

Wyoming and District Soccer Club (WDSC)

2020 Annual General Report

Presented at the electronic WDSC AGM meeting on Thursday, November 12th, 2020

2020 WDSC Executive:

President	Samantha Greaves
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Registrar	Tammy With
Facilities Director	Vacant
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Sponsorship Director	Samantha Greaves
Media Director	Ellen Bruce
Referee Coordinator	Samantha Greaves
Volunteer Coordinator	Chelsea Weed

President's Report:

The global pandemic of COVID-19 made 2020 an interesting year for youth sports. Shortly after successfully registering 175 players to play soccer the pandemic worsened in Canada and Ontario. This led to restrictions on sports activities in Ontario. After much discussion with the executive the WDSC made the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 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 2021. 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 2021 season. If interested please contact the President or Vice-President. The position(s) available for the 2021 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 2020 season the club advertised by placing flyers in various businesses and public places in the area. Newsletters were sent home with students at locals schools. We rented a sign on Oil Heritage Road by the County of Lambton head office. We also reused the small road side signs and distributed them in Wyoming, as well as the Camlachie and Errol Village areas.

We had to combine the U10 and U12 leagues due to low numbers. We were also going to move the U8 games to Tuesday’s at 6:30pm instead of Wednesday nights.

This was also the last year that Ellen Bruce, our media director will be updating the website for the club. We thank her for her many years of service to the club. The club will be looking at new easy-to-update website formats.

Registrar’s Report:

In 2020 we had a total of 175 enroll. This was slightly down from 183 players in 2019. In 2019 three U10 players also played in U12.

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

The low number of U12/14 players was disappointing because in 2019 there were a large number of U10 players born in 2009 that would have been first year U12 players.

Due to the low numbers of U10 and U12 players the club decided to merge the U10 and U12 levels. The club will have to consider how/whether it continues to offer these older levels in 2021.

This year we continued to use in-person registration at the Wyoming Library. Registration was smooth and the library provided plenty of space. After hearing inconsistent reviews about the online sign up option we decided against having parents sign up directly with the Sports Engine platform. Our soccer season was cancelled before manually uploading our players into Sports Engine.

Treasurer's Report

For 2020, the club has a net loss of \$1,272.32 as of our year end of October 31, 2020. This is in contrast to our gain of \$2,449.48 in 2019. However, 2020 is difficult to compare to any other year financially.

We received two donations in 2020. We received \$200 from the Wyoming Tractor Pull for our help at their tractor pull gate in 2019. We also received \$200 from the Ladies Auxiliary – Pickin' & Fiddlin' night. We greatly appreciate their continued support.

We collected and refunded registration fees totaling \$11,220. Some of our registration fees were increased slightly to offset expected costs. All registration refunds were done by cheque. At the time of this report four families still need to cash their refund cheques. Additional costs were incurred to order extra cheques.

The main expenses for 2020 were advertising, office/registration materials, 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:

We are fortunate to receive support among the local and surrounding business community for our soccer league. This means that finding sponsors for our uniforms has never been a problem. For 2020 Tim Horton's had agreed to sponsor all of our teams in

the U4, U6 and U8 levels. There were discussions with Mocha Jeepsters to sponsor teams in U10 and U12. These two sponsors and many others have been a great supporters for the soccer club and generously support our club with annual sponsorships.

The WDSC made the decision to cancel the 2020 season before any of the jerseys and equipment had been shipped. Therefore we were able to cancel our orders and save our sponsors time and money.

We look forward to working with our sponsors again in 2021. Anyone that wants to be a sponsor is welcomed to contact the Sponsorship Co-ordinator.

Equipment Co-ordinator's Report:

In previous years the WDSC has allowed its U4 players to keep their jerseys, shorts, socks and soccer ball provided by Tim Hortons. The remaining levels were required to submit a jersey deposit post-dated cheque which was destroyed once the player's jerseys were returned at the end of the season.

For 2020 the WDSC decided to try to let all players keep their jerseys at the end of the season. This was made possible by Tim Horton's agreeing to sponsor all of the teams for U4-U8. This would greatly reduce the time and effort required of the executive team at the end of the season by not needing to collect, clean and sort these jerseys.

Unfortunately the 2020 season was cancelled. The club will need to consider the policy for jerseys in 2021. It will greatly depend on the generosity of our sponsors.

All other equipment levels remained the same as the end of the 2019 season.

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 2020 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 2020.

Volunteer Co-ordinator's Report:

Due to the cancellation of the season no volunteer cheques needed to be cashed. A few volunteer duties at registration were fulfilled before the season was cancelled. We appreciate these volunteer's time and understanding.

Volunteers are the backbone of youth sports in Ontario. We will continue to need coaches for teams. Before the season was cancelled we were going to need more coaches for some levels. We may need to look at more ways to encourage parents to coach teams.

Referee Co-ordinator's Report:

In 2019 we had 5 referees. In 2020 we had a few referees signed up. However due to the cancellation of the season WDSC did not pursue hiring more referees. In 2021 we will be implementing increased training regarding codes of conduct for our referees.