

Wyoming and District Soccer Club (WDSC)

2021 Annual General Report

Presented at the electronic WDSC meeting on Thursday, November 25, 2021

2021 WDSC Executive:

President	Samantha Greaves
Vice President	Christine Joosten
Treasurer	Christine Joosten
Secretary	Valerie Riess
Registrar	Vacant
Facilities Director	Vacant
Equipment Director	Alyssa Soetemans
Sponsorship Director	Samantha Greaves
Media Director	Vacant
Referee Coordinator	Samantha Greaves
Volunteer Coordinator	Chelsea Weed

President's Report:

The global pandemic of COVID-19 made 2021 another interesting year for youth sports. After much discussion the executive the WDSC made the difficult decision to cancel the 2021 season.

Many factors led to the decision to cancel the season; however, the safety of our players was the most important issue to our club.

We are hopeful that we can safely restart the soccer season for 2022. We will continue to work with the Lambton Kent Soccer Association and Ontario Soccer to review safety protocols for future years.

Currently we have vacancies that we are looking to have filled within our Executive. We are looking for individuals that would learn the roles and take them over for the 2022 season. If interested please contact a current member of the executive board. The position(s) available for the 2022 season are (note the Executive may elect to switch positions, so these actual positions may be filled but others would be vacant); Facilities Director, Referee Coordinator, and Sponsorship Director, and Registrar/Advertising.

Vice-President's Report:

For the 2021 season the club advertised by emailing previous parents to see if there was interest in having a season.

For many years Ellen Bruce generously donated her time updating the WDSC website. 2020 was her final year. The WDSC updated the website using the easy to use GoDaddy platform. The new website design should be easy to update throughout the year.

Registrar's Report:

In 2021 the executive decided to switch from an in person, paper based registration to an online registration. The online registration was set up using Ontario Soccer's preferred vendor, Sport Engine. An initial pre-registration was done in order to gauge interest in having a season. The pre-registration had 171 players sign up. In 2020 we had a total of 175 enroll. This was slightly down from 183 players in 2019.

Year	U4	U6	U8	U10	U12/14
2020	32	64	35	29	15
2019	40	43	50	34	16 (+3)
2018	21	58	37	20	17

Treasurer's Report

For 2021, the club has a net loss of \$622.65 as of our year end of October 31, 2021. This is in contrast to our loss of \$1,272.32 in 2020.

We received three donations in 2021. We received \$300 from the Town of Plympton-Wyoming (\$150 in December 2020 and \$150 in the spring of 2021). The club also received \$500 from the Wyoming Lioness Club. Ontario Soccer also issued a grant cheque for \$216.25 for COVID-19 relief.

The main expenses for 2021 were the one-time set up of SportsEngine, website costs, and the rental of the storage unit. All things considered this unexpected loss is manageable for our club after a few years with net gains. The WDSC is fortunate that we are able to operate with low overhead costs.

Sponsorship Co-ordinator's Report:

Due to uncertainty with COVID-19, in 2021 the club did not seek out new sponsors. 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 2022.

We look forward to working with our sponsors again in 2022. Anyone that wants to be a sponsor is welcomed to contact the Sponsorship Co-ordinator.

Equipment Co-ordinator's Report:

All equipment levels remained the same as the end of the 2019 and 2021 season. The storage unit was checked in October and all items were still in good condition.

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.

In 2021 the soccer season was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The WDSC asked the Town of Plympton-Wyoming for relief from paying the \$1,000 fee because the soccer fields did not need to be maintained and because of a lack of revenue this year. The Town of Plympton-Wyoming graciously waived the fee for 2021.

Volunteer Co-ordinator's Report:

Due to the cancellation of the season no volunteer cheques were collected or cashed.

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.

Referee Co-ordinator's Report:

Due to the 2021 season being canceled the club did not reach out to referees. In 2022 the club will need to start recruiting referees earlier than in other years due to the lack of continuity with two cancelled seasons.