

Ocean State Soccer School:
Meeting Minutes
April 12th, 2011

Attendance: Keb Brackenbury, Pat Corso, John May, Jenn Gallagher, Jeff Wadovick, Chris Runci, Bill Gallagher, John Resendez.

Absent: John Montonaro, Rosemary Stitt, Russ Tellier (resigned), Rob McBrier (resigned)

Presidents Report: SRI AGM, 4 members re-elected from OSSS. The Expo held in North Smithfield was a big success. OSSS to work with SRI to craft a better community rule.

Registration Report: There are a total of 556 players playing on the recreation side of the house and approximately 350 players on the competitive side. This approximates 900 players in total which is down approximately 10% from our average of 1000 in the spring season. Although, we are seeing player movement from our rec. side to the competitive side which accounts for the drop in the recreational numbers, the overall count is lower. Discussion revolved around the change in demographics in the town and the amount of competition from other sports. In addition, there was discussion over the concern that our reputation as an organization has been negatively impacted with board members providing examples of recent conflicts and issues with members.

Treasurers Report: Jeff reported that revenues and expenses were in line with the previous year. Our cash balance exceeded \$25M. Overall, as an organization we are sound. The budget process will take place over the next 60 days. The biggest drop in revenue was the loss of sign and uniform revenue due to the loss of a foundation director.

Members Comments: None

Old Business:

1. Picture day was approaching and the change from Bonnet Studios to Sportography was made on a trial basis.
2. Recruit board volunteers. A board vote occurred replacing Rob McBrier with Rosemary Stitt as Recording Secretary. The motion was approved unanimously.

New Business:

1. College Scholarship Applications have been processed and David Covell will make a recommendation to the Board at the next Board Meeting.
2. The Board unanimously approved a \$2,000 salary for the Director of Technical Training.
3. Keb Brackenbury to find out how to turn off old phone messaging service at OSS concession stand.
4. A budget meeting is to be held over the next 60 days.
5. Chris Runci and Jenn Gallagher, made a request to the board to subsidize the dance to pay for the DJ and party supplies due to the numerous issues with collections for the dance. The motion was approved to provide \$750 for the dance.

Monthly Reports:

1. DTT: John reported on the training clinics. Discussion revolved around providing highly qualified coaches that may need to be paid a higher fee in order to attract them for the clinics. Turnout has been good to date.
2. Referee Report: We currently have 80+ referees in the program. Things running smoothly. July 11th there will be a mandatory referee training program.
3. Equipment: All uniforms were distributed. We received our new goals benches and kickbacks. The kickbacks were very well received. The board approved ordering 2 more kickbacks.
4. Safety: No Report
5. Operations: Bill Gallagher indicated that the fields were in great condition. We need to reinforce moving the goals after games. Coaches are not picking up flags after last game.
6. Competitive: Chris Runci spent time bringing the Board up to date as to the waiver requests for the 3 town rule. He was preparing an appeal at the next SRI special meeting in order to allow the kids to play.
7. Development: No Report
8. Foundation: Pat has secured some additional sign sponsors. Will meet with Doug McEwen to develop a plan going forward for fundraising and getting back the uniform and sign sponsors.