



Ocean State Soccer School Board Meeting - Tuesday, April 14th, 2015

Present - John Montanaro; Peter Merritt; Mark Oliver; Bill Gallagher; Pat Corso; Rosemary Stitt; Marina Sweet.

1. President's Report – need to start preparing budget; everyone should think about what they need/want; any adjustments to program charges; are our prices on target. All our programs are currently above water i.e. we're not losing anything. We need to solidify budget in May so we can cover in June board meeting.
 - We need to announce nominations are needed for those board positions to be reelected for the 2015-17 term; meanwhile empty positions are: Vice President; Competitive Director; CFO (Dan Legault resigned on Tuesday March 10th).
 - Recreational – John will send out a mass email to all of the rec parents to double check schedule especially U4, U10, U12 since schedules have changed. However the Opening Day for the Rec Season was great with very few issues.
2. Registration Report – recreational numbers are down by 20 players vs. last year (476 vs. 496 last spring), although this is less than a 5% variance; however competitive numbers are very healthy at 315 vs. 272 last year. Academy numbers are the same as last year for U7 and U8 (I contrast to 2014, we do not have U9 academy this year).
3. Treasurer's Report – GotSoccer has a new service provider for credit card transactions which is cheaper than the prior service provider. Refunds are higher by a large margin compared to 2014; significant expenses, such as rec uniforms are already paid for; field expenses are right on track as are total field maintenance costs; all of our programs are positive; donations are down, however these are offset by higher income from late fees. John has opened a second money market account so that fund-raising proceeds can be managed separately to cash from normal operations; Jeff Wadovick has to sign paperwork for the banks and then the total fundraising proceeds currently in our existing money market account will be moved to the new account.
4. Member Comments – N/A
5. Old Business
 - OSSS Premiere Policy – the board unanimously approved the wording for the Premier Policy sent to the board by Rosemary on March 8th:

Ocean State's Competitive division welcomes registered Premier players whose date of birth places them as U13 or older, with the following provisions:

- a) For purposes of team selection, priority will be given to non-Premier players;
- b) Any player intending to register for a Premier team must disclose this to Ocean State Soccer prior to team-selection.
- c) Premier players may only be added to a team if the full roster already provides for at least three substitutes.
- d) There are no more than two Premier players on any single team.
- e) With consideration to all of the above, a player selected for a team who subsequently registers with a Premier team having not previously disclosed this to Ocean State Soccer prior to team selection may be eliminated from the team's roster and may also forfeit all



registration fees paid to Ocean State Soccer. Determination of the latter decisions will be at the discretion of the board of Ocean State Soccer.

- Rosemary will also amend the Policy & Procedures document with the above wording however the Premier Policy is effective immediately, i.e. as of April 14th 2015.
 - Bruno Alignment – the board unanimously approved an alignment with Bruno. Bill stressed that this needs to be announced prior to try-outs since it's a selling point for us; we also need to figure out cost (John will work on this) since everyone on a team playing under the Bruno umbrella will have to join US Club Soccer (this will be covered by team, not be OSS); we will also need to add to our try-out form a question around whether someone wants to play in Premier.
 - U14 Girls Rhody Status – only 1 player ultimately transferred to the team from NK; this followed a proposed combination of the OSS/NK U14 Rhody teams since both had been low on numbers however the NK team was ultimately dissolved.
 - Volunteer Incentives – Rosemary to confirm if this was actually board approved.
6. New Business (10 minutes)
- OSSS Rules Committee – John will revive this.
 - Scholarship committee – will make recommendations on scholarship recipients at the May board meeting.
7. Monthly Reports
- Equipment (Marina) – not much to report.
 - Referees (Mark) – no ref issues for the first weekend of the season in addition, only 1 out of 12 referees for competitive games filled out the on-line game report incorrectly. However due to school vacations, filling all referee slots this weekend will be challenging;
 - Operations (Pete) \$461 was deposited from the Concession stand after Saturday. Had a couple of starting problems as 1 coffee pot exploded due to freeze-thaw in the winter (the other needed repairs, which have been completed), in addition various repairs are needed to the concession stand repairs since a wall is rotting in 2 areas and in addition, the awning is rotting. We could repair the concession stand or could alternatively plan to replace. In addition, Pete needs to get bids to replace an area of fencing (Pete had planned to do the work himself but is now very pinched on time).
 - Foundation (Pat) – we have a number of new sign sponsors (include Carney Pierson Wealth Management; Frizzie's Pub; Izzi Orthodontists and Happy Nest Laundry). However, Pat will not be able to run a Calendar Raffle this year.
 - Competitive/Development (John) Nancy Fry will help coordinate try-outs;
8. Meeting Adjourned