

Notes of Meeting of the R.A.W. Soccer League

October 4, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

Held at the Centre Albert Gariépy
800, Sherbrooke St., Lachine

In attendance, reps from : Ultimate Storm, SNC Lavalin, City Girls, Las Chiquitas, Lunachicks, Yummies, Turf Queen, Absolut Soccer, Panthers, Bar Buddies, Re United, Devils, Procrastinators, Tornadoes, Marina, AS Fox, Bessborough United.

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Cathy welcomed and thanked team reps for attending this information meeting. Information packages were distributed.

- Among the documents are the waiver forms & general releases that must be completed and signed by all the players before they enter the field for the first game. If not, the game will be forfeited by that team.
- There is an information sheet reviewing yellow and red cards. Please read this information and inform your team mates about the regulations.
- Question was asked concerning the referee call of hand ball by ladies with their arms folded across their chest. Cathy indicated she would consult with the referees to determine what their call is of this situation. Cathy to email the team reps with the answer.
- Question was asked to whom they should talk to about problems with referees and consistency in the calling of games. Cathy asked that team reps send her an email notifying her if the team considers there is inconsistency with the conduct of a referee.
- There is to be no drinking by players, managers, coaches, referees, etc. before any games.
- Please inform your team mates to change in locker rooms not on the field or outside the kitchen area. If caught you'll be fined \$25 for a first offence; \$50 for the second offence. Please respect the people around you watching other games, etc.
- Leg braces made of metal must be padded and wrapped; those in plastic need to be covered with a wrap. This is to prevent injury to fellow players.
- The game sheets need to be typed ahead of time with player's name and game number, not filled in by hand. Don't forget the team captain should see the referee after the game to sign the game sheet and verify the scoring.
- Jewelry is not permitted – no ear rings, rings, metal hairclips, piercings, etc.
- RuleNo. 12 on the website is being updated. From now on the final ranking of teams in the standings will be decided by goals for and against.

- Any player receiving a red card is required to leave the field and immediate field surroundings. They are not permitted to be upstairs watching the game. A \$50 fine will be levied should the player not leave the field as instructed by the referee. The player will not be permitted back to play after serving the red card suspension until the fine has been paid.
- There was much discussion on the issue of spares and the eligibility of new players. It was decided that a team may submit a roster of up to 25 players. This list needs to be submitted to Cathy and the spares need to be indicated on this listing. A spare will be required to have played a minimum of **8 games** with a team in order to be eligible to play in the playoffs for this team. A maximum of **3 spares** can be called for any one game. Of these spares, only **one** Division 1 player is permitted to spare for the team. It is up to the team captains whether or not they charge a fee from the spare to play the game.
- There was discussion concerning health concerns of H1N1. It was decided that we would continue to shake hands after the game and that as adults we had the common sense to know we should be washing our hands afterwards. Cathy advised players to be extremely cautious about cleansing any cuts or scraps obtained on the soccer field. The players should ensure that they disinfectant any wounds immediately after playing.
- The teams are required to take a team photo in uniform and submit this by email in jpg format to Cathy within the first two weeks of the season. In addition, this season individual photos will be required. A new initiative is to keep personal stats on the player – goals, etc. When sending the individual photos please identify the team name.
- Pinneys will be available at \$50 per set. It is up to the home team to keep track of any uniform color conflicts. Also, the home team is to supply the game ball.
- A new initiative this season is a R.A.W. Membership Card. This is a plastic card with a membership number. You will be able to present this to select companies for special deals and discounts. The participating companies will be listed on the website. The card will be valid until May 2010. Cathy will send email to team reps so that this info can be passed along to the players.
- Cathy asked that players refrain from contacting her when she is on the field as a player or at the bench as a coach. She indicated that she is available by email or after a game to answer any league questions. Your understanding is appreciated.
- When coming to register on the first game of the season, please hand in all forms and the cheques. The cheques can be divided into two payments, within a reasonable timeframe. Please put a sticky on the post-dated cheque so that it doesn't get deposited.
- Cathy offered to obtain a mini book of FIFA rules. Reps indicated their enthusiasm in obtaining this information in order to pass along the major rules to their players.
- The soccerplex is undergoing renovation in the bar area. The hope is to open a larger resto-bar that will be frequented by all soccer players.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.