



Ocean State Soccer School

Board Meeting Minutes - February 18th, 2014

Present: John Montanaro; Pat Corso; Jenn Gallagher; Marina Sweet; Bill Gallagher; Peter Merritt; Jeff Wallace, Stephen Souls, Dan Legault

1. January Minutes – *approved as presented.*

2. President's Report

- SRI council meeting, much discussion about number of Premier teams and associations. John brought up issues about players being registered vs rostered, as well as holding associations accountable to the same rules that apply to "all". Fall competitive coaches must take mandatory online concussion training. John will give Jeff the link to put up on our website. Kohl's cup will be held last weekend of August and Columbus Day weekend. We might have the potential to enter a team (Columbus Day might be at EG). Next district meeting will be held on April 17 at SRI's office. We need to submit our Bylaws. SRI can provide a novice coaches training session for us for free - Jeff will see if he can come up with some dates.
- John - Signage - need to pick a date to start putting signs out. Registration deadline is March 3rd, so needs to be done this Saturday. John will put them by front gate and send out emails when ready. Flyers / President's Letter need to go to Chamber of Commerce. Steve will make up a 50% coupon for the Welcome To NK move-in greeting package.
- Dave Covell resigned as webmaster. Rosemary will be taking over Web master duties temporarily.

3. Registration Report

- Refunds will be handled by check through Treasurer.
- Number of registered players (compared to previous years) given below:
 - 2010 Fall Rec = 678, Comp = 238
 - 2011 Spring Rec = 548, Comp = 377; Fall Rec = 640, Comp = 220
 - 2012 Spring Rec = 576, Comp = 361; Fall Rec = 569, Comp = 213
 - 2013 Spring Rec = 523, Comp = 346; Fall Rec = 544, Comp = 179
 - 2014 Spring Rec = 107, Comp = 336 (Rec registration still open)
- Dan - Will work on refund process and cut checks. Some financial info isn't categorized correctly. We have 20 competitive teams registered (down from 25 last spring). We are \$13,000 behind in Competitive revenue, which may not be representative of payments made mid-month. Not time to panic yet. We are now tax exempt so that saves us \$4k. Better and more categories will help describe the budget better.

4. Old Business

- Rules and fields - Open Division will increase to 30 min halves, ref fees will increase to \$20 for that referee and \$12 for those two Assistants. Competitive will play on back fields (for most part), Rec will play on front fields. Volunteers are needed all over the place, Competitive coaches were preached to.



- Jeff - Hamilton and Stony Lane elementary schools have both asked us for a scholarship to be used in a raffle for free registration - no problems from Board (and okay if Forest Park asks as well). Suggest that we create a Facebook campaign to generate hits to Website - maybe creative team names or photos contest - winning team gets a pizza party (maybe).

5. **Monthly Reports**

- **Referees** – Ref meeting March 12. Motion that Open games play 30 minute halves and referee pay increases to \$20/\$12\$12, approved unanimously (see above).
- **Foundation** – 13 sponsors so far. Calendar raffle will happen, tickets to be distributed to Comp/Rec/Academy coaches.
- **Equipment** – Rec uniforms ordered, using country colors for World Cup for 10's 12's and Open. Will put together and order for more Ocean State polo shirts for board members.

6. Meeting Adjourned