



## *Ocean State Soccer School Minutes of Board Meeting Wednesday, August 3rd, 2011*

The next Board Meeting will be held **Tuesday, September 13th, 2011**, 7:30-9:00pm @ Cold spring Community Center.

Present: John Montanaro, Jenn Gallagher, Chris Runci, John May, John Resendes, Doug McEwen, Jeff Wallace, Bill Gallagher, Stephen Souls, Pat Corso, Jeff Bolt, Rosemary Stitt

1. Presentation by Keith of Bonnet Studios – key points were that in order to get OSS' business back, Bonnet Studios would give back to the club 10% more than any other photographer as well as free plaques for sponsors and reshoots on a week-night or whenever were needed. Acknowledged that Bonnet Studio's last photo shoot at OSS had not gone well and assured that there would be a flawless performance next time.
2. Minutes of AGM – passed and seconded with no comments or changes.
3. President's Report
  - Congratulations to Keb Brackenbury who is Superliga male coach of the year (posted on the OSS website).
  - In the interests of ensuring a consistent public image, all mass emails are to be sent to John and Stephen Souls for review prior to being distributed (does not apply to mass emails to coaches).
  - Rec coaches meeting will be held on August 25<sup>th</sup> (comp on August 24<sup>th</sup>).
  - SRI Council Meeting scheduled for August 29<sup>th</sup> (since rescheduled due to the hurricane).
  - Board Support/Status
    - i. Marketing Manager – Stephen Souls
    - ii. Director of Development – Jeff Wallace
    - iii. Assistant Registrar – Deb Caramante
    - iv. Bill Gallagher – Safety Officer
    - v. Chris Runci – Comp. Dir
    - vi. Dir Foundation – Pat Corso
    - vii. VP/CFO/Equipment (all 3 open)
  - All board members need to register on the SRI web-site
  - A new indoor facility will be opening in Quonset – still 1 or 2 years away, however we will have the opportunity to get in on the ground level.
4. Registration Report (Jenn) – as of August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 277 rec players were registered and 179 competitive players.
5. Treasurer's Report – John has sent out the June report prior to the meeting. Chris Runci questioned why the Washington Trust checking account was shown as *negative* \$4691 as of 6/30/11 (John to revert on this point). No other questions/comments.



6. Member Comments – none

7. Old Business

- Winter Tournament – John Resendes will get information on this to John Montanaro and thereafter it can go on the website (and be advertised/publicized elsewhere).
- Post Bylaws changes voted on at AGM – John will make changes in Bylaws document and post on website.

8. Other Business

- The issue of Premier Players was raised by Chris Runci - John clarified that premier players can play (or referee) for OSS during the Fall as long as they're only training with a premier team. However if they're rostered/playing for a premier team they could not also play for OSS. If there's any doubt over a player's status, the litmus test would be putting the player's name into the Got Soccer Data base and seeing whether OSS registration is allowed to proceed.

9. Monthly Reports

- John Resendes (DTT) - Victor Mercurio will run goalie clinics on the 4 Thursdays in September (8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>) @ 6.30pm. There will also be a women's soccer night on 8/26 at URI @ 7pm followed by two scrimmages, an autograph session and an opportunity for kids to talk to players.
- John May - Referee Report – 85 kids are enrolled including 12 new recruits (a few more training sessions/clinics will be needed – John will set these up). 25 OSS refs participated in the Seaside Classic, many of whom received very favorable compliments for their quality and caliber. There will be a new Grade 8 clinic in January for refs who need more experience.
- John May - The Summer Camp was extremely successful with 165 children enrolled (84 recreational, 81 competitive). Everyone had a great experience despite the very high temperatures. The cook-out at the end of the camp was also a great success big thanks are due to various volunteers, notably Lori Corso, Darlene Froberg and Beth Runci (as well as various board members). John took the coaches out to dinner on July 23 as both an extra thank you for their hard work and to get feed-back and ideas for next year.
- Pat Corso - Equipment/Foundation – has checked inventory - some existing uniforms can be rolled over to fall with the rest being ordered in the next couple of days. We need a refrigerator in the back field since the only water source is rusty. There has been significant success with sponsorships (thanks to both Doug and Pat) - Gordon Orthodontics are donating 800 water bottles are sponsoring 4 teams and paying for a sign on the field and as of the time of the board meeting, 3 other sponsors were also signed-up/paid-up for signs. Pat will put a fundraising committee together.
- Bill - 1 scholarship application has been received for rec (approved). Bill will be lining the fields ahead of the season starting.
- Chris – Competitive - dates for tryouts have been set (for U10s and above, try outs will be held on August 16<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> with half of the 22<sup>nd</sup> for a make-up and a second make up will scheduled for mid-late September. U8s will try out on Sept 18<sup>th</sup>). SRI will do all the ratings.



- Jeff – Recreational - still light on coaches.

