



Ocean State Soccer School Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, March 5th, 2013

Present – John Montanaro, Amie Adams, Bob Jones, Jeff Bolt, Erin Watson, Jeff Wallace, Bill Gallagher, Joe Colangelo, Pat Corso and Rosemary Stitt.

1. Minutes – for the February board meeting were approved as presented.
2. President's Report
 - Rec Coaches Meeting, 3/27, 6:30-9pm (*not* the 26th)
 - Web-site – we need to get a better job of getting information posted on the website such as referee program information that would be useful for parents.
 - Brochure – we used to have one - could resuscitate this with appropriate distribution channels.
 - Get more press exposure
 - The **board approved** unanimously for John Montanaro “JM” to call as soon as possible a competitive coach to advise he is to be replaced by an appropriately licensed assistant coach. Rationale for the decision rests on repeated incidents of unwarranted communication and events and the board's concern that this conduct is detrimental to the organization. The vote followed lengthy discussion (matter had previously been discussed in the February board meeting).
3. Registration Report
 - Player transfer issue – 1 comp. player is registered with 2 clubs
4. Treasurer's Report
 - January and February 2013 reports received – includes \$18.7k in player suspense; \$4k is rec income \$6k competitive academy; \$6k competitive. On budget on training expenses (\$20k but may be a little over budget when the full indoor season is included). Will have to be careful on spending. Treasurer's reports for Jan and Feb both approved.
5. Member Comments – N/A.
6. Old Business
 - Signage (Pound the Pavement!)
 - DTT Contract – needs to be signed by Mark
 - WWIS Future Use – need to meet with WWIS to discuss a future contract, JM is targeting Sunday 10th early afternoon – Joe will join – do we want to commit to a multi-year contract? What's the potential for using WWIS for practices in the spring if outdoor is rained off or during excessive heat for the summer camp.
7. Survey - JM wants to roll-out 2 surveys for each of Competitive and the Academy (similar to Jeff's recent rec survey).
8. New Business
 - Budget Meetings – JM will schedule 2 meetings for April – esp. considering tiered registration fees for different practice spaces.
 - Nomination Committee – need a chair-person by 15th March.



- Competition Committee – JM sent out an email to the committee, awaiting responses – need to schedule a meeting.
- We'll soon be charged to use the Cold Spring Community Centre – do we need an alternative venue?
- Tom Miller who has run Soccer Fest for the middle school will need to be replaced – would OSS want to be involved? Tom has said he'd help with the handover. Jeff made the point we first need a willing volunteer.
- Stony Lane School would like a donation for their auction – we'll give a Rec Scholarship.
- Capital spending – Marina is ordering equipment this weekend – Bill wants ideas for capital spending – suggestion of a nicer fence along the Stony Lane side.
- Need to set Field Day and list of projects for the coaches' meeting.
- Equipment - equipment needed - 12 nets for U4/U5s; 12 flags; 4 benches – Pat will let Marina know the vendor name and contact details. The **board approved** the purchase of all the items listed above plus the purchase of 25 first aid kits; field paint and 4 cases of ice-packs.

9. Monthly Reports

- Development – registrations to date are lower than in the past; if we stay on the trend we'll get to around 500 players total for this season.
- Referees – 19 refs coming back; 35 new refs – all set.
- Foundation – a couple of new sponsors received this week for both signs and uniforms. Calendar raffle – Sheehan is still the cheapest for printing – will have everything ready for the coaches' meeting on 3/27.
- Safety/Operations – 7 requests for financial aid (rec. scholarships) have been received (which include 4 children in 1 family). This total of 7 for the season to date compares to last season's total of 4 scholarships awarded. The **board approved** all 7 unanimously based on the recommendation of Bill who has done all appropriate due diligence.
- DTT – not present.
- Competitive – 332 players are registered minus since 12 withdrawn but plus an additional 24 Academy players. Superliga placement meetings were held; all coaches got places they wanted. Bob filed a complaint with the town council about us not being allowed to play at Wilson Park. Has request to play on the EG turf field. We should think about having the NK Soccer Fest in the fall at WWS so as not to stress our fields. An email should be sent by all comp coached to parents about fees and the Amherst tournament. Please see attached monthly report from the Director of Competitive:



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Competitive Division 1