

Region 65 Board Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2025

Call to Order at 6:30 pm

Present: Nancy Cooper, Jeff Gaines, Rosalind Morton, Lisa Owens, Cynthia Rodriguez, Lisa Smith and Pat Smith. Others were absent due to Area games tonight refereeing and coaching.

No presentations.

The Minutes of the August 5, 2025 board meeting were approved on motion by Cynthia and seconded by Lisa Owens.

The Financials for the months of July and August 2025 were approved on motion by Cynthia and seconded by Pat.

Travel team financial report indicated by Terri via email that 5 team budgets need to be finalized for September but should be done this week. By next meeting the final numbers for the donations to the Memorial fund should be final.

Adult league is going well with the Fall season first week Sept 6 with 43 registered. Registrations will cover expenses.

REPORTS:

Coach report by Pat Smith indicated Mark and Ivan were working on the last few new coach certifications who signed up since the last vote at the August meeting. Pat would like to see first time coaches in U16/19 paired up with experienced coaches due to the differences from U14, i.e. free subs and area play competition.

Referee report from Joey via email. There are 250 plus referees with 55 new referees this last class. We will likely get a few more as we move forward. The Laws class was poorly attended with only 50 referees so he is considering alternatives to referee points as so few got the free 3 points. Coverage for week 1 was 100%.

No Registrar report.

Uniform report by Jeff we still have 12 coaches that have not picked up their exchanged uniforms. All invoices have been paid and we are on budget. Although we need to order more coach shirts for Spring.

No Extra report.

Select report by Pat – we are setting dates for the coach applications for 16/19 to be in by the end of September. Tryouts will be Oct 11 & 18 at Redhill. Coach selections will be in time for the coaches to have a couple weeks to promote tryouts. Lower tryouts will

be November 1 & 8 at Redhill. U10 at 3:30 to 5, U12 at 5:30-7 and U14 at 7:30-9. Coach applications due date TBD. Nicholas Cooper will be his new Assistant Select coordinator as he wanted a former player. He has also created a new Select coordinator email instead of his Coach pat email. Uniform fittings should be the week of December 12.

Epic report by Cynthia – we have 39 younger players and 31 older players. She emptied the waitlist so she might need a few more uniforms, so she will contact Ari.

Player development dates have been set, the flyers and QR code as been distributed and Challenger sports will again provide 2 trainers for each session. First session this Friday, Sept 12.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Upper area play began Saturday, Sept 6. All games went well with only one possible issue of a violent conduct card which is being clarified to determine if it was violent conduct or not.

Field coverage for week 1 was poor, so we need more board coverage. Extra teams did help, but we need to concentrate them at VJH and Beryl. No issues reported.

We have multiple school black out dates this month, and DJ is on it as he sent the email to coaches for tomorrow's blackout at VJH.

The schedules are final with U12 games moved due to the blackout at VJH for this Saturday, Sept 13 for a school event.

Jeff is finalizing the purchase of a rolling set of goals for the upper U12 field at VJH. The will need to be shipped and assembled. We will lock them to the side fence with a combo lock.

The Ontario Reign night for Region 65 will be October 19 at 3 pm. It is Spooky night so the kids can wear costumes for Halloween. The region will pay for the player's tickets. The Reign will provide a link for the tickets and a coupon code for the players. We have reserved 200 seats for families.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dave Campbell is stepping down from running the Memorial scholarship fund. He indicated that doing this for the last 20 years has been an honor but he and his family are moving to the state of Tennessee so he is turning it over to the Board to make it our own. Ideas for new ways to use the money were solicited and we will talk more at future meetings. Jeff Gaines and Lisa Smith want to coordinate it going forward.

OPEN FORUM:

Rosalind brought up we have a dad in 16/19 that has signed up to center referee all his son's games for area play. We need to look into if this is allowed. Nancy and Pat will review the Area guidelines and reach out to this Referee. We don't want this to have to go the Area Referee admin.

Nancy will be on vacation out of state from Sept 15-22, so Lisa Smith and Joey will be in charge.

Next meeting will be October 7.

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm

Submitted Nancy Cooper, RC