



Ocean State Soccer School Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, December 6th, 2011

Present: John Montanaro; John May; Keb Brackenbury; Chris Runci; Pat Corso; Jeff Wallace; Bill Gallagher; Jenn Gallagher Rosemary Stitt; Erin Watson; Christina Newton

1. Minutes – the minutes from November’s board meeting were approved as presented.
2. President’s Report
 - The Fundraising Committee meeting on December 1st went well and progress was made towards planning a calendar raffle for the spring, to be led by Pat Corso and Doug McEwen. Volunteers in each age-group will be asked to help.
 - A Policy committee to be set up in the near year (probably January). Erin Watson, Rosemary and Christina Newton volunteered to participate and John will also post for more participants on the web-site.
 - First week of the Futsal tournament went well. Could accommodate another 4 or 5 U8 or U10 teams since we may have to play different age groups together given that we currently only have 3 teams in those divisions. Based on current team registrations we may lose approximately \$500, however with one more team, we’ll get to break-even.
 - Challenger, a UK soccer camp organization, will offer OSS free clinics as a sample of their skills – given that we’re having problems getting reliable coaches for clinics, we may wish to consider further.
3. Registration Report - 16 registered for Rec so far and 2 coaches; 248 for competitive.
4. Treasurer’s Report – no report available yet for December, but with the competitive registrations we’ve had around \$42k in income and a further \$9k so far from Futsal.
5. Member Comments – Christina Newton questioned the board on how to proceed in the event of non-compliance with the OSS Policies and Procedures Manual (specifically related to section 3.5, Playing Up and Down) – John Montanaro advised that the issue should be put in writing, with as many specifics as possible, and that the board will consider and discuss, prior to which the issue may be discussed with the competitive director.
6. Old Business
 - Montanaro Memorial – John Montanaro and his wife have decided to start a Scholarship Fund at Ocean State in the memory of their son, John. Possibilities for a physical memorial at the field were also discussed.



- Uniform Vendor – we don't yet have a uniform vendor for winter because Titan Sports recently closed; if anyone knows any local vendors, we'll get bids to get the best option.
- We also need a new Director of Equipment.

7. New Business

- Holiday Social for OSS Board Members and noted volunteers – 12 December

8. Monthly Reports

- Equipment/Foundation – we had a productive planning meeting on December 1st for the spring calendar-raffle; will need to have the help of age group coordinators; prizes for the teams with the most sales as well as on an individual basis; considering bringing back the OSS tee-shirts that were distributed during the last calendar raffle.
- Rosemary to send out thank you letters for donations received in spring and fall '11 (will need names and donation amounts from either John or Jenn);
- Development – not a lot to discuss given that the rec season is now over, however Jeff had previously shared with the board the results of a coaches survey, one of the main conclusions of which is the need for more training of U4 and U5 coaches (John May suggested getting Challenger to fulfill this need
- Competitive – most of the teams are formed with the exception of the boys U13-14 and in addition, there is no coach for U16 boys.
- Referee Report – last date for the on-line ref exam is December 27th (at the NK library). Around 20 referees sat the November exam. A Grade 9 referee clinic will be held in January.
- All coaches will have to attend Superliga meetings on March 8th and 22nd; there will be similar meetings for coaches on March 8th and 14th.
- Operations – all issues related to trophies have been resolved; related to photos, the 5 or 6 incidents of lack of pictures being delivered all emanated from payment issues, however the overwhelming consensus is that the photographer did a good job (i.e. responded to missing pictures quickly; good on keeping teams on time). OSS received \$779.16 from the photographer – 10% of revenues, which was the lowest option available so that the cost of families was minimized. We could consider investing in a new OSS banner for future photo days. Keb also advised that the OSS fields are now closed for the winter.
- Safety – a legal case is in progress against the spouse of a coach was discussed (the latter had recently been advised to the Safety Director). Given the nature of the charges, it was decided that calls would be made to the parents of each child on the coaches' team, to be followed-up with a letter (in the interests of maintaining open communication with all, the Director of Competitive and Safety as well as John Montanaro, will also meet with the coach to give prior notice of this course of action).