



MADISON YOUTH SOCCER CLUB

Madison, Connecticut

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 4, 2014

7:00 PM Memorial Town Hall

Meeting called to order 7:12pm

Board Position	Board Member	Attendance
1. President	Warren Hartmann	X
2. Vice President	Brad Rathe	X
3. Treasurer	Mark Pritchard	X
4. Secretary/Webmaster	Meghan McGuire	X
5. Registrar	Deborah Coe	X
6. Travel Coordinator	John Malary	X
7. Rec. Coordinator – Girls	Justin Howard	X
8. Rec. Coordinator – Boys	Glenn McSweeney	X
9. Referee/ Field Coordinator	Kathy Derken	NP
10. Training Coordinator	Matt Starkey	X
11. Equipment Coordinator	Dorothy Cohen	X
12. Field Maintenance	Lori Nuzzo	X
13. MIST Coordinator	Brittany Buford	NP
14. Fundraising		
15. High School Liaison	Michele Licursi	NP

NP = Not Present

Visitors signed in at the MYSC board meeting:
Geoff Wheeler - Director of Coaching

Items for Discussion

- MIST Recap - We are \$2500.00 in hole
- Paid coaches: In the Spring U-14's may be coached by High School Coaches. Idea to put a paid coach on the 2 U13 teams. We decided this was probably not a good test case b/c those girls are already ingrained in Premier.
 - Have John reach out to the team or Justin and Al have an end of season meeting with the parents to gauge the level of commitment from the players.
 - We have come a long way over the past 2 years - 180 degrees from coaching situation 2 years ago. Things are going much more smoothly.
 - Geoff: What is our vision and mission? We aren't premier and don't want to be. MYSC is a town club and is about community and our parents are going to coach and we'll do the best we can to give them the best soccer experience we can.
 - Should we table paid coaches for the Spring? YES. Let's consider adding a trainer for the Spring. We need to put our training budget together and ramp things up.
 - 8K/trainer for 8 weeks; \$9600/trainer with a car for 8 weeks
- 2015 Board - 2 open positions: MIST and Publicity; Matt is willing to run MIST. Dorothy would like to do publicity. Uniforms is open; Jeff Burt mentioned MIST. We would like to keep Matt on Training which would leave MIST open.

- Coaching Licenses: No longer require E Licenses for Coaches - Instead Geoff will run required coaching clinics.
- Charities: Kick for Nick - organization collecting used soccer balls and shipping them abroad
 - Baumgartels Rwanda: All soccer equipment, uniforms, etc.
 - Support both groups now. Send out an email for people to bring to 3/4 Jamboree
- Rec Jamboree: 3/4 Jamboree Saturday 11/15 10-4. Raindate: 11/16. Warren is going to be down there the whole time. Email and invite them to come down for a free burger/hot dog.
 - Coaches game/Parents game. 45 minutes break in middle of day
 - Add this for 1st & 2nd grade in future years.
- Winter training - we should have a say over what training is offered. Geoff Wheeler will talk to Scott Erskine about soccer programs offered through the town.
 - Its hard to get gym space in town in Winter. Can we run an MYSC winter program? If a coach can find a spot for his comp team to practice, its ok.
- Meeting closed at 9:43pm

Vice-President's Report

Brad Rathe

- Important Dates & Events

Secretary's Report

Meghan McGuire

- New Business: November Meeting: 17th. December Meeting: 15th. Warren will send out an email inviting people to the November meeting if they are interested in joining board.

Treasurer's Report

Mark Pritchard

- Old Business: Review of Budget
- New Business: Discussion of how to spend budget surplus: uniform issues. goalie shirts

Training Coordinator Report

Matt Starkey

- New Business: All trainers left - all had a great experience. Ross is not coming back - promotion to Atlanta

Travel Coordinator Report

John Malary

- New Business: John received a few comments about coaches. We need to get player evaluations out to coaches.
- Thank you to departing coaches.

- U13 Girls: 18 girls, 8 play premier. Fall was challenging. Big disparity between talent of top tier and bottom tier girls. We may have a tough time fielding a team in the Spring. Need a plan for Spring: one option is to proceed as planned and hope for the best; another option is to offer the team a scaled down travel program - 1 day/week, scrimmage and friendlies only.
- We need to replace one of the U10 Spring Travel Rec Coaches. Investigate volunteers and discuss with Geoff Wheeler. John & Geoff will come up with a plan.

Recreation (in-town) Coordinators' Report

Justin Howard/Brad Rathe, Recreation Coordinators – Girls

- New Business: The level of training and practice at the Rec level is not up to par. It appears that there is very little learning going on.
- Let's put together a Rec Season Manual of 10 weeks of sessions. A hardcopy and a web link for all coaches.
- Coach Appreciation Party: Have pre-season coaches meeting at Strong Field and combine it with a coaches sessions. Pizza and Beer after.

Chris McSweeney/Dan Mallon, Recreation Coordinators – Boys

- New Business: We need to be vigilant about ratings - big discrepancies between teams
 - How to entice people to volunteer? Waive registration fees?
 - Kindergarten Clinic: should we separate the boys and girls? Running around rather than skills; didn't work on fundamentals
 - Brown was not an ideal place to play
 - 3/4 Rec was the only division that missed a game & we are going to have a 3/4 jamboree this weekend.

Field/Equipment Maintenance Report

Lori Nuzzo

- New Business: After this weekend, the season is done. Lights are going Monday. 2 11 v11 goals still down at Exchange: one by Lowry; one by shed at Strong. Both still have nets.
- They are working on Exchange. Warren is going to talk to them about Exchange this week. Long term plan is that they want to fix it eventually
- We need to order 8v8 nets - order this year; a set or 2 now. The wheels for the new goals are in Warren's garage. Dorothy will order a new set of wheels.
- Lori will duck tape the new goals so that we use the new goals and don't use the older/dilapidated goals for MIST.
- We are still missing a set of 11v11 goals - Warren and Lori will try to track it down.

Equipment Coordinator Report

Dorothy Cohen

- New Business - Reduce registration fee; let families order and purchase their own shirt.
- Soccer & Rugby triple charged us. We have had trouble working with them. Other towns have had problems with Soccer & Rugby. Guilford Sporting Goods is a good option. Stay will Soccer & More in Spring. Make a change in the fall.

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