

## Record of Discussion – BQWSL Meeting 10 April 2021

### 1. Welcome / Establish Quorum – President

- The President opened the meeting with a roll call to establish quorum. The following teams were present:
  - Astra - Kelly
  - Belleville Bakery - Emily
  - Sockers A – Lil
  - Brighton – Kelly
  - Freemans – Jenn B
  - McDougall – Alex
  - Cosmos – Gary/ Terry
  - Quinte Hearing Centre – Jen J
  - Stirling Vet – Loralee
  - New Red Lion – Madison
  - U18 Belleville Youth – Brett
- Regrets:
  - Legends – Amanda
  - Prototype – Audrey
  - U18 Quint West – Brenda
- The President advised there was enough teams present to establish a quorum

### 2. Schedule update for 2021 – Scheduler

- The league is planning to start the week of 24 May and end the week of 30 August. We will have 11 games if we can start the week of 24 May, 10 games if we start the week following.
- No games will be rescheduled for rain outs, this plan follows what the men's league is doing.
- We will have two groups - one playing Monday, one playing Wednesday
- We will play the same team two weeks in a row – one home and one away game, then quarantine for two weeks before moving to play another team. This is required by OSA/CSA.
- 14 teams have now been confirmed. In our meeting there were 15 teams. Since the meeting CR Construction has notified us that they can not field a team for the 2021 season. Therefore, based on this information the league will be divided into two Divisions as follows:
  - **A Division will consist of 6 Teams:**
    - Freemans
    - Sockers A
    - Cosmos
    - New Red Lion Team
    - U18 Team Belleville
    - U18 Team Quinte West
  - **B Division will consist of 8 teams:**
    - Astra
    - Belleville Bakery
    - Brighton
    - Legends
    - McDougall
    - Prototype
    - Quinte Hearing Centre

### **3. Health Unit/ OSA Policies Update:**

- We are continuing to monitor both the local health unit and new and emerging OSA policies on return to play for the 2021 season.
- The City of Belleville does require us to have a safety plan in place for our league which has to be approved by the local Health Unit.
- The health unit has directed us that no players from outside of our health district can play in our league this season. We have asked for clarification for ref's in this type of situation and are awaiting a reply from the Ref Association.
- The Ontario Government dictates if we can play this season, by determining which zone we will fall under. Please see Annex A
- OSA has created new "rules of the game" which advise refs of more severe penalties for spitting, and not 'trying' to maintain social distancing on the field. Please see Annex B
- The City of Belleville will be conducting audits of the league and asking for contact tracing documents, and COVID waivers from random teams and random nights. A discussion ensued and the league will inquire into the use of "Jot Forms" / a google sheet that keeps all covid responses electronically. This was the information can be provided to the City in a timely matter. It is further noted that team reps will be responsible for maintaining the contact tracing and covid information for their teams.
- The City of Belleville will also require teams to clean/disinfect all high touch surfaces after their games, including benches etc. The league will provide all team reps with these cleaning products prior to the season starting, and throughout the season as teams require.
- Team Coaches that will be on the bench are required by the health unit to wear a medical mask and eye protection.

### **4. Team Fees – President**

- In discussion with our Treasurer (absent from meeting) team fees will not be collected until after the season is officially started, to avoid having to refund teams in the event of a delay/cancellation.
- We may look at a two-time payment option where teams pay for half of the season mid-point, and then the other half of their team fee after the season ends.
- Initial discussion indicate team fees can range from \$1100-\$1500 per team. This is still in discussion and we will notify teams of an exact number very shortly.
- The league will supply all teams with a set of Corner Flags, and cleaning products. The treasurer will advise if we can also supply teams with 2 game balls, and a set of pinnies for this season as well. This would make use of some of the excess funds we have.

### **5. U18 players and joining BQWSL for the 2021 season – President**

- Two U18 teams, one from Belleville and one from Quinte West, had inquired about playing in our league this season. Their respective clubs did not have any opportunities for them to continue to play in their age categories for this season. Both teams have received confirmation from their respective clubs, as well as SOSA that upon our agreement they can play in the BQWSL for 2021.
- Terry (Quinte Cosmos FC) mentioned that this is a great opportunity to continue to provide additional teams and opportunities for youth players in our A division. He advised that the continued success of our league depends on adding youth players to continue playing throughout adulthood.
- Brett Manlow (U18 Belleville Team) advised that he was worried that another year of not playing for his team would result in his players not continuing their love for the game.

- After discussion, a motion was presented and voted on by A division teams, as suggested by the membership:

**Motion:** To allow the U18 Belleville and U18 Quinte West to play in the BQWSL for the 2021 season. These teams would play in the A Division and following the Indoor rules must be over the age of 16 at the time of playing. Additionally, each A division team will be allowed to sign up to three U18 players (16 years of age or older) for the 2021 Season if they reside in the HPED Health Unit jurisdiction.

**Moved:** Jennifer Jordan, President BQWSL

**Seconded:** Gary, Cosmos FC

**All in Favour, Carried**

#### **6. Other Business- President**

- Legends had asked that in the discussion about excess funds the idea of donating some excess funds to a local charity be discussed. The topic was discussed, and it was agreed that the current excess funds in the BQWSL bank account be used for current season expenses. The President brought forward the idea of using those excess funds to purchase two game balls for each team for the season as well as pinnies. In further discussions with the treasurer after the meeting, we will detail the costs of each of these items against our budget and let teams know as soon as possible if this will be feasible.
- Alex Shaw asked about game sheets being submitted electronically by teams instead of having to drop them off at the Wellness Centre. We will investigate a better system.

#### **7. Adjournment- President**

- The President concluded the meeting with a motion to adjourn.  
**Motion:** Motion to adjourn the 2021 Season Meeting for BQWSL  
**Moved:** Jennifer Jordan, President  
**Seconded:** Lil, Sockers A  
**All in favour, meeting adjourned**