



**Easton Redding United Soccer Club
Board Meeting
January 11, 2010
Redding Boys & Girls Club**

In Attendance:

ERU Board Members - Tony Caruso, Doug Rivard, Greg Frierson, Jean Blackwell, Bob Schwaeber, Steve Lichtman, Steve Edwards, Erin Giaccio, Dawn Southerton, Matt Maraffi, and Gary Gold

Coaching Directors: Paul Winstanley

Opening: Meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM.

I. Public Comment:

None

II. President's Report: Doug Rivard

Doug reported that he went to the District meeting the previous month. The only major issue discussed there was the referee assignors not being able to assign themselves or family members.

He mentioned that we have received a letter from CJSA reminding us to do background checks on all of our adults in the club.

III. Registrar's Report: Jean Blackwell & Matt Maraffi

Spring registration was discussed. It was decided to open registration for Travel teams right away and close by Feb 8th prior to the next Board meeting so team construction can be done before the March 8th league form deadline.

Bob said that he anticipates the boys U11 group reducing in numbers and potentially a team.

Bob and Paul want to run a U11 A-team tryout since the group is changing so much.

It was decided that we should have a spring Travel manager's meeting. March 9th at 7:00pm at Barlow was suggested. Jean will call and see if the cafeteria is available.

IV. Travel Director's Report: Bob Schwaeber & Keith Blackwell

Bob reported that the U9 team that had some “make-up” sessions this winter had completed their first session. Olgert Dalipi did the session and will take over as coach for the U9 Redding boys team in the spring. Olgert will also coach a U12 team in the spring.

Nothing to report from girls.

V. Treasurers Report: Greg Frierson

Greg provided P7L and Balance Sheet comparing July 90 – current year over year. Greg reported that we have to move the Redding Soccer Capital since there are new fees associated with funds less than \$500K where we are invested today. Doug and Greg will discuss where to move the money.

Greg also brought up the possibility of instituting a sibling discount for Travel players. This was tabled until next budget year.

VI. Coaching Director’s Report: Paul Winstanley & Neil Phillips

Nothing to report.

VII. Field Report: Ron Kwiatkowski & Steve Lichtman

Greg brought up the potential of buying new goals for the RES field. He mentioned that we have equipment money in our budget. Greg also said that he had spoken with Redding Parks & Rec Director, Rob Blick, about soil for the RES field to improve the field surface, which includes significant holes. Blick is interested in working with ERU to improve this field.

Steve Lichtman spoke about spending money on an additional 3 weeks (starting March 29) of spring pre-season, turf practices for the Travel teams. Steve had quotes from Trumbull Sports Zone, who had Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:00-7:00pm on the big field, and who would rent the field for \$200/hour. Steve will investigate further and book fields.

Easton will tentatively open fields on April 25th. The Travel spring season will begin the weekend of April 10-11.

VIII. Referee Coordinator Reports: Mel Cranell & Steve Edwards

Doug reported on behalf of Mel that Mel would stay on as referee coordinator for the spring, but would like to transition out for the next season. Steve Edwards will also be phasing out after this spring. The Board would like to have 2 people to take these positions so that one can assign the other if needed. Jean will post the referee assignor recruitment on the website.

Steve Edwards mentioned that current referees are still completing the online recertification. The deadline to recertify is January 30.

IX. Old Business

- 1) Next meeting will be Monday 2/8/10 at the ECC

X. New Business

- 1) Paul Winstanley brought up summer camps in Easton / Redding. He suggested that it could bring in revenue for the club by charging the person running the camp a per person fee. Board members agreed that it's good for Redding and Easton soccer players to have more local camp options.

Greg suggested the profits could go towards funding tournaments for the Travel teams. Paul was going to investigate further.

XI. Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted by,

Jean Blackwell (on behalf of Erin Giaccio)
Easton Redding United Soccer Club