

Ocean State Soccer School Minutes of Board Meeting - July 16th 2013

Board Members Present – John Montanaro, Joe Colangelo, Pete Merritt, Rosemary Stitt, Jeff Wallace, Jeff Bolt, Marina Sweet, Jenn Gallagher, Bob Jones, Jeff Bolt

Minutes of the June Board meeting and the June 26th AGM were both approved with small amendments.

Signage for registrations – need to get these out.

Registration Report – 1 player has registered for the academy, 46 for winter/spring; 39 for fall comp 39 and 36 for fall rec.

Financial report – net income for the year to 6/30/13 was negative \$7000 (this included proceeds from calendar fundraiser) – deficit is partly due to timing issues on a number of large bills while some income was not booked consistently vs. prior years so a direct comparison is hard to reconcile, however it's clear that we have to stick to this year's budget and watch expenses.

An Academy director is in the budget to be paid up to \$4k for fall, winter and spring (which is required to be invoiced monthly) – the \$4k is a fixed amount, therefore any help would have to be paid of the \$4k. Jenn will handle academy communication i.e. will send it out once received from Mark.

DTT – Joe is willing to be acting DTT until such time as it's filled on a permanent basis. ***Approved unanimously.***

Challenger corrected invoice for try-outs for the agreed \$3000 (had originally invoiced \$4500).

Development - Jeff – 6 weeks from coaches meeting; equipment meeting this week; could address issues from the rec survey at the coaches' meeting. We have several weeks before we need sponsor commitments for uniforms but the sooner the better.

OSS at URI games are set for 27th Sept and Oct 4th (both at 7pm) – 2 rec and 2 comp teams will be invited to participate.

Operations – Pete - received a letter from town that the tree on the corner of the driveway is ours and can be cut down. Field day Two went well – a lot of stuff done; next one is July 28th – Jenn to send out email.

Winter rec league – John to contact WWIS to get 1 hour for \$100 (we shouldn't pay more) – practice in the week, game on the weekend. We could also look for a school gym - Pete will look for space at EGHS.

Equipment - Marina – DMK website is to include that OSS members will get 5% back on anything anyone buys (not uniforms) – will be set up by end of week – Jenn will send out information to all. DMK is also happy to come to any open-houses etc. Marina needs to know which shirt numbers for each age-group aren't needed any more and can be distributed to other players.

Competitive – Bob

3 teams still need coaches:

- U10 boys – a coach is still needed for 1 team; Bob will communicate with team tonight that kids have a slot and a team will be formed
- U12 girls – has not yet notified 1 team – Bob will get in touch to say all players have a slot and a coach will be sourced.
- U14 boys – needs a head coach but meanwhile have 2 assistance coaches who could step into the head role if necessary

In terms of remaining capacity – all of the younger age groups are all maxed (i.e. full) – 1 slot remains in each of the U14 boys teams.

One coach was discussed who had emailed the board earlier in the day stepping down from all coaching and referee responsibilities. Bob explained that the coach had been asked to coach a U11 girls team for the coming season; an existing problem was the conflict of referee and coaching, for which the coach had been asked to present a means to mitigate but to date had not; meanwhile given feedback on the coach's skills (4 families had said they'd leave OSS if they were assigned to the same coach for a second season), Bob had proposed that another coach join the team but this proposal was rejected by the subject coach since the desire was only to coach with the existing coaching team. Based on this, Bob advised he'd given the coach half of the players requested (the lower half of the coach's team from last year plus a few others) as well as her existing coaching team, however this proposal was not accepted. Bob accepted that his communication with the coach should have been better meanwhile

Coaches list showing head coaches and assistant coaches was approved unanimously