

Acton Soccer Club in jeopardy

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The Acton Soccer Club is in jeopardy. The resignations of key board executives will leave a vacuum in top management that may be felt all the way to the playing field.

"This is serious," said out-going Club registrar Mary Bailey in an interview Thursday. "There are probably people on the board with enough support to take over as president, but they need very key people behind them. They need people who are willing to put the time and effort into positions to help the president. If that doesn't happen, the club is in jeopardy."

Mary, her husband Steve, who is the president, and treasurer Anne Stewart will all step down at a special general meeting scheduled for Monday, Nov. 23.

"The Club needs a change as much as we do," Bailey explained. "We don't have kids in the system any more and although we will be accessible and maybe do some referee work, we won't hold official board positions any longer."

"When you're involved with any organization it starts becoming yours too much instead of the community's. Then you start getting arbitrary and dictatorial."

The retirements of key board members come at a time when both the boys' and girls' teams are alive and viable but that has not always been the case.

Organized soccer in Acton has a rocky history with at least two major

incidents that have threatened the Club's very existence.

Seventeen years ago the Men's Club broke away from the Acton Soccer Club with the youth ranks. Ten years ago, when Bailey was "railroaded" to join the board there was a lot of animosity between board members and the attitude that the girl club members were second class.

"The girls soccer in Acton was in such dire straits when I joined the board. There had been a lot of infighting and registrations had dropped by two-thirds. The girl's program suffered because we don't have the same kind of league for the girls to play in as we do for the boys. The boys have a very solid, healthy House League where they play with Erin, Hillsburg, Grand Valley and Fergus. The girls on the other hand have dwindled from an excellent league to just Acton and Milton," Bailey said. "We do have to recognize that we also have been able to keep an interest in soccer for girls when other towns our size have lost their teams."

The Soccer Club tried to have its annual meeting in late October, but it was scheduled the same night as a World Series game and few showed up. Besides new leaders, the issue of amalgamating Acton and Georgetown Boy's soccer is up for debate.

"The girls have amalgamated and I don't think the girls feel they are playing for Acton. I think that it's too soon to merge the boys."

If a new board does not volunteer to take over running the Club, Bailey is worried about what might happen.

"I honestly don't know what will happen but there are various scenarios that have been kicked around including the Town stepping in to help run things. There's also a chance with Town involvement that we would be wrapped up with Halton Hills. That might be the pressure for a Halton Hills Club if Acton can't get its act together. I think that would be horrid and premature and I hope there is someone out there that feels the same way and will take over the Acton Club."

The special general meeting of the Acton Soccer Club is Monday, Nov. 23 at 7:30 pm at the Acton Legion.



PROUD POET: Acton's Mary Beth Robertson won first prize in the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 197's Remembrance Day contest. Below is Mary Beth's winning poem. (Elaine Petkoff photo)

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Special General Meeting on Monday, Nov. 23 at 7:30 pm at the Acton Legion

Why Wear a Poppy?

*It is November 11, 1992,
It's hard to imagine for me and you.
How people felt so many years ago,
When so many were called away to war.
It wasn't like today on TV news,
They couldn't see the people's views.
They sat and wondered from day to day,
About family members so far away.
Everyone must have been living in fright,
Waiting to hear any news day or night.
So many were lost during those long trying years,
It will take forever to dry the tears.
So on November 11, please wear a flower,
To remember those people and all their lost power.*

Mary Beth Robertson
Age 11

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- In all but the warmest climates, the furnace is the largest consumer of energy in the home. Old furnaces often convert only 50 to 60 per cent of their energy into useful heat. The new models get efficiencies of 90 per cent or better.
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