

LOLSC Meeting Minutes
Feb. 11, 2017

Attendance:

- Paul Field, President
- Mark Walsh, Vice President
- Wendy Bayor, Registrar
- Chris Kyle, Treasurer
- Mona Colwell, Web Manager
- Mike Elmoznino, Indoor Coordinator
- Andrea Fenton, Uniforms/Equipment
- Geoff Ferman, At large
- Steve Hallahan, at large

Motion to approve old minutes, approved and posted to the club website

Old Business Reviewed:

- Draft bylaws are still on hold and may need to be revised again to capture current discussion and new direction.
- Discussed Scholarship application and need to have a more structured scholarship program. Paul to follow up on formalizing the documentation and application process.
- Discussed use of website and email details posted to the club website, just need to tighten up management. If BOD members want their personal email on the website, let Mona know.

New Items:

President's Report: Club is running smoothly and efficiently, but maybe ripe for changes to how we operate. Would like to use a Mission/Values/Vision to use as a baseline for moving the club forward. Mission statement would capture developing skills in young players and establish foundations so that our players are ready to

play at competitive levels (e.g. high school level). Need for increased communication with parents and coaches, and how work more closely with the Lyme/Old Lyme community. Consistency would also be a big theme.

- Discussed issue with coach turnover, really no way to avoid it due to the nature of being a volunteer based organization, and we just need to recognize it as an ongoing challenge. Example of areas that may improve the situation – discussed the idea of trying to obtain a 2-year program commitment from coaches, but be more deliberate at providing them a curriculum plan/training/resources to help deliver consistent programs (i.e. U.S. Soccer has Coaching Plans available).

- Board presented Steve Hallahan as member interested in Director of Coaching position. Motion made, Steve Hallahan voted in as DOC.

- Steve presented his ideas on coaching. Board decided to move forward to start prepping for the fall season by setting up a meeting with potential coaches. Will shoot for Apr 1st.

- Motion made to nominate Geoff Ferman as Secretary, voted yes. Geoff Ferman voted in as Secretary.

- Motion made to vote Mike Elmoznino as Spring Coordinator, voted yes. Mike E voted in as Spring Coordinator.

- Discussed new goal sizes, getting bids and Paul to discuss planning/cost sharing with the town.

- Next meeting Date – March 11th or 18th.

- Discussed need for evaluations. Still need to have some sort of evals, but may not be YES. Also, provide the DOC and coaches input for ongoing assessment and review to be added in the future. Decision made to try combining stronger and weaker players and field only rec Plus teams in the fall for U10 & U12. U14 will still field a Classic and Rec Plus. Teams will be chosen from evaluations.
- Discussed need to increase our fundraising/sponsorship efforts.
- Discussed summer camps. Getting word out through Schools, LYSB etc.
- Discussed possibility of updating our soccer uniforms and kits.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 am