

Wilton Soccer Association
Board Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2012
Comstock Community Center

Board Member Attendees: Scott Vanderwall, Pete Connolly, Eric English, Sandra Adams, Lisa Smith, Jim Newfield, Russ Schmidt and Nancy Zizzadoro

Absent: Bob Cramer, Bryce Brichkowski and Kris Forland

Non Board member attendees: Mickey Kydes, John Salvatore, Olli Harder

Motions approved

- Unanimous approval of (3) three prior meeting minutes: June regular meeting, June 22 (special meeting) and July regular meeting minutes.
- The minutes from the August meeting are not available. Instead the Board reviewed what was discussed at that meeting and unanimously “re-affirmed” the motions approved at that meeting, which are now permanent record in these minutes:
 - Approved at the August meeting was a change to the supplemental tryout policy to allow for travel tryouts to occur anytime a player moved into Wilton for that player. However, the resulting addition of such player to a travel team still requires board approval.
 - Approved at the August meeting was the possible addition of a U-10 travel player if his tryout scores were equal to or better than the lowest member of that team. This player was initially placed on a U9 travel team until we discovered he did not meet the CJSA age requirement for U9.
- Unanimous approval of the addition of a new-to-town U10 girl to the U-10 C travel team. As part of this approval, since this player had already registered for academy, and was placed on an academy team, she will be required, and has already agreed (both her and her parents have) to stay on the academy team and play with that academy team in addition to the travel team.
- Unanimous approval to fill the board positions of Secretary and Fund Raising Director (two separate motions – one for each position) prior to the general elections, in accordance with WSA by-laws.
- Unanimous approval of the “Fall 2012 Election Timeline” as contained in these minutes.
- Unanimously approved \$200 for a pizza party for the boys academy program in place of a jamboree (the girls are having the jamboree, but the boys were not able to finalize a schedule). Unanimously approved.

7:40 p.m. Scott Vanderwall, President, called the meeting to order.

Supplemental Tryouts – out of town players

Sandra Adams briefed the board regarding two girl players (one U13 and one U10) who are new to Wilton and were given supplemental travel tryouts the previous week.

The U13 girl did not qualify for travel, and will be offered a spot on a U13 academy team

The U10 player did qualify, but had already registered for Academy and is on a U10 academy team. Sandra made it clear to this player, her parents, and the board, that she would be required, and has committed, to staying on the academy team as well as the travel team. A discussion was had among the board, with input from Lisa Smith regarding the impact on the academy team. A motion was made to add her to the U10C team, with the requirement that she also play academy. Motion approved.

Upcoming General Elections

Scott briefed the board on the upcoming general elections, and what positions would be open. As of the board meeting there are at least 5 open positions come November, with one position (VP Mixed Travel) undecided as of this meeting (could be up to 6 total). Two of the positions are open now (Secretary, Fund Raising), with at least three more to open up after their term ends in November (Web Director, Operations, VP Girls Travel).

Scott & Jim then provided an overview of previous elections, and the format that has been followed. The current board agreed to follow a similar process, with the addition of election committee and the ability to electronically notify members and provide a proxy vote.

The board discussed the process for filling these spots and whether we should fill the two open spots now (as allowed per the by-laws) to make it more likely we would be able to fill the remaining 3(or 4) in the general elections.

Two motions were made, one for each of the two open positions, to fill those two spots prior to the general elections. Both motions unanimously approved.

