



# *Ocean State Soccer School*

## *Board Meeting Minutes*

### *Tuesday, October 11th, 2011*

**Present:** John Montanaro; Keb Brackenbury; Jeff Wallace; Bill Gallagher; Rosemary Stitt; Chris Runci; John Resendes; John May

1. **Minutes from September board meeting** were passed with no changes or revisions.
2. **President's Report**
  - John updated on the SRI Council Meeting held in September: i) changes to the Community Rule were approved such that there is now a limit of 3 communities per team but with no limit on the number of communities in an age group/division; ii) a clarification to the concussion rule failed; iii) changes to the inclement weather policy passed.
  - The OSS board held an executive meeting on September 22 for purposes of a financial audit.
3. **Registration Report** – we're aiming to have registration links available for 11/1.
4. **Treasurer's Report** – the September report was sent out prior to the board meeting.
5. **Old Business**
  - Winter Tournament Status – John updated the board that Jeff Wadovick has been asked to send a check to Warwick Civic Center for \$2400; the next payment will be in December however to date, only 1U12 coach in East Greenwich has inquired about participating. John Resendes has emailed all clubs in Rhode Island to advise them of the tournament and has called 9 and left messages. John Montanaro recommended calling competitive directors and coaches to ask for teams to be committed;
  - Team Formation / Late Registrations - 35% of rec. registrations for fall were late which made for a great deal of uncertainty vis-à-vis how many teams and coaches were needed and ultimately meant that there were not enough teams to accommodate all of the late registrations and consequently, a number of children who wanted to that were not assigned to teams. During the February board meeting the board will look at teams and agree on the number with a final decision to be taken in March. As a way of reducing the volume of late registrations, *the board approved increasing the fee for late registrations from \$10 to \$20 by a vote of 4-2.*
  - Referee Program Description / Application – John May has recently posted both on the website; John Montanaro will ask Dave Covell to also put some of the text from the program description on the main page of the OSS site
  - Field Use – Davisville Middle School Soccer Fest – weekend of Oct 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>.
  - Montanaro Memorial – John will get back to the board on the memorial for his son.



## 6. New Business

- Security – there was recently a break-in at the concession stand and we'll therefore be limiting access to the key to the concession stand to a very small number of people. The alarm is back on but we'll need to change the code and the lock will also be changed.
- Cookout / Picture Day – both scheduled for October 15<sup>th</sup>.

## 7. Monthly Reports

### **Equipment/Foundation**

- All uniforms have been passed out and any additional players added after the start of season have also received a uniform.
- No Equipment has been purchased since our last meeting.
- Long time vendor and sponsor of OSSS, Titan Sports, have decided to close after many years in business. To show much appreciation of all the business and support that Titan has received from our league over the years, Don the Owner has very generously donated his entire soccer inventory to our league (including new soccer cleats, shin guards, tape, socks, shorts, tee shirts, referee shirts, and much more). Don is looking to receive a donation letter from our league so he can account for the inventory. Agreed to sell cleats and shin guards at a very reasonable cost at the concession stand during the cookout.

### **Referee Report**

- As of Oct 7<sup>th</sup>, we have 82 Referee of which 12 are Grade 9 Recreational Referees.
- Almost all of the referees that are grade 8 have completed 5 hours of on the field re certification at OSS fields.
- Classes were July 13 and October 1 at Ocean State
- Referee Instructors and assignors were present to conduct the re certification.
- Referee Exams start this week—Referees have been given detail instruction to take the test.
- Jan 14 2012 - there will be a new Grade 8 Referee class. Some of our grade 9 will move up and some will be encouraged to stay Grade 9 (younger Referees) for another year.

### **Safety Report**

- Bill Gallagher gave a very detailed run-through on the costs of field maintenance (grass, fertilizer and mowing), which, with some economies and deferrals where possible, totals \$33k for the 12 months to FYE6/12.
- Since the last meeting Bill has also: met with the coke repair guy - all machines now work; met with the alarm guy - system in the concession stand is working; met with 2 of our 5 neighbors about tree issues; met with well repair company for site evaluation.
- No new safety related issues



## Development

- As of 10/1, the U12 games have been moved to a larger field (OS 12) to accommodate the teams to play an 8 v. 8 format (as opposed the 6 v. 6 format they started the season with).
- The Ocean State Night at URI on 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept for the Boston College game was a big success; will be holding a “coach the coaches” session on field awareness and passing session (which is what the coaches want).
- Minor issues with goals and benches still being moved around during game day.

## Operations

- Picture Day Rescheduled for 10/15/11 after two rain postponements. Reminder to be sent out by Jenn Gallagher to members and Jeff Wallace to the coaches.
- Cookout is also scheduled for 10/15/11. Ordered tables, chairs, moon bounce, cotton candy machine and grill from Taylor, should arrive 10/14/11 at 3:00. Pat, Bill and Keb will shop for the food this week. Volunteer data base has been contacted with 5 positive responses to date. Board member support will again be necessary. Bill, Pat and Keb have some scheduling conflicts that day.
- Concession Stand has been open for 4 weeks. Support has been good and income and expenses have been consistent. Average Income has been approximately \$700 weekly, with Cost of Goods (inventory) at approximately \$250 and operating expenses (paid workers) \$160. Our net averages about \$300 per week. This may vary due to weather and initial start up expense.
- In week 3 our cash box was broken into and cash stolen. We have implemented some changes to security including alarm system being fixed and keys being removed outside the shed. In addition, a board member will pick up at end of day if Keb cannot be there at 4:00.
- Fields are in great shape and Bill continues to fine tune field budget in order to pay for new well pump.