



Ocean State Soccer School *Board Meeting - Tuesday, August 14th, 2012*

Present – John Montanaro, Joe Colangelo, Amie Adams, Stephen Souls, Jeff Bolt, Bob Jones, Jenn Gallagher, Jeff Wallace, Bill Gallagher, Rosemary Stitt, Pat Corso; Mark D’Arezzo

1. **Minutes** – July – approved as presented with no changes.
2. **President’s Report**
 - Open Positions - Director of Equipment; Director of Operations – both need to be filled;
 - Public Relations – we’re not the only show in town – need to maintain quality and also keep our name “current” around town.
 - John recently received a sample of a “Coach Deck” (from a company of the same name) will pass it around and get feedback as to whether it’s worthwhile for us
 - Girls NKHS Soccer – Paige Armstrong emailed received asking for assistance for fundraising for uniforms for the NKHS girls team – the team is aiming to raise around \$4000 – suggestions raised by the board included asking the team to dedicate time to the academy or be rec coaches.
3. **Registration Report** - 474 rec; 187 competitive.
4. **Treasurer’s Report** -
 - June/July Reports – received earlier in the today and therefore no time to review but some items are in the wrong categories
5. **Member Comments** – N/A
6. **Old Business**
 - **Summer Camp Wrap-up** – will discuss next month.
 - **Indoor Futsal Status** – would span 8am-6pm on Saturdays; John has started working on putting promotional information together to give to get out to clubs in order to secure their commitment to participate (has email addresses of coaches from last year’s tournament) - thinking of U8, U10, U12 as the older age-groups need a lot more space. The web-link for the tournament should be set up within a week or so.
 - **U8/U10 Academy:**

The main points of discussion were as follows:

 - Academy concept is in line with UC Soccer Best Practices and would be a bridge from rec to competitive.
 - Bob has discussed the concept with high-school coaches and has feedback from U8-U10 coaches.
 - Would be the only option for U8s in 2012 and for both U8 and U9 in 2013 with the provisos that a) any U8s who have already played competitive will be “grandfathered” into competitive and b) any U8s judged eligible for U10 will also be grandfathered in.



- Will be run by the DTT
- Will conduct a training session with U9 player in the fall for the benefit of prospective U8s parent;
- U8 academy to be capped at around 20-30 (U9s to be used in fall training only).
- Academy teams won't play in a Superliga league but in the spring will play in SRI-like jamborees; will play in 5 festival weekends in spring (2 games each – therefore 10 games in total which is more than in a Superliga season). For tournaments such as Nashua, parents will be able to opt in or out. The fall academy players will play rec and train in the academy only.
- Fees for the fee will need to be set to include uniforms and ref fees (one centre ref per game) - rough number around \$150 per player.

The Board approved the following:

- ***Motion 1 – academy is the only option for u8 play for 2012/13– unanimously approved***
 - ***Motion 2 – U9 training program will include 1 academy session per week in the fall, combining with U8 later in the fall; the U9s' academy involvement in the spring will be determined in due course by the DTT – unanimously approved.***
 - ***Motion 3 – academy kit will be different from competitive kit – unanimously approved;***
 - ***Motion 4 – entry to the U8 coaching program will be through participation in the academy i.e. coaches they'll have to sign up in September to coach in the academy before any involvement in the spring when teams are formed etc. – unanimously approved.***
- **Indoor Gym Space** - EJC/Schools/SC Xtreme/WWIS – John requested that someone from the competitive side be on top of space in the schools since janitors coordinate scheduling.
 - **OSS night at URI** – Sept 14th for girls and Oct 6th for co-ed teams (both @ 7pm).

7. New Business

- Fall Rec Coaches Training – Sept 4th, 10th and 17th – Challenger will be doing the training;
- Competitive Uniforms – need bids and options to put to the board
- Org Chart – positions to fill
- Coach Approval / Team Formation – 16 teams in fall; 23 for winter/spring; have 3 coaching vacancies. ***List of coaches attached below was unanimously approved.***



OSS Coaches
2012-13.xlsx

- Marriott Contract Approval (Nashua tournament) – we've been offered a 2 year contract which is \$5 a room more expensive than this year but does mean the price is good for 2 year and in addition, included a few event room - ***Unanimously approved for John to sign the contract.***



8. Monthly Reports

• **Development/Equipment**

- Picture day - Bonnet Studios has matched Sportography (our photographer for the last 2 rec season) on prices; “give-backs” and in sponsoring 2 teams but Jeff recommended staying with Sportography due to their demonstrated service and quality – ***approved unanimously.***
- Uniforms – Jeff proposed “tiered” uniforms that change up the age spectrum - ***approved unanimously.***
- Coaches will have lanyards again this season
- Needs point people for all 3 of photos; trophies and coaches.
- Coaches meeting on August 28th.

- **Referee Report** - 46 refs are certified. ***The board unanimously approved OSS hosting a Superliga ref event this fall.***
- **Competitive** – some teams will play Maple (the Massachusetts premier league) this year.
- **Foundation** - Team Sponsors – trying to figure out exactly which sponsors are back but a lot are returning. We have a new sign for Ocean State Veterinary Services as well as for Kaiser Tree Service; Team Works and Sportography. Gordon Orthodontics are sponsoring 4 teams in total. All of this aggregates to \$2800 in revenue.
- **Equipment** - Flags, nets paint, extra clips for goals have all been ordered
- **Safety/Operations** – no safety to report; 2 financial assistance requests – both approved; Operations – need someone to help in the snack-bar;
- **DTT** - there will be preseason training, 27-29th August 6-7.30/45 at OCC – sign-up will be on the website.