

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

September 30, 2010, 7:45 p.m.

Held at the Lachine Soccerplex

In attendance, reps from : Azzuri, Baccardi, Back that pass up, Bessborough United, Blazers, Blitz, City Chicks, Cougars, Dynamites, Super Novas, Gunners, Knockouts, Sharks, Las Chiquitas, Lunachicks, Malibu, Montreal United I, Panthers, Red Dragons, Strikers, Swifts, Turf Queens, Ultimate Storm, Vixens Zitronas.

Meeting was called to order at 7:55 p.m.

Cathy Lipari welcomed and thanked team reps for attending this information meeting. Agenda and information sheets were handed out. Also, magnetic team name tags were distributed to use on the locker room doors.

Cathy introduced Kathy from Fundscrip, a fund raising organization. Kathy explained the procedures to follow should teams or individuals wish to participate. The program is set up with declining balance gift cards offered by several large retailers. Money is made on an individual's normal monthly purchases. Maria Maguigad was introduced as the point person for the RAW league. Maria distributed pamphlets to those interested.

Cathy explained that the league was set up so that women of all calibers can participate in playing soccer. There are five divisions on 3 different nights of the week. The level of soccer is increasing each year.

- 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. Please respect the people around you watching other games, etc. Meeting in the locker room helps foster team bonding.
- Leg braces made of hard plastic or metal must be padded with foam and then covered with a sock or wrapped; this is to prevent injury to fellow players.
- Among the documents are the waiver forms & general releases that must be completed and signed by all the players /coaches before they enter the field for the first game. If not, the game will be forfeited by that team.
- 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. Most teams carry 14 to 15 players on the bench. A person 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. As soon as a spare plays 3 games with the same team, they are then considered part of that team.
- You can't sub on a team within your own division. A maximum of **3 spares** can be called for any one game. Of these spares, only **two** Division 1 players are 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.

- The game sheets need to be pre-printed with the players' names in alpha order and game number indicated. Highlight with a marker the players in attendance for that day's game. Try giving a couple of teammates a few pre-printed copies in case team rep misses the game. In emergencies, Cathy has a folder at front entrance of the soccerplex with blank spare copies. Don't forget the team captain should see the referee after the game to sign the game sheet and verify the scoring.
- The release forms are being slightly revised this year. Please ensure that they are completed by your players before they take to the field for the first game. Later in the season don't forget to get your spares to sign a release form before they play.
- There is an information sheet reviewing yellow and red cards. Please read this information and inform your team mates about the regulations. A red card is an automatic 2 game suspension. 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.
- Cathy indicated that the referees are independent. They referee according to the leagues rules and to the best of their ability. Should it happen that there is an issue with inconsistency with the conduct of a referee the team rep should send an email to notify Cathy.
- No slide tackling permitted near another player.
- The referees usually play advantage when it comes to the call of hand balls.
- Jewellery is not permitted – no ear rings, rings, metal hairclips, piercings, etc. Headgear for concussion protection is permitted.
- There are a lot of new teams this season. Cathy indicated she can't be sure that they are all in the correct division. It is possible that after two to three games into the season some adjustments might be required.
- We will continue to shake hands after the game is over. 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.
- Teams are required to have uniforms – matching jerseys, shorts and socks. The league should look professional.
- Please inform Cathy should you encounter any problems with a player that refuses to pay up or not return uniforms. She'll ensure that they are not placed on any other teams in the league until they've paid, etc.
- Games are rarely cancelled as the field and referees are paid. Should it be necessary, the information will be posted on the website. Cathy indicated she would try to email out this info also. Forfeiting a game costs the team \$25. If in that situation, try to obtain spares from others teams playing or if all else fails, extra players from the opponents team, and play a fun game.

- Team photos will be taken within the first 3 weeks of the season by the league and posted on the website. Cathy hopes to be able to keep track of team members with their personal game stats.
- There is a R.A.W. Membership Card that was introduced last year. 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.
- 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. It was suggested that a 24 hour rule be established. That is, any team having a problem/issue during a game wait 24 hours after the game before contacting Cathy. It was agreed to be a good idea.
- Please notify Cathy should the physio not be in place ½ hour before the first game or if they leave early during the last game. She can't be there all the time and relies upon receiving this info from anyone encountering these problems. Cathy will be purchasing a large quantity of tape at a good price. Contact her should you wish to buy your own roll.
- Cathy informed the team reps that to ensure players know that there are no refunds. It was suggested that should someone become pregnant or get severely injured and can't return, a portion of the replacement player's fee go to offset some of the injured player's expense. This was up to each team to apply.
- When coming to register on the first game of the season, please hand in all forms and your cheques. Please put a sticky on any post-dated cheque to notify Cathy not to deposit it right away.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.