

Ocean State Soccer School
Annual General Membership (AGM) Meeting
June 26, 2013

Board Members Present – John Montanaro, Joe Colangelo, Bob Jones, Pete Merritt, Bill Gallagher, Marina Sweet, Rosemary Stitt, Amie Adams, Jeff Wallace, Pat Corso.

Budget Approval 2013-2014 – approved as presented



OSSS 2014 budget
draft thru May 2013 \

Reports

Registration – Jennifer Gallagher – For competitive, moving to a multi-payment process with a deposit up-front (option to pay in full)

Development – Jeffrey Wallace – two successful rec seasons this year; have worked with Warwick for series of cross-over games; we could consider a Challenger fund raiser effort for soccer gear; survey feedback has been good; maybe do a rec. winter league.

Competitive – Robert Jones – try-outs are in progress; team formation is starting tonight; a big chunk of teams will be decided before second week of July; OSS have two teams who are Superliga champions; three who are RI Cup winners (one of which, Jeff Bolt's team also won their bracket in the GPS tournament, beating 4 premier teams that weekend) and various teams that were finalists in the Amherst Memorial Day tournament. In addition, OSS has been invited back to participate in the Massachusetts Maple league again and finally, the Academy was a very positive development

Referees – Aime Adams – there are a total of 40 refs – have lost 9 since last July but no one left voicing any complaints; there are 14 participants in new clinic; refs from this season are becoming certified for competitive at the July 20th clinic in Coventry.

Operations – Peter Merritt – field days this summer coming up – first one this Sunday, 10-4pm

Safety – Bill Gallagher – a good year – nothing major to report

Foundation – Pat Corso – not present until later in the meeting.

Equipment – Marina Sweet – nothing specific. Equipment for the summer camp is being sent straight to the Frobergs; needs a list of items required to be purchased for the fall;

Training – Mark D'Arezzo – not present.

Nominations/Elections – 5 board positions were required to be re-elected for a 2 year term, however all were uncontended (and therefore no elections were needed), since all incumbent board members for the 5 subject positions were on the nomination list given their willingness to serve again – all 5 were *approved*.

- Vice President - Joe Colangelo

- Vice President of Competition - Robert Jones
- Director of Safety - Bill Gallagher
- Director of Equipment - Marina Sweet
- Director of Foundation - Pat Corso

Open Positions: Chief Financial Officer (CFO); Director of Technical Training (DTT)

2013/2014 Goals & Objectives

Continue training developments; expand tournaments; continue to offer a quality soccer experience; keep coaches and parents happy; keep our programs affordable.

Members' Comments - about the recent try-outs – there were too many kids and not enough evaluators; too crowded; should group kids of similar ages and skills/potential together in order to evaluate more effectively. It was also questioned why it's necessary to pay for external evaluations for try-outs – various explanations were given, first and foremost being the importance of have external, and independent raters. It was also noted that the try-outs provide an important forum for the coaches to see all the players within an age group together, since particularly for some of the age-groups with multiple teams, coaches will not know every player and abilities.