



Ocean State Soccer School

Board Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, September 4th, 2012

Present: John Montanaro, Jeff Wallace, Amie Adams, Bill Gallagher, Jen Gallagher, Rosemary Stitt, Pat Corso, Jeff Bolt, Erin Watson, Chris Parente

1. **Minutes** for the August board meeting were approved without any changes or amendments.
2. **President's Report**
 - **Open Positions:**
 - Director of Equipment – Chris Parente was discussed as a potential candidate; arrived later to the meeting and was *unanimously approved by the board*;
 - Director of Operations – still an open position.
 - **Org Chart** – the org chart was discussed; it was suggested that names of incumbents should be added; Erin also suggested that a brief description of each role is included on the org chart.
 - **“Coach Deck”** – we were sent a “Coach Deck” sample in August but have decided not to pursue further.
 - **SRI Council Meeting (27 Aug)**
 - i. Effective Sept 1st for the 2012/13 season, fine money will be given back to organizations with a “clean record” i.e. did not incur any SRI fines or assessments (the latter could be incurred due to missing a council meeting; late with a roster; no permission to travel form).
 - ii. Will use same size goals/fields as per Superliga for U8
 - iii. SRI Festival – June 1st/2nd 2013 – looking for host associations.
3. **Registration Report** – 549 rec; U6 – U10 age groups are now closed which is why numbers are lower than last year.
4. **Treasurer's Report** – we should all look at the financial reports each month to verify accuracy and completeness of amounts within respective responsibilities.
5. **Member Comments** – N/A.
6. **Old Business**
 - Futsal Tournament – the Permission to Travel request is with Superliga tonight, after that we'll start calling teams. Tournament will be run by Mark.
 - Indoor Gym Space (EJC/Schools/SC Xtreme/WWIS) – if Dana Cooke comes on board he'd be responsible for scheduling and indoor space.
 - URI night – Jeff needs teams for Oct 6th otherwise we're good to go
 - Contract Submitted to Marriott



7. New Business

- Request has been received for the NK MS Soccer Fest to once again be held on the back fields (starting at 5.30pm on 28 Sept – continuing all day on the 29th); insurance is fully covered; **passed by the board**. For future years, a replacement lead is needed for Tom Miller – this is the MS Soccer only fundraiser.
- Presentation from RISRC.

8. Monthly Reports

- **Development/Equipment** (Jeff Wallace)
 - Board Member Support was requested by Jeff, especially for the first 2 games of the season.
 - Trophies – need to discuss in the next couple of weeks.
 - Jeff discussed the problem with kids who can't make one particular night of the week for practice but then get assigned to a team on that night. In the interests of quality and improvement, we need a solution to avoid such conflicts.
- **Referees** (Amie Adams) working on ref assignments. Money will be sent in concession stand while she's on the field. Refs will sign when they get the envelopes with their names on. Has user password and will assign for travel teams tonight. A Superliga ref academy will be held on Sept 22nd, running until 1 pm.
- **Competitive** (Bob Jones)
 - Team formation status – 2 new coaches:
 - Fred Kurdzeil – D license for U10
 - Deidre Murphy – E license – U16
 - Bob Jones – D License – generic approval for emergency or one-time coaching requirement.
 - **All 3 passed by the board - the first 2 contingent on a BCI.**
- 189 placed on 16 teams, 15 of which are in Superliga and 1 in Maple.
- 91% of kids who were registered for fall were placed - 6 players couldn't be placed in U9; 2 U12 boys couldn't be placed due to skill level since the only team with an open slot is the anchor team; 6 U12 girls also couldn't be placed since there were insufficient numbers to make an additional team.
- Winter/spring – pretty much set, U14 girls and U17/18s pretty much set; still working with U16 girls and U14 boys – the latter is due to available coaches, could have 1 coach for sure but 2 potential Classic coaches either don't want to be head coach or don't think their kids should be playing at that level.
- Uniforms – discussion centered on the bid received from Adidas/JustSoccer. Challenger is yet to submit a formal bid although per the bid received from Adidas/JustSoccer, a full kit will be \$20 cheaper than 3 years ago; Adidas will also give a 10% credit. Bob state that we'll miss the winter deadline if we delay a decision, however based on the fact that only one bid had been received, **the board ultimately voted not to approve the purchase of Adidas uniforms from JustSoccer (vote of 3-5)**. It was stated by Jeff that Challenger would be able to give a proposal when they're at OSS on Sept 7th delivering rec uniforms; John asked Pat, Chris and Bob to get together and come back to the board with a proposal to be voted on then.
- **However the board approved continuing with the academy concept.**



- **Foundation**
 - Team Sponsors – Kaiser Tree and Ocean State Veterinary Services signs are being picked up tomorrow; received check for \$1200 from Gordon Orthodontics.
 - Need to be able to show how we've spent proceeds from the raffle in order to position us well for the spring fund raiser.
- **Safety/Operations** – all fields are lined;
- **Property** – fields are in bad shape; haven't been aerated in 2 years although this should occur every year but could be stretch to every other year. Expenditure of \$5300 maximum for seeding and aerations was *unanimously approved by the board* provided we have the funds confirmed by Jeff Wadovick.
- Made around \$7000 in net profit from the summer camp.
- **DTT** – N/A as Mark D'Arezzo could not be present.

9. Meeting Adjourn