



Ocean State Soccer School Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, February 7th, 2012

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

1. **Minutes** – January – approved as presented.
2. **President's Report**
 - Policy Meeting to be held 2/21/2012, 7pm at Sonoma's – need to review policies relating to children who want to join the competitive program after try-outs have occurred; moving players after try-outs; the concussion policy, plus anything else that needs to be addressed. Membership will be pre-notification of the meeting.
 - Coaches' Meetings - March 20th, competitive; March 27th rec.
3. **Registration Report** - 319 competitive; 108 rec. John May commented that that anyone who wants to either coach or be a team manager has to register – refs for competitive are going to enforce that if you don't have a pass, you can't be on the sidelines – we need to enforce the same for rec and spread the word accordingly so that all interested parents are registered ahead of the season.
4. **Treasurer's Report** – Dec/Jan – we're in good shape on cash-flow but still need to watch expenditure. We still don't have details on the % we pay on credit card fees to Got Soccer.
5. **Member Comments** – Christine Newton asked about whether try-outs would be brought forward – John Montanaro said we need input from Chris Runci (who couldn't make the meeting), but that we need to decide before the coaches' meeting on March 20th.
6. **Old Business**
 - Winter Futsal Tournament Status – going well; still one team who hasn't paid but we'll make a net of around \$500. Most coaches and players seem to like it and it's cheap. One significant consideration as to future OSS-organized winter tournaments is that the Wide World of Sports ("WWS") facility will open in late summer 2012 in Quonset - this will also be a training facility option but is expensive: 5-9pm "prime time", will cost \$180/hr for a field (one set of goals per field; 3 or 4 teams per field), which compares to the \$130/hr that we currently pay in South County. WWS want a guarantee that 60% of our teams will play in their league and also want us to sign a 3 year contract. We could think of 8 hours a week there for practice but we also need to get time in the NK schools as they're extremely cheap by comparison - \$12/hr - and really good for U12 and under. Stony Lane still has problems with the gym but Hamilton is good.
 - Calendar Fundraiser Status – Pat – printer has everything to go; the two orthodontists who are sponsoring the calendar are finishing up their logos; we should have the logos by Friday



and should therefore be on track to order by Feb 14th. Need prizes to give to sellers of the most calendars on both the competitive and rec side.

- Summer Camp Planning – John May proposed raising prices by \$5 for each child to \$180 (rec) and \$225 (competitive) – motion passed unanimously.

7. New Business

- Presentation from Challenger Sports Training/Uniforms (David Rush)
 - Training - Challenger had done 2 complimentary training sessions for us in South County – would typically charge \$50 - \$75/hr but if we were to commit to further sessions, we could probably agree around \$50-\$55, or less if we did 2 or 3 and/or did a couple or more back to back clinics; would give access to their on-line coaching clinics for free.
 - Shirts - \$6-\$7 entry level for a shirt with logo and number; 3 weeks turnaround time; \$30 high end for shirt, shorts and socks; will do small numbers (even ones and twos) if kids come in late. Also, Challenger does not discontinue lines – we could therefore buy one or a thousand and the same shirt would still be available for 4 years. Shirt fundraisers - could be bought by the club or by parents. Dave Rush suggests using local guy for printing; also added that Challenger will guarantee service and quality. Challengerteamwear.com – site for building the uniform.
- Uniform Bids – Pat – spoke to screen printer for Titan (which has now closed down) – pricing could be an issue; also called someone else.
- High School Seniors' Scholarship Application - we need to get the word out about the program and the applications process via all of the web-site; a mass email and the concession stand (when the outdoor season starts).

8. Monthly Reports

- Equipment/Foundation – nothing in addition to issues already covered from above.
- Development – U6 and under coaches clinic to be held;
- Competitive – no report – Superliga deadline for registering teams is Feb 13th;
- Referee Report – a couple of refs have switched organizations and now play for NK but since we have a policy that kids who don't play at OSS can't ref for OSS, this will have to be enforced (we do have a sufficient number of refs in any case). Also, we need to revive the board member of duty rotation on Saturday as ambassadors for OSS (identifiable in t-shirts); good for board member recruitment too.
- Operations – photo day for rec will be April 28th.
- Safety – unanimous vote to support rec scholarship applications for 2 children - the fact that they're from the same family is a deviation from policy, but there was full board approval. An application from a different family was not approved.