

Meeting Minutes February LJSC Soccer Board Meeting

2/12/2014

Meeting called to order at 7:06pm

Present: Rob Judd, Chris Warner, Dana Dunnack, Shelby Bobbi, Colleen Walsh and Sarah Haynes

Presidents Report:

- Rob went to a meeting with the rec department, the aging commission and the first selectman to discuss the new soccer fields to be built in front of the senior center. It seems the town is in favor of moving forward and there needs to be \$250,000 or so to get this done. Rob had drawings of the plans and the parking etc.
- Rob will talk with Kathey, who has experience with grants, about what we can do
- Indoor soccer is a success this year with the new option of Norwich being closer. We have 3 teams interested so far in Spring soccer (outdoor). There may be a minimal fee for this to maintain fields etc.
- Neighbors helping neighbors donations went very well from the soccer party in December. Hoping to continue to do that type of community service as we move forward. All are in favor of giving back to the community.

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept minutes from the last meeting put forth by Chris and seconded by Sarah. All in favor. Passed In the future we discussed having the meeting minutes posted online within a reasonable time frame. Discussed again under by laws.

Treasurers report:

- We have moved to using quickbooks for our treasurer's reports starting January 2014. Deposits can now be categorized and this will make the report and a budget much easier moving forward.
- Motion to accept the attached report put forth by Sarah and seconded by Shelby. All in favor. Passed.

Equipment Report

- Rob and Shelby are going to go through the storage shed sometime in April to see what we need for the upcoming season. Rob is going to a conference soon at Mohegan where there will be cheaper equipment and we have okayed him to spend \$400

Coaching Directors Report

- Coaching clinic possibilities are to be explored with the Lyman soccer coach.
- CJSA has a youth coaching clinic we are looking at too.

- Rob would like to offer CPR/First Aid Training for coaches. Looking to see if we can make it mandatory and if so can we subsidize part of it. Patrick Bobbi can teach it but is looking in to what that entails.

By Laws Review Committee:

- See attached for the proposed changes. We reviewed all changes and all think they are ok. Most are small and include verbiage so that some things can be optional not mandatory. There was a discussion around coaching directors and if they should be full board meetings or just a season position under the coaching director.
- More discussion about posting the meeting minutes online after the meeting. What is a reasonable time frame for this? It was discussed that it should be up within a week of the meeting. Chris will include that in by law changes to be voted on.

New Business:

- Reaching out to close by towns to get them involved because they don't have their own soccer clubs.
- There is talk of us wanting to move to Southeast district but Rob talked to Jeff Sirois and it looks like we would have to be invited to join. The thought is that we play these towns as the kids get older so it makes sense to start playing them now. They are also closer to us.
- Discussed how we want more parent involvement and how we can think about going about getting people excited to help.
- Fundraising and tournament committees to be formed, motion brought forth by Sarah and seconded by Chris. Approved by all and passed.
- Matt Gardella looking to run a conditioning and team building program. Hand eye coordination and strength training.
- Spring Soccer Dates to remember.
 - March 31st Teams submitted
 - April 10th Scheduling Meeting
 - April 12th Kickoff jamboree
- Gary is looking to build a kickboard for teams to use to practice. He is willing to build it but is looking for the board to help with the lumber costs. All in favor.
- Sarah was at the school board meeting the 11th and a high school student is looking to fundraise to get new turf for the soccer field at Lyman. She may come to us for support and will also be looking into grants.

Motion to adjourn at 8:42pm put forth by Sarah and seconded by Chris.