



***Ocean State Soccer School
Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 9th, 2012***

Present: John Montanaro, Jeff Wallace, Amie Adams, Bill Gallagher, Rosemary Stitt, Pat Corso, Chris Parente, Bob Jones, Joe Colangelo, Mark D'Arezzo

1. **Minutes** – September approved as is except for the reference to matters covered at the last SRI Council meeting – had read “Will use same size goals/fields as per Superliga for U8“, changed to “SRI will recommend to Superliga to leave the goals/fields unchanged for U8“ – otherwise approved unanimously; as well as for minutes covering the equipment meeting from Sept 24th.
2. **President’s Report**
 - Calendar – we need a way to track to do items (timing and status)
3. **Registration Report**
 - Rec - approx 570 players for fall;
 - Competitive - U14 boys is the only one that is behind – pushing to get coaches to get their teams to register; teams won’t be able to practice inside until they’ve all registered and have their photos submitted for Superliga roster purposes.
4. **Treasurer’s Report**
 - Sandy Metcalfe was removed as Treasurer.
 - Very hard to reconcile the itemized listing of costs and income to the P&L, and specifically to either rec or comp.
 - We urgently need an active Treasurer who will come to meetings and be able to speak to the numbers and also give us recommendations and input.
 - JM will tell Jeff that we will need him to come to a board meeting and brief us prior to being paid for OSS’ tax return.
5. **Member Comments** – N/A
6. **Old Business**
 - Indoor Futsal Status – Mark was on the phone to a number of teams today — CLCF, West Warwick and Warwick Firefighters - program will be geared towards younger age-groups - U8s, U10s and U12s. No teams have committed yet.
 - U8/U10 Academy – Mark: going really well - 50 kids there tonight – another open meeting on Thursday – will be Tuesdays 5-7 at WWIS (5-6pm for true academy, 6-7pm for skill enhancement such as goal keeper training) and Thursdays at WWIS 5-7. Very hard to use the 4-5pm hour at WWIS due to when schools that finish at 3.30 or so and therefore can’t get kids there for 4pm (this time slot is also too early for some coaches).
 - MS Soccer Fest wrap-up – play was in WWIS on the Friday night when it was wet.
 - URI Soccer nights – 2 were held recently; both were a big success.



7. New Business

- WW Futsal Contract Approval – **approved subject to** a clause giving us a refund for weather-related or other emergency cancellations.
- Adidas Contract Approval (Chris) – **approved subject to** changes relating to i) clarifying in the contract that players do not have to wear Adidas cleats/shoes & ii) coaches' shirts can be either Adidas or non-logo. Proposals for how to use promo \$s to be managed by Bob and Chris.
- Documents to go to Rosemary for filing from now on.
- Marriott Update – points accrued by JM for 2012 whose name and Marriott Rewards number as on the Marriot contract stay can be used for the benefit of other people (JM will verify he actually has the points in his account); Bob will come up with a list of names (non-parent coaches for example) who should be considered to get the 2 comp rooms (that are included in the contract) and then we'll determine who will get the comp rooms and Marriott Reward rooms.
- Cookout Day Prep – everything is in hand for the cookout on Oct 13th; Sportography will be doing retakes that day – everything looks good, including the weather!
- We need to do something for Keb Brackenbury and Jeff Wadovick – maybe a dinner or some sort of other recognition given all the time they've put in. Jeff (Wallace) recommended that we establish a practice/official protocol for who gets a recognition party or plaque etc. so there's no confusion in this area.

8. Monthly Reports

Development

- Needs board volunteers on Saturdays particularly from 10-2pm and specifically for trophy day and picture day; for next season, need to avoid the problems of this season with some players not being able to make the nights their teams practice; wants to develop an inter-organizational league.

Equipment

- Uniform fittings – will have Adidas hold sizes ready by next Wednesday so then need to determine and schedule fittings, which will be in NK; colour of the academy jersey will be red (one colour only); Chris will look at getting fittings done at WWIS;.

Referees

- Had a Superliga academy with 17 refs – a good turnout including 2 from EG; event went well. 1 ref didn't show up for a game (so he wasn't assigned games for the next week – now he's showing up extra early for all games!) but otherwise everything has been going well;

Competitive

- Had to swap 1 U10 girls team with an EG team – since neither was in the right division; 1 anchor and 3 classic for U12; the team playing Maple team is doing well; has won a game – good exposure for the club; looking to put a boys team in Maple in the spring and the U17 girls team in on a wait-list.
- Bob will be meeting with coaches to finalise rosters for winter-spring; will discuss potential movements from the fall teams and then get everyone to register; has met with U10 coaches already; U14 boys – families have been notified they'll be on a team.



- Has received one complaint from a family new to OSS that registration fees aren't comprehensive and don't cover refs fees; will clarify all costs and post on website; will also request coach and team managers to clear that refs fees aren't included in registrations fees; will send out a "standard form" template that coaches/team managers can use in emails to clarify the same;
- A Strength and Conditioning coach was proposed – would cost \$750 and would work with each age-group once – cost would be reallocated from the Competitive advertising budget – Mark will work out specific services and will then come back to the board with a menu of services – **Approved unanimously by the board.**
- One U14 boys coach still needed but would be resolved with \$2000 for a Challenger affiliated coach who coached for an elite premier team in Ohio - Bob has called the club and was told it would be a real coup if we could get him – we could also use him to help coaching other teams. Acknowledging that introducing the concept of a paid needs to be carefully considered and at worst, could be viewed negatively by some parents whose kids don't have coaching from the paid coach, we could use this as something of a case-study. He will be available twice a week plus 2 training sessions and a game; his presence/assistance could also ease in some parent coaches currently hesitant to get involved with coaching; would need to clarify if he wanted to come to tournaments (though not a disaster if he can't as tournaments come later in the season and a parent could step-in). He'll need to pass a BCI (as will the strength and conditioning coach). **Approved unanimously by the board.**
- Foundation – needs to get together with Jeff to make sure of who has paid for signs.
- Safety/Operations – need to have a back-up plan for wet-days for future years; 1 injury – no follow-up needed; fields behind snack bar are now closed for the season; aeration came in under budget – did a very good job; 2 girls **approved** for rec scholarships.
- DTT – nothing more to add from what was already covered.

9. Meeting Adjourned