



Ocean State Soccer School

Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 8th, 2011

Present: John Montanaro; Keb Brackenbury; Jeff Wallace; Bill Gallagher; Jenn Gallagher; John Resendes; John May

Absent: Pat Corso; Chris Runci; Rosemary Stitt

Start Time: 8:07pm (late due to a lack of a quorum)

1. **Minutes from October board meeting** were passed with no changes or revisions.
2. **President's Report**
 - John announced SRI Board meeting was held on November 7th
 - John to re-introduce his calendar of events, which includes important dates, and deadlines.
 - John will arrange a policy document committee and also will work with Pat Corso to schedule a Fundraising committee meeting.
 - Tom Miller thanked the board for allowing DMS to use our field for their playoff game and also provided an update on the online store; he provided a check for \$11.25. Tom is also looking for someone to replace him as the head of the "Friends for MS Soccer" organization. Tom Also thanked us for the use of our fields in support of the Middle School 24 hour soccer festival fundraising event.
3. **Registration Report** – Registration links for the Spring are up and running. We have 14 comp players and 3 rec players registered already.
4. **Treasurer's Report** – the September and October reports were sent out prior to the board meeting. Cash flow is low and several invoices have yet to be paid. Have started receiving income for the Winter Futsal Tournament. Will ask Jeff Wadovick to investigate why our credit card fees appear to be higher since we started using Got Soccer.
5. **Old Business**
 - Winter Tournament Status – No Ocean State teams have signed up yet due primarily to the coaches just receiving their rosters. There are about 10 non-OS teams signed up. Registration deadline is 20 November.
 - The recreational season was a big success and there were no major issues. Would like to thank Jeff Wallace and Jenn Gallagher for all their hard work and making for a very successful season.
 - Alarm system is online and new locks installed.
 - Montanaro Memorial – John will get back to the board, but one idea mentioned was naming the field after John's son.



6. New Business

- Titan has shut its doors so we will need to find a new uniform vendor.
- Have begun to close up the fields but will have to delay until the remaining competitive games are completed this weekend.
- John offered to arrange a board member get-together/social in December.

7. Monthly Reports

Equipment/Foundation

- Coaches returned their equipment on Saturday.

Referee Report

- We have 85 referees including adults, a college student, high school students, and middle school.
- On 19 November, referees will be taking an online exam at the NK library. Make-ups will be November 25th and 26th at Updikes coffee shop 9-11am.
- Classes are for OS members, but referees need to pay badge and certification fee of \$45 to RISRC for the 2012 year.
- 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

- No new safety related issues.

Development

- The afternoon games on 10/29 had to be cancelled due to poor weather.
- Rec. season ended well and thank you email went out to all coaches. All rec coaches have been asked to participate in a survey. Will provide feedback at the next board meeting.

Operations

- Player pictures were all distributed. Two sets were not delivered and one coach forgot to pick them up.
- Cookout went well on 10/15/11 and we had a lot of volunteer support, including some board member support.
- Concession stand is closed for the season. Left over perishables will be donated. Will continue to look at product selection and pricing. BJs is more expensive than SAMs for most items. Recommend donating remaining food to the NK food pantry or the boy scouts.
- Trophies were a success this season and we only had 3 trophy issues which have been taken care of.



- Fields are in great shape. We need to secure the back shed as someone broke the window. The shed needs to be painted in the spring. Bill will be shutting off the water and draining the sprinkler lines for the winter.

DTT

- John Resendes has resigned as Director of Technical Training due to personal reasons. We will be looking for a replacement. John Montanaro will manage the Futsal program as planned until a replacement can be found.

Competitive

- Due to weather, several Superliga games were cancelled and have been rescheduled up until 11/12 & 11/13 at OSSS. I have been copying Bill and John May so they are aware.
- This past weekend several of our teams played in the BIT. We had several 1st and 2nd placements and I will be collecting pictures and results for website.
- We had a Disciplinary Meeting with one of our Comp Coaches several weeks back that was also attended by Bill Gallagher and Jeff Boldt. Several parents have reported significant improvement as a result. As a result of the meeting one family has asked that we better define our process for dealing with Coaching issues and concerns. They felt web site and policy doc were not clear enough on this subject.
- Girls Winter Spring teams are done thanks to Jeff Boldt. It does not appear any waivers will be necessary for Girls and we only have two players that we may not be able to place. Girls Coaches have been notified and instructed to have players Register asap. Note: We were also able to form a Girls U8 team this year.
- Boys Winter Spring teams are schedule to be completed by 11/8. Still need U16/19 Coaches.
- Indoor training is scheduled to begin next week. Protocol meeting for Comp Coaches will be set with Andy Curtis the weekend of 11/11-12.

Summary: No new motions presented.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:28pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 6th, 7:30pm @ Cold Spring.