

Hartwell Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

**Monday, September 10th, 2012, 7:00 PM
Location – GHS C107**

Attendees: Mary Kay Brophy, Joan Norman, Sandy Gardner, Erik Barbieri, Betty Davis, Jim Wadleigh, Tim Gourley, Cathy Chisholm

Not Attending : Dave Baker, Andy Pinkowski, Matt Tierinni, Mike Newhouse

Guests: None

Meeting was initiated at 7:00 PM.

Rec Director Position

Cathy Chisholm was welcomed to the Board Meeting. She is currently the ***interim*** Rec Director and hopefully if she survives this season she will drop the “interim” on her title! The beginning of the season was crazy and she was learning but Cathy thinks it will get easier the next time around. Cathy assured the board that she would still participate on the Spring Warm-Up Tournament!

Rec Jamboree

The Rec jamboree is setup for October 20th & 21st at the High School for K-8. The rain date is October 26th & 27th. Betty is setting up Sportography to plan picture day during the Rec Jamboree. Pre-K is not included in the jamboree but they will be invited for team pictures so they can see the jamboree. Mary Kay noted that she sees the Rec Jamboree as something very visible – similar to Travel Tournament – and would like full participation from the Board during the Jamboree.

Rec Sponsors

Mary Kay sent an e-mailout (well actually 2 e-mails) thanking Rec Sponsors for T-shirt Sponsorship. As a result – she got interest from 4 people about potentially doing some rec sponsorship. We already have a waitlist for rec sponsors so she would like to look at how to add some additional sponsors. Some ideas were adding more sponsors and reducing the overall number of T-shirts for each sponsor – or having multiple sponsors per T-shirt.

Golf Tournament

We only have 1 foursome signed up for the golf tournament so we aren't sure if we can move this forward. Eric indicated he's putting a foursome together. Mary Kay suggested letting Matt know if you are intending to do a foursome. Our goal was 1 foursome per Travel Team and raising 6K-8K for travel. At this point we need to send out some additional communications via Team Managers and get additional commitments before we write a check to Blackledge C.C. There is a lot of competition with golf tournaments right now including Oakwood's 1st Annual Golf Tournament.

U.S. Women's Soccer Team v. Germany

The U.S. Women's Soccer team is playing Germany on October 23rd at Rentschler Field. Mary Kay will be trying to get a block of tickets at a discounted price tomorrow (September 11th). As a member of US Soccer she (on behalf of GHSC) is being offered an opportunity to purchase tickets prior to general sales. We can then look to resell tickets to the GHSC community. It's a Tuesday night but older children may be very interested.

Positive Coaching Alliance

Dates for PCA have been set up. October 16th will be a coach session. October 24th & 30th will be for parents (they will only attend one of the sessions). The sessions will be held at SMS auditorium and will be opened to all Travel Coaches and Parents. So far no board members have been able to attend any sample sessions but we will be getting further info later this week to confirm trainers are available for those dates and also identifying our AV needs & more info on what the session will entail.

Magnet School

Rich Johnson is not ready for us to come to the Board of Education to present our Hartwell Proposal. They might not be ready until they sign off on the school project phase I and this may not occur until the planetarium is complete – potentially as late as January 2013. It does not look like we could have any PR events there this fall.

Retail Rental Space

Matt Tierinni will be working with the real estate agent to schedule a visit to the potential office space located at the former Glastonbury Dance Center. He will let people know when the visit is so other board members can participate. Mary Kay expressed concern about adding anything to our inventory until we can consolidate and track inventory better – and physical space for Hartwell would address this issue.

SoccerPlus Contract

GHSC is paying their *last* invoice to SoccerPlus for the existing 3 year contract later this month. Andy and Mary Kay met with Dave Newberry a few weeks ago to close out the contract items. They have asked Dave Newberry to price out the SoccerInteractive license costs if we purchase those separately. Any licenses that currently exist or that are set up before the end of the year will be good through the end of the spring season. Joan will be setting up some additional licenses in October to be used next spring (we have open unused seats and we want to fill them before the contract ends). We had extra consulting hours that went unused with Dave Newberry but SoccerPlus has agreed to exchange them for extending Tom Shields and Dan Sidebottom's season by 2 weeks.

Can we take kids from out of town?

