



Ocean State Soccer School

Board Meeting Tuesday, February 10th, 2015

Present: John Montanaro; Bill Gallagher; Pat Corso; Mark Oliver; Rosemary Stitt

Members: Byron Lind; Erin Watson; Bob Edgar

1. **Minutes** – Jan 2015 – these were not reviewed and voted on for approval due to the lack of a quorum (only 5 board members were present vs. the required quorum of 6).
2. **President's Report**
 - SRI Council meeting – meeting was postponed from Monday 9th February; moved to 23rd February;
 - Superliga Alignment Meeting – to be held on Wednesday February 11th
 - Rec coaches Meeting; scheduled for Wednesday 25th March;
 - Comp coaches meeting; TBD but will be sometime in Mid-March (Mark flagged that the referee meeting will be on March 18th).
 - Lots of positive feedback on Speed and Agility; will continue to have it as an integral part of our program. There will be optional sessions when spring starts (outside) – families will have to pay for these. There will also be some Revolution programs scheduled provided we can keep costs affordable; it's important that we maintain a quality product.
3. **Registration Report** – 300+ competitive players for spring; 66 in the academy;
4. **Treasurer's Report** – our numbers look good; some competitive income still coming in (for late registrations i.e. new additions).
5. **Member Comments** – N/A
6. **Old Business**
 - Academy Status – 4 U8 teams will be playing Superliga; around 20 players will be staying in rec for spring as they're not yet ready to transition.
 - Rec Ads Status – have had our flier on the NK and EG list-serves; had a half page ad in the NK View in February and ads will be appearing in the NK Standard Times.
7. **New Business**
 - **Volunteer Incentive Options / Strategy** - a \$250, flat fee will be offered to volunteers who fill key positions – John will send out a mass email;
 - **OS Premiere Policy** – John outlined the potential to make some tweaks to our existing Premier Policy, particularly for the older age-groups with larger rosters. Byron Lind emphasized the benefits of having premier players on a team including that stronger players generally raise the level of play of the team as a whole. Erin Watson, whose daughter currently plays for Bruno but meanwhile would like to be able to also play with her former team-mates on the U14 Girls Gold Team, read out a letter from her daughter addressed to the board outlining her reasons for wanting to rejoin OSS. Without a quorum of board members, a decision on any potential changes to the premier policy could not be taken, however the board will reconsider the issue of premier players at the March board meeting.



- **Scholarship Application** – has been posted on the website and also sent out to the NK, EG and EWG high schools.
 - **NKSA Field Use Application** – NK had requested to use our fields as part of the Fathers' Day tournament in June; discussion included operation of the concession stand; possibly age-group limitations for teams playing on our property; parking constraints and insurance. John will set up a meeting with NK to further discuss and clarify these and other issues.
 - **NE Revolution Partnership Tickets** – it was decided not to pursue the solicitation from the Revolution to offer \$5 off tickets to our members.
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