A timeline and procedure was then presented by Scott (after consulting with Jim and the By-Laws) for the process, which included both the 2 positions to be filled by the board, and the general elections. "Fall 2012 Election Timeline" is as follows:

- Sept 18/19 An email would be sent to the general membership seeking candidates for the two open positions. Responses would be collected by the Nominating Committee, and presented to the Board for vote at Oct 3 special meeting. Scott would develop a brief summary of info required (no full resume would be needed)
- Oct 3 Board would hold conference call special meeting to elect two new board members.
- October 8 An email would be sent to general membership seeking remaining open position candidates. Responses would be collected by the Nominating Committee, and presented to the Board at next regular board meeting.
- Oct 22 Regular Board meeting (rescheduled from Oct 15 to allow time for candidate responses) held and slate of board and officer positions would be finalized.
- Oct 23-26 Email sent to general membership advising them that the Annual General Meeting will be held on November 19, and that at this meeting those members in attendance will vote on the new slate (as per the by-laws). In addition, the email will indicate the member right to vote by proxy. It will contain a link to the proxy (same format used in previous years). If a member so chooses, he/she may print the proxy, complete it and mail it in.
- November 19 Vote of members (both in person and by proxy). Once the vote is completed, the Board will vote to confirm the officer positions. The annual meeting will then be concluded, and our regular monthly board meeting will begin.

A motion was made to approve this timeline, was seconded, and unanimously approved.

General Updates

K-2 Intramural – Nancy/Mickey: 14 parent coaches attended the coaching clinic. A discussion was had regarding changes to the last 3 weeks of K-2 training due to daylight savings. After some discussion it was agreed that Mickey would make a recommendation and we would go with that.

Girls Travel – Sandra Adams: Sandra led a discussion on the Premier Acknowledgement form – why we have it, why we may need to revisit it (amend/eliminate). A good discussion was had by the board, and it was agreed we would revisit when we had more time to devote to it as the board felt there were other “commitment” related issues that should be a part of the discussion before any decision was made.

Academy – Lisa Smith: Academy roster must now be “certified” and uploaded to CJSA, but there is some confusion as to how. Scott will be attending the CJSA SWD meeting this Thursday and will seek clarification. Lisa then discussed our policy for weather related terminations of game in progress. Scott will again check with CJSA to see what their policy is (seems to be referee decision, but we should verify – especially to see if there is any difference between certified vs. junior refs policies on this). Lisa advised board the CJSA SWD does not have a REc Plus coordinator anymore, and this is affecting our programs. Scott will check with CJSA SWD to see what the status is of filling this position. Lisa requested \$200+/- for a pizza party for the boys academy since they could not schedule a jamboree (the girls will have the jamboree). Motion made and approved.

Fields - Eric English: Going to line Allen’s 4 for 8v8. Discussed the possibility of moving K-2 (some) off of Allen’s in spring as there is a need for another 11v11 field. Mickey expressed reservations about moving due to large volume of cars and the challenges the other field options would present in light of this. Eric will continue to review and will make a recommendation as we get closer to the spring season.

Tryout Coordinator – Russ: CJSA no longer requires signatures on passes (a good thing). The planning for supplemental is in process, and no issues are foreseen. Should be another smooth process (likely scheduled 2nd week in November after WHS seasons end)

Treasurer - Pete Connolly: Next meeting he will present actual vs. budget for Fall season. He advised board that we should revisit family cap amount. He will also have a refund policy for the board to review and vote on at next meeting. He discussed technical issue with fall travel fee collections, and that he was working with Kris to fix it.

Coaching - John Salvatore/Ollie Harder: PET would be postponed until next Tuesday due to low registration.

Other topics discussed:

Travel training shirts: Nancy initiated and then led a discussion on training t-shirts for travel teams. Scott gave a background on the previous board discussions and status, highlighting that the board was generally in favor of this, but was not sure at this time how to pay for it (increased fees? fundraising? adidas contract?) in light of our tight overall operating budget and recent fee increases. As a result, a final decision was put on hold until method of payment could be finalized. It was acknowledged that this would likely not be addressed for the fall season, but would be revisited for future seasons.

Residency policy – Pete initiated and led a discussion regarding the proposed changes to CJSA residency policy as it pertains to premier, and the potential impact this may have on core travel programs. After a discussion, it was agreed that further clarification was needed and then a thoughtful discussion on what the WSA would/could/should do to proactive address this issue.

10:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned. Minutes submitted by Scott Vanderwall, President.