



Ocean State Soccer School

Board Meeting Minutes - Monday, August 18th, 2014

Present - John Montanaro, Rosemary Stitt, Jenn Gallagher, Joe Colangelo, Pete Merritt, Jeff Wallace, Nancy Fry, Brendan Ennis, Dave Williams, Pat Corso.

1. **Minutes** from the July meeting were approved as presented.
2. **President's Report**
 - 25th Aug SRI AGM, 2 proposals on Community Rule - 1) to go from 4 to 5 communities for U10 and below (presently U14 and below) or 2) abolish community rule entirely. Will be very beneficial to us either way.
 - District South Meeting – Nov 20th next meeting.
 - We will most likely hold a rec team formation night on either August 21st.
 - Jeff Wadowick wants the credit card back as it has his name on and he's concerned around potential misuse such as NE Independent having recently overcharged us by a factor of 10 (\$1,800) for rec. advertising – the amount has since been refunded after it was noticed by Jeff, but Rosemary will get in touch with the Independent to ask for something in return for this incident.
 - John had the new Academy Director's contract signed – will get copy to Rosemary
3. **Registration Report** - 458 for fall rec (minus a couple of refunds pending); 219 for fall competitive, but still climbing; 202 for winter/spring competitive, older age-groups still not fully registered; Academy, total of 6 so far.
4. **Treasurer's Report** - all board members should review, and particularly to ensure that amounts are posted to the right bucket!
5. **Member Comments** – N/A
6. **New Business**
 - **Friends of MS Soccer request** – want to use the backfields from 6am-6pm for the annual soccer festival for the first Saturday in October – this was *approved* by the board, however John will talk to Byron Lind since last year we didn't get due recognition about free use of our facilities.
 - **Lifetouch Sport Photography for Rec Photo Day** – contract is exactly the same as 2 years ago; customer service is awesome – *approved* (John signed the contract at the meeting).
 - **Competitive Director & Rec Director** – Brendan has resigned as Competitive Director and will finish at the coaches' meeting on August 27th; Nancy Fry was voted in with *unanimous approval* as new competitive director with the role effective from Friday 28th August. Jeff Wallace will also be stepping down as Recreational Director at the end of the fall season.
 - **Summer Camp Wrap-up** – went very well; 106 participants, \$18,975 in gross income which is very close to where we were last year. We over-ordered on balls; the excess will go to fall rec; John will get Mark D'Arezzo to join us at a future board meeting since he would like to get the participation of additional quality adult coaches from other schools/towns for future camps.
 - **Winter/Spring Academy** David Williams will work on advertising/publicity once rec sign-up is completed, but meanwhile, we need to emphasise that the Academy is



not for fall since there are multiple questions from parents on this point. We should consider having an open house similar to last year, potentially at WWIS; it would be good to have Mark in action to show what an academy session looks like. Marina stressed difficulties with uniforms last year.

- **NK Chamber of Commerce Greeter Package** – Stephen Souls has produced a flier for the Greeter Package which looks really good, though the 50% discount to new registrations would be very difficult for Jenn to make work.
- Joe requested 3 sets of **coaching sticks** (used for speed and agility training) - \$180 each (includes 6 sticks in each set) Joe will host a training and demonstrate how they're used – *approved*.
- **Fall Higher Level Training** – Greg Murphy has sent a Higher Level training flier; timing for the younger age groups won't work though as they're currently too early in the afternoon to accommodate school/bus schedules.

7. Monthly Reports

- **Rec (Jeff)** – we're very close to registration levels for Fall 2103 though he's worried about the numbers for older girls, particularly U10 (U9-U10 girls have virtually all gone to competitive); also needs coaches, particularly for U4. Re. cross-over games with Warwick Soccer, it's 50/50 whether these will go ahead this season. In addition, Jeff's contact at URI has not (yet) been in touch about OSS Night.
- **Operations (Pete)** – fence project coming along well should be done in under \$3k; will have opening field day before 8am-4pm on Saturday before opening day;
- **Foundation (Pat)** – a couple more sponsors have signed up; Pat will follow-up with the two companies who sponsored the calendar to secure related checks;
- **Equipment (Marina)** – will order the sticks and get more goals; bought new ice-packs which were the only items requested for the fall. DMK has advised that last year we were at the end of the list for delivery since our teams were finalized late compared to other teams and therefore they couldn't guarantee uniforms for start of fall season – the same will likely also happen for this fall season. Marina also stressed that our uniforms contract expires in August 2015; though we could avoid having to transition to a new uniform if we can order everything *before* next August.
- **Competitive (Brendan)** - 18 teams registered for Superliga comprising 10 teams U12 and older and 8 teams U10 and below; 1 Maple team only. Superliga games will be on both Saturday and Sunday games since over 300 teams have to be scheduled for fall. A new requirement this year is that all coaches and team managers completed concussion training.
- **Referees** – Mark could not be present but his pre-meeting report included that at last look, we will have 19 "experienced" referees (people with more than one year's experience), 17 referees who were certified last January, and another 17 referees who are brand new with no experience at all. It will be challenging to get games to all of these people. Are there monetary provisions which would allow Mark to have some referees shadow others as part of their training (and get paid)?.
- Two referee training clinics scheduled for Sunday Aug 24 and Wednesday Aug 27 using OS10 (hopefully). Mark is working with Chris Runci to see if he can get his U-14 team to attend both sessions for simulated games to enhance the training.