

**Travel Directors Report – April 2010**  
**Jim Wadleigh**

**1. High School**

- a. 2 Boys teams created. Grant Manning will coach a U18/19 with 25 kids
- b. Bill Bergamo will coach a U16 team with about 25 kids
- c. Only 1 girls team was created and it will be coached by Paul Rippington
  - i. John Gervais took 10 girls from Glastonbury to New Britain to play this caused the Club to cancel 1 team
  - ii. Girls Tryouts performed by Matt Cameron and Soccer Plus to select 23 kids from 29
  - iii. 4 girls deselected themselves before tryouts and 1 girl deselected at tryouts
  - iv. This was a PR nightmare for Hartwell. I recommend that John Gervais and Bill Dolce not be allowed to coach in the future. All of their players were told that they were playing for Hartwell and that was NOT the case.
- d. Purchased 3 equipment bags and flags for High School teams from Oakwood.

**2. Spring Travel Soccer**

- a. Coaches Meeting held on Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30. Welles Turner Library. Great attendance. Most coaches or managers were there. Thanks to all Board Members who were able to attend.
- b. All travel teams were entered into the CJSA web site for leagues and Cup play
- c. Added 5-7 kids to various teams with low roster sizes.
- d. A lot of discussion was had about the cost for partial year players. Is \$220 the right amount to be charging for half a year?
- e. Received spring schedules. Another problem with U10 girls. Mary Kay and I need to meet with Ron F to understand how comments are actually used.
- f. Field Assignment meeting scheduled for Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:15 to 8:00 at the Welles Turner Library.

**3. Travel Committee**

- a. First Travel Committee meeting took place on Sunday March 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 at the High school.
- b. All future committee meetings will take place on the first Monday of each month at the High School.
- c. Changed referee payment structure for U12 age group. Will pay center referee \$5 more per game.
- d. There are Embroidery issues being found with warm ups and uniforms. Elisa Pederson has worked with WeGotSoccer to return and get fixed and issues.
- e. Filled Travel Field Assignment position with Doug Werner
- f. Kerry Shaheen has setup schedule for SoccerPlus training. There will be 2 training sessions per team this spring.
- g. Completed spring practice schedule setup. Thank you Joan Norman.

#### **4. Other Items**

- a.** Responded to over 300 emails and phone calls
- b.** Club needs to review Travel player costs. Should we break out the \$285 fee into 2 categories? One that covers uniforms and another all other costs? When do we have this conversation?
- c.** Attended CJSA district meeting
  - i.** Club received 4 tickets to New England Revolution game in October
  - ii.** District Scholarships had no one apply for them
  - iii.** A lot of conversation about goal differential. Need to encourage teams to win by no more than 7 goals. Hartwell's policy should be 5 goals.

#### **5. Fall Tryouts**

- a.** Planning has begun
- b.** Uniform try on's for U9's and new players will happen over 2 dates in May
- c.** Tryouts slated for 1<sup>st</sup> 2 weeks of June
- d.** Putting together a policy for kids to play grade appropriate versus age appropriate. I expect to grandfather kids and not allow kids to play up.
- e.** Need to send out a note to Rec kids and encourage them to tryout even if they have not made teams in the past. There are openings at most age levels for players
- f.** Matt and I are defining a coach interview process to take place in the late May and June timeframe

#### **6. Board Questions**

- a.** I would like to submit a proposal to add a new Board position dedicated to the Spring Tournament. This position would work year round on setting up, getting sponsors/donations etc. The Travel Director, as should all other board positions, will help in this major fundraiser.