



## *Ocean State Soccer School Board Meeting Minutes - November 10th, 2015*

Present: John Montanaro; Peter Merritt; Mark Oliver; Marina Sweet; Rosemary Stitt; Sunjay Patil

1. Minutes – October 2015 – approved as presented
2. President's Report
  - Superliga Mtg 11/9, 7pm – John couldn't attend the meeting but had forwarded concerns about kids playing down under the Club Pass program; it seems that this issue was not discussed in the meeting and meanwhile was not raised by any other association raised the issue; **John will therefore draft an item to be distributed to all associations.** There was also discussion about the goal differential policy which appears to be inconsistently enforced; wording is also unclear.
  - Going forward, Superliga rules for both Fall and Spring will be the same.
  - U8-U10 headers will be banned by US Soccer Federation; limited heading will be allowed for older age-groups. DOB age-groups will change to calendar year in 2017; will revert to 4 v 4 U8 format.
  - Dates Spring 2016 – given the changes in the NK school calendar effective from 2016, the April vacation week may be an issue for the rec season in terms of both enough players for teams and Mark having enough referees – **at the rec coaches' meeting, coaches should therefore be asked to poll parents about vacation plans; discussed possibly dropping the second Saturday of the April vacation if there is a risk of insufficient players.**
3. Registration Report
  - Academy registrations: 54; Fall Comp: 221; Fall Rec: 529; W/S Comp 270 (still in progress)
  - New Database Provider – meeting on 11/19 which Jenn will attend.
4. Treasurer's Report – we're ahead on the rec side but down (vs. budget) approx. \$10k on competitive albeit this could be due to late registrations; plus academy numbers are higher so it will balance out if not surpass projections. Concession stand has been going very well indeed.
5. Member Comments – N/A
6. Old Business
  - **Volunteers – once a list of parents/emails by team is received from John, Rosemary will convert the concession state "sign-up" list of volunteers into a database and send out thank you to all, also asking for volunteers for additional needs. It was agreed that all jobs need to be broken into small chunks. Jesse O'Connor will be taking over the cook-out from Cheryl Merritt.**
  - **Patches – Board approved that Patches will be available for U12 and younger for tournaments, however coaches who want patches will have to request them ahead of time so they can be ordered.**
  - **Trophies – For Rec season purposes, going forward only U10s and below will receive trophies will go - Board approved.** Will also add a question to the



registration form on whether parents of U9 and U10s want their children to get trophies.

7. New Business

- A discipline issue was discussed and the means of addressing the individual involved was agreed i.e. an email containing a warning would be sent; the email was to be modelled off an email sent to a different individual following a disciplinary issue in late September.

8. Monthly Reports

- Equipment (Marina) -
- Safety (Bill) – not present
- Referees (Mark) – pending approval by the State Referee Committee, there will be a referee clinic in December at Coldspring Community Center; also suggested that during the season, money to pay referees could be taken from the concession stand the prior Saturday so there's no problem getting money.
- Operations (Pete) – nothing to report; although Pete is stepping down as Director of Operations, he will continue to manage OSS' recycling program; Pete also recommends that the concession stand job should be broken down into small chunks for potential new incumbents.
- Foundation (Mike) – not present
- Competitive/Development – a Coaches' Clinic was recently held at Higher Level - 9 coaches attended;
- One Financial Aid application was approved.

9. Meeting Adjourns