

## **2019 KDSC AGM**

### **President's Report**

Mike Sutherland

I would like to start off by thanking all of soccer players. Without you, there would be no Kemptville District Soccer Club. I would like to thank the parents for getting their players to both practices and games on time, and for cheering on your soccer players in a positive and respectful manner.

I would like to thank our referees for contributing to a better quality product of our game, in what is unfortunately too often a thankless task. I would like to thank our Referee Mentor John for supporting and guiding and developing our referees. Without them, we could not play at the highest levels without significantly higher costs.

I would like to thank our coaches, assistant coaches and team managers. There are many thousands of hours volunteered in helping to develop and to support our players as they progress through their playing careers. I would like to thank our coach mentors and our Club Head coach Alan Archer. We set in action a plan years ago to follow player centric development methodologies and our club is stronger as a result.

I would like to thank our volunteer Board members, who dedicate so many hours in what is often non-recognized task. I would like to especially thank those who have served their time and will not be returning next year. We so appreciate what you have done to continuously improve our Club.

Thank you to our Club Admin Lou, who will be retiring from her role, who has to deal with the trials and tribulations of dealing with all aspects of a club. I would like to thank all others from photo coordinators to field schedulers, to field maintenance, etc.

It takes a community to run a club and KDSC is a club that offers a best in class community based soccer product.

Our Club continues to offer one of the highest quality and lowest cost product in the province, following the international best practice Long Term Player Development methodology. Our overall club talent level has improved and today we are consistently producing top ranked teams by the time our players enter their competitive years.

We continue to struggle to find enough volunteers to fill all Board positions and other volunteer roles so we are limited in terms of how much we can improve in any given year. A club like ours does not run without volunteers.

After running a deficit in 2017, the Club ran a surplus in 2018 due to cost cutting measures. Rising costs in Ontario Soccer's new Sports Engine and in their insurance fees has led to a forecasted deficit for 2019. We continue to look for ways to keep in check costs and in some cases lower them so that soccer can continue to be one of the most cost effective options out there for healthy activity in our community.

The Club will implement changes to our contractor fees and roles in 2020 in order to help reset the budget and rates will be adjusted accordingly.

We hope that you continue to foster and build your passion for the game and we hope that we continue on delivering on building a Soccer for Life mentality.

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