schedule and have a day of fun soccer at Bateman Park just for the teams in our club. Once teams have been set up for the Fall, coaches will have the opportunity to register their teams for our first in-house mini-tournament. With the small sided format, divisional teams may be able to enter two or even three teams! It'll be a tonne of fun, we'll have referees on hand, the concession open and, it being August, little chance of being snowed out.

### **Fall/Winter Registration Open**

Fall/Winter Registration will open April 5th. We have kept our registration fees at last year's levels banking on our planned half grass/half turf goal of last year. Given that most teams need to be submitted to local leagues by the end of June, we really do need folks to get their players registered well before that time. While it does seem that it's early, to ensure proper planning for leagues and schedules, these teams need to be in well ahead of the summer break.

With that in mind, we have decided to implement a 'late fee' for this coming season. Players registering after June 30<sup>th</sup> will pay an extra \$25.00 to help offset League Fines and Penalties for late registration of teams. The late addition of players and teams can cause a ripple effect within our club, league schedules, often impacting more than one division of teams. We have been able to absorb these costs in the past but feel that our three month registration period is adequate for interested parties to get themselves registered in time for the Fall season.

Registering prior to the end of June also helps us with planning required field space, getting coaches for teams, and ensuring we have an accurate order for jerseys. Players registered prior to the June deadline but not paid up will be removed from the registration system and placed on a waiting list. In short, those folks that have paid up or have made arrangements for paying will have first priority in team placement.

### **Summer Camps Now Open for Registration**

We are offering six different camps this summer. All are five days long beginning on Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>. All programs are at Bateman Park. More information on our website under 'Registration'.

### **3 v 3 Tournament August 20<sup>th</sup>**

While things are still in the planning stages, Abbotsford Soccer will be hosting its inaugural 3 v 3 Live! Tournament this summer. In cooperation with 3 v 3 Live Canada, Bateman Park will be the site of this fun tournament designed to get each player a tonne of touches on the ball and a guarantee of four mini-games for the day. Right now the plan is to have this inaugural tournament open to U10 – U12 boys and girls but keep an eye out for other age groups opening up.

Games are 24 minutes long, subs are on the fly, and the action never stops. Look for more details coming in the near future. A great way to kick off the season!