



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;

9. Meeting Adjourned