Mary Kay reiterated that we CANNOT take kids from out of town for rec program. The only exception is if they have a parent who is a Glastonbury resident (but they don't live with them). She looked into this when she was looking into recruiting kids from the Magnet School. Sandy indicated that in the past we have allowed children who go to school in Glastonbury to play rec soccer (e.g. kids bussed from Hartford). Mary Kay thought the registration system might actually kick them out if they didn't enter a Glastonbury Zip Code but if the children came in as financial aid

case they may not have actually used the registration system. Sandy also indicated that we have taken out of town children for Travel ONLY when we couldn't fill a roster with in town children. 3-4 years ago the board used to allow players on travel teams from out of town and cut Glastonbury kids. They allowed out-of-towners on the A team and the Glastonbury kids moved to B team. Sandy would like us to implement a policy against this type of situation. Mary Kay is going to follow back up with Parks and Rec and others to make sure we understand the policy for rec and travel players and who we can allow to play.

Soccer Trainers

Erik Barbieri provided an update on the trainers for the travel teams. With the exception of one team (GU12 Blue), all teams have trainers assigned and should be starting this week if they have not already started yet. Joe Finnochiaro was supposed to do the GU12 Blue team but he injured his foot and can't participate.

Erik stated that it was difficult getting the right trainers. He wanted people who would come through each week and do a good job.

At this point all trainers have been e-mailed all contact information. Erik has set expectations that the trainers will help the players, help the coaches, assist with training plans when they are not there, help with evaluations at the end of the season and attend 1-2 games. U9 has been training full time with their trainers for a few weeks and it's been going well.

Brynn Tindall has had a hard time "accepting" the assistance of the trainers and all their input. Tom Shields is working with him to make sure that he is on board and Erik thought Brynn was warming up to the trainers.

Betty Davis wanted to reiterate that continuity of trainers is a big desire for children and parents. Her daughter's U10 team had Tom Shields last year and wanted to get him back this year. Erik indicated that sometimes it's good to see a different trainer and that Tom was assigned to a different team this season.

Rec Plus

There were many High Schoolers who were cut from the GHS soccer teams this year and want more competitive soccer than what we offer through Rec Co-Ed Soccer. Tom Turvill has agreed to set up a "Rec Plus" program where he would offer Training Tuesdays and Thursdays at Rotary Park and try to get some competitive games for people who are interested. Anyone who is interested must register through the Rec Co-Ed program and participate in the Rec Co-Ed games on Sunday afternoons in order to participate in the Rec Plus Program. This program is just developing and there is concern from Erik that we won't be able to pull it off this fall but Tom is going to try!

Spring High School Programs

Mary Kay indicated that we should perhaps have try-outs in the fall for the spring High School Travel Teams - last year we got too late of a start. The feedback was that the fall was too early and it wouldn't be on people's radar screen. Erik mentioned we could use Oakwood Turf and do in early spring – earlier than last year. Based on interest in the Rec Plus it is believed we may have multiple boys teams and at least one girls team. Sal Calafiore plans to coach a team and wants to be in the new Premier League that CJSA is putting together. He has about 12 players returning from his last year's team. Jim wanted to make sure that Sal is clear that he can't recruit from out-of-town for his team and that all Hartwell Teams will be selected by the Travel Try-out process. Also, that team rosters will be set around 18. Erik stated that he will notify Sal about this.

Other DOC Topics

Coach meetings (Travel and Rec) went well. They gave out game-day handbooks (to Travel only) to help coaches plan out the day. Tim wanted to know if this would be good for Rec and Erik indicated that not for ages less than 2nd grade and we could look at possibly doing that in future. Erik stated 7 trainers showed up to the travel meeting to meet coaches.

There was a 2nd grade academy last week. Erik hadn't received feedback on it yet. Cathy Chisholm mentioned she heard some negative feedback on the time of the clinic.

Erik would like to look at getting additional equipment for Travel Teams which include rebounders, small goals (5x10) and PUGG goals. We currently have a rebounder at Buckingham, Addison, and Hebron Ave (some need new nets). Erik indicated that we are stressing small-sided play and yet we don't have goals to support this. It was the consensus that it was a good idea but we need a way to protect and safe-guard our inventory because this type of equipment could "walk-off" and is expensive. One potential idea was to lock the equipment to fences and give coaches combinations (similar to baseball). Mary Kay wanted Erik to provide a cost analysis so Matt could take a look at funds available.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM. The Next Board meeting is Monday, October 15th.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Norman

Secretary