

LOLSC November 14, 2016 Annual Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Mike Elmoznino, Andrea Fenton, Chris Kyle, Russ Linderman, Jennifer Lathrop, Wendy Bayor, John Ressler, Peter Turtoro, Winnie Edmed and Mona Colwell

Motion: (Colwell/Fenton) to Approve October 2016 Minutes carries unopposed.

President Report – John Ressler:

- Calendar Review – on track
- Notes from district Presidents meeting: Many lopsided scores (district), Difficulty getting refs (district and club), Many rec games not played (some club many district), Confusion on new rules regarding heading and off-sides at U10 level (district)
- Fall Recap: Some poor communication between refs and coaches (club), Coaches cancelling practice due to not enough players (club), Coach upset with late additions to her team without her input (club), Some coaches love YES support some don't want it, Coaches not responding in timely manner, background checks, parents submitting photos etc.

Referee Assignor Report - Russ Linderman:

Remarkable year in not being able to get referees, thinking about moving to District assignor, restricted time frame this year for new Refs, stepping down as Ref Assignor for club

Treasurers Report - Chris Kyle:

Outstanding balances on the decline, small outstanding balance from Fall, Andrea Fenton secured uniform refund, updated filing status with IRS, all liabilities paid up. Moving forward, can we require credit card at registration. In negotiations with very old outstanding balances. Cash balance down 7%.

Indoor Soccer Report - Mike Elmoznino:

Eight teams registered with WWIS in Montville, combined except U12 Boys (A & B). Largest team U14 Girls (17), refunded \$25- each (rotating playing). Finding coaches was tough, particularly U12 B Boys. Have 2 new, John follow up with Background & Concussion testing. Complaint: WWIS provided schedule very late. According to J. Ressler, WWIS is trying to fit in 3 indoor sessions this year.

Website Managers Report – Mona Colwell:

Only one team used the website calendar (Capabilities of website: Coaches can add practices and games. Website can send text or email reminders. In addition, parents are asked to RSVP. Coaches can check RSVP status to prior to events.) We may have to do this the first time for coaches in the spring, have a meeting to show coaches how to use it. Decided against using mail forwards. Will look into different Hotmail accounts within the LOLSC Hotmail and setting up folders.

Director Coaching Report – Paul Tresnan (provided by John Ressler)

Feedback from coaches was that YES Ambassadors were great resource, Frustration that we didn't get many alternate candidates, one of two coaches left early to take a position back in UK, second year we've had difficulties keeping a suitable Ambassador for whole Fall Season. Received an inquiry from Roy Colins at UK International Soccer- don't know his model but if he is also bringing in coaches on a short term basis I'm not sure we'd be better off.

Old Business:

Scholarship info can be added to Website- John will send Mona the form

Process for assigning late players to teams-discussion:

- Want kids to play, but as courtesy should check with coaches?
- Parents should not be directly speaking to coaches. Response should be "this is who you should be talking to-contact LOLSC"
- Come up with process for assigning players to teams
- Cut off-first game?
- Bylaws say we need to vote about adding kids

Evaluations to move indoor? Current cost approx. \$32.50 per kid. Can switch to having evals indoor, \$75/hour.

YES Review – John Ressler:

Cost to club is \$3,700 for evaluations, \$10,000 for Fall Trainer(s).

Current concerns with YES – 1) Promised list of available candidates and were only given two, 2) Advised camps were all day, not the case.

What is the value for the Club? Can we have YES just for summer training opportunity? Should we look at other options? John polling other club presidents, has a couple of leads to follow up on and will talk with Premier Club at annual meeting.

New Business:

LOLSC by-laws on Website: Elizabeth Sked (not in attendance) - Club by laws have been scanned into Word, will work on cleaning it up and it can be added through "file manager"

Uniforms for next year – Andrea Fenton look in to other vendors.

Discussion of cancelling practice because of MS team games, Perception of girls not on MS team, Should be two practices and a game a week

President's succession: John Ressler's time as interim is ending, ready to turn over to people who are excited to continue to grow the club.

Coaches Meetings: review holding practices, importance of holding games, telling parents to talk to club and teaching about website.

Nominate players to be honored at January District Meeting, typically outgoing players, one u14 boy and one u14 girl, exemplified and represents club well

New positions opening: President, Director of Coaching, Outdoor Field Coordinator

Motion: (Kyle/Elmoznino) – Meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM