

Wyoming and District Soccer Club (WDSC)
2023 Annual General Report

Presented on Thursday, November 23, 2022

2023 WDSC Executive:

President	Samantha Greaves
Vice President	Christine Joosten
Treasurer	Christine Joosten
Secretary	Valerie Riess
Registrar	Chelsea Weed
Facilities Director	Sarah Watson
Equipment Director	Alyssa Soetemans & Michelle Groening
Sponsorship Director	Christina Jacklin
Media Director	Christina Jacklin
Referee Coordinator	Samantha Greaves
Volunteer Coordinator	Chelsea Weed

Vice-President's Report:

The WDSC had a successful season. Samantha Greaves has decided to focus on other ventures and has resigned as President and Referee Coordinator at the end of this season. We would like to thank Samantha Greaves for her many years on the executive. With Samantha's departure the roles of President and Referee Coordinator are now vacant. We are looking for individuals that would learn the roles and take them over for the 2023 season. If interested in these positions or any position, please contact a current member of the executive board.

For the 2023 season the club advertised by emailing previous parents to see if there was interest in having a season. There was a good response with approximately the same number of players registered as 2022.

Due to wildfires this season was the first season with air quality concerns. There continued to be high temperatures this summer. A revised weather policy will be put in place for 2024 to address air quality and the higher temperatures.

Ontario Soccer and Lambton Kent Soccer Association have been implementing changes to requirements for coaches training and reporting. The WDSC decided having all coaches trained to Ontario Soccer requirements was not feasible. Also, not many training opportunities are provided in the area. A quote for sports insurance was obtained and was more affordable than the Ontario Soccer rates. The executive voted to not update its membership in Lambton Kent Soccer Association and therefore no longer be a part of Ontario Soccer. One new requirement for the new insurance was that all coaches provide a vulnerable sector check.

Registrar's Report:

In 2023 the club had its second fully online registration using Sports Engine. The total number of players registered was 226 which is the same as the 2022 registration.

Year	U4	U6	U8	U10	U12/14	Total
2023	32	80	64	27	23	226
2022	40	73	64	23	26	226
2021*						171
2020*	32	64	35	29	15	175
2019	40	43	50	34	16 (+3)	183
2018	21	58	37	20	17	153

(*2020 season cancelled after registration due to COVID. 2021 had a pre-registration to gauge interest but the season was cancelled before registration.)

Treasurer's Report

For 2023, the club has a net gain of \$8,280.66 as of the year end of October 31, 2023. This is an increase over 2022 gain of \$6,093.46.

Three donations were received in 2023. First, the club received \$150 from the Town of Plympton-Wyoming and \$250 from the Wyoming Lions Club. The club also received \$2,000 from the Wyoming Community Foundation to use towards need equipment.

Registration income was the close to the 2022 levels. For 2023 the club reinstated late fees on late registrations. This resulted in an additional \$450 of revenue. The club also had to cash more volunteer deposits this year. The main expenses for 2023 were insurance, storage unit rental, field maintenance, referee fees and photos & medals. In 2023 the club decided to leave LKSA & Ontario Soccer and get our own insurance. This saved the club a considerable amount of money.

Sponsorship Co-ordinator's Report:

Tim Hortons was the main sponsor for 2023. They donated 200 jerseys and balls for the season. We are fortunate to receive support among the local and surrounding business community for our soccer league and hope this will still be the case in 2023.

We look forward to working with our sponsors again in 2024. Any companies would like to sponsor a team they are welcome to contact the Sponsorship Co-ordinator.

Equipment Co-ordinator's Report:

In 2023 the club purchased more soccer balls, nets, and corner flags. The storage unit was checked in October and all items were still in good condition. If the number of registered players increases the club may also need more nets.

Facilities Co-ordinator Report:

The position of Facilities Co-ordinator is responsible for the upkeep of the grounds, and co-ordinating with The Wyoming Fair Board for the upkeep of their land. WDSC lease the grounds during the spring and summer. The lease agreement with The Wyoming Fair Board includes WDSC providing volunteers at their fair gates in the fall, in lieu of the use of their land. WDSC pays \$1,000 towards the Town of Plympton-Wyoming parks board for grass cutting fees.

Brian and Sebastian Burdett painted the lines for the 2023 season. They did an excellent job and hopes they will continue in 2024. This season there were four mini-fields in John's Hills for U4 and U6 and two fields in the back and one field in the front. The increased number of U6 players required eight teams and four mini-sized soccer fields.

Volunteer Co-ordinator's Report:

This year the club cashed 12 volunteer deposits for families that couldn't perform a duty or did not show up for their duties. To facilitate consistent communication the Fair Board has provided a key contact for the volunteer duties.

Volunteers are the backbone of youth sports in Ontario. We will continue to need coaches for teams. We may need to look at more ways to encourage parents to coach teams. This year coaches had to obtain a vulnerable sector check. This was extra work for the executive but was required for insurance.

Referee Co-ordinator's Report:

In 2023 the club had a difficult time recruiting and keeping referees. For 2024 the club will need to reach out to returning referees earlier. It would be helpful if there were more opportunities for referees to receiving training locally.