



Ocean State Soccer School

Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 14th, 2013

Present: John Montanaro; Pat Corso; Erin Watson; Marina Sweet; Bill Gallagher; Peter Merritt; Jeff Wallace; Rosemary Stitt; Joe Colangelo; Amie Adams; Dave Covell.

1. **Minutes** – April – *approved as presented.*
2. **President's Report**
 - Competition Committee Meeting 5/11 – focus of try-outs (how they'll be done and when); academy. Will meet as often as necessary; Keb Brackenbury is chair of the committee.
 - Peter Merritt - Director of Operation Approval Motion – *approved unanimously.*
 - President's Cup Times - June 1st & 2nd - \$50 a game agreed (4 games total – all in the back fields, will be on OS13, the U12 field).
 - Scholarship Committee - \$500 for 10 applicants (out of 15 received – which is sharply increased from 8 in prior years) - *approved* with one objection (the latter is due to concern about the budget for next year – suggests we should keep to budget and stay at \$3000 divided by 6); need to improve application so we can further differentiate; need to get more specificity around activities, volunteerism and scope/nature. Awards night at NK is approximately June 3rd (Jeff will present); Pat or Bill will present at Exeter.
 - AGM 26 June – any changes to policy will have to be received by next board meeting; will then have to be posted to members to review.
3. **Registration Report**
 - Will need to set up registration links before the end of this rec season; will therefore need to set fees for comp (rec fees will remain the same but comp spring will probably change); also considering a deposit for comp after try-outs
4. **Treasurer's Report**
 - Set-up E-Check w/ Service Provider – Jeff is trying to do this.
5. **Member Comments** – NA
6. **Old Business**
 - Budget Meeting 5/8 – U7-U9 will be in the academy; competitive fees changing significantly (due to WWIS costs; training and add strength and conditioning available to all club teams; add Amherst fees - \$300-\$400 range); small net profit likely. We need to have another budget meeting.
7. **New Business**
 - Nomination Committee Update - Rosemary – with a potential CFO we will have everyone for every position
 - Summer Camp – July 15 – 21st
 - Tax Exempt Town Council Meeting – trying to get this passed; may have to get legislation through the RI senate otherwise.



Competition Committee – varied membership - includes rec and comp coaches as well as Keb Brackenbury and, Jeff Wallace.

Recommendations:

- Tryouts will be the week of June 17th with 2 days of try outs per age group. We'll implement a two-way commitment – once families pay to be on the roster, OSS commits to them for all 3 seasons i.e. fall, winter and spring.
- Location of try outs - WWIS as the back-up – *board recommendation* to have tryouts at WWIS in the first place (due to considerations of consistency, weather).
- Registration – include questions about willingness for travel i.e. maple.
- Advertise more – Google ads; SRI website;
- Tryouts will focus on Age group, group skills, 1 vs. 1 drills; small-sided games.
- Hire Challenger to do independent evaluations;
- Tiered registration fees
- Coach evaluations must be in Zoom before Father's Day tournament.
- Need to publicize the academy.
- Teams need to be formed within 2 weeks of tryouts – July 7th target date with \$50 deposit. Erin stressed that this needs to be enforced – i.e. if you don't pay, you lose your spot.
- All coaches will get to choose their team. **Approved.**
- Pat – ratio of kids to evaluators- needs to be adequately small.

8. **Monthly Reports**

- **Development** – 1 Saturday was rained out in April as well as the second weekend in May; trophies are all done – will be delivered for June 1st; the BBQ and donations for Soccer Recycle have been deferred to May 18th due to rain on May 11th; Warwick will also be playing at OSS for rec games on May 18th.
- **Referees** – nothing major to report, however on the good news front, SRI has a list of top 100 refs every week - 8 of which are currently with OSS; including Matt Gallagher who is number 1.
- **Foundation** – made gross profit of \$16,067 from the calendar raffle – after prizes of \$2500, the net result was \$13k; results were lower than hoped since some comp coaches didn't pick their packages up; and there was a rain out one weekend, however the overall result was good. There were 2 winners for selling the most tickets on the rec side (one family sold 212 tickets!) and 3 winners on comp side.
- **Safety/Operations** – a player had a seizure a few weeks ago but recovered on scene;
- **DTT** –the DTT was absent and it was discussed whether he should be moved to become Director of the Academy as well as whether he should be paid for Q2 given lack of performance of contractual duties (such as not coming to board meetings and related reporting), however it was decided any future actions (such as change of role) should be predicated on fair warning/notice being given;

9. Meeting Adjourned