



***Ocean State Soccer School
Board Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, October 4th, 2016
7:30-9pm***

***Board Approval
Follow-Up needed***

Present: John Montanaro, Mark Oliver, Lorna Thompson, Scott Parkes, Sunjay Patil, Bill Gallagher, Rosemary Stitt, Stephen Souls, Shaye Siciliano, Greg Hall

1. **Minutes** – September Meeting – approved as presented other than revising the date of the Kohl’s Cup tournament to October 1st and 2nd.
2. **President’s Report**
 - John recently met with Director of Coaches from South County to discuss issues of mutual interest including the state-wide decline in rec enrolment (which is attributed to both players who would otherwise play rec, instead playing in competitive leagues, coupled with the growing presence and reach of premier clubs).
 - District Meeting – will be held 17 October – 7.30pm at the Pump House restaurant in Peacedale – any interested board members, in addition to John, can also attend.
3. **Registration Report** – lower registration numbers for rec (plus being over budget in a few areas) means we have to be cautious on costs.
4. **Member Comments** – N/A
5. **Old Business**
 - There is an ad for the Academy in the October NK View.
 - Parking Lot / Trees – Bill will get trees bordering the driveway/parking cut back; will also fix the front driveway as well as the driveway going to the back fields
6. **New Business**
 - **Cookout Day** – Volunteers are needed; various parents volunteered to help with the cookout when they registered their children – follow-up to get them involved is needed.
 - **WBCA Field Use Application** for October 22 from 7.45am-10.30am (OS13) – **Approved by the board at a cost of \$100 – Follow-Up item:** Rosemary to communicate the board’s approval on field-use (and cost) to WBCA and also get their insurance certificate.
 - **U6 Indoor** – Brendan Ennis has proposed organizing an indoor scrimmage for U6s on a regular basis during the winter – in addition to coordinating, he will also locate a suitable space.
 - **Contracts/Docs/Records Management** – this was a follow-up from the September board meeting in which Rosemary had asked all contracts and documents be sent to her so that all can be lodged on the web-site in a dedicated folder (Board of Directors



documents/Miscellaneous folder) and are therefore available and accessible to all Board members as and when needed (by necessity the folder is not publicly accessible; board members with administrative rights to the web-site can access and can share documents with other board members). John discussed a list of documents and contracts (subsequently shared with the BoD an email) all of which should be included on the web-site if not already there. **Follow-Up item** Rosemary will get in touch with Jeff Wallace who may have the Challenger contract. **Follow-Up item** John will send to Rosemary the previous two Marriot Hotel contracts (the most recent on the website extended to May 2014) as well as the WWIS contract and the current Insurance certificate.

- John advised that there were no Marriott Points received by him for the 2015-16 contract, but that he will receive them in relation to the 2017-18 contract and will use them to obtain rooms for non-parent coaches (i.e. the points earned in 2017 can then be used for the 2018 stay). Per John, it is not possible to have the points allocated to an account in the name of Ocean State Soccer and therefore they have to be allocated to a personal account. John advised he's signed a new contract with the Marriott in the spring – this provides for 4 free rooms (which will also be given to non-parent coaches); in addition, room rates under the new contract have risen.
- Rosemary requested that for future purposes (in keeping with the By-Laws), all contracts are discussed with the board and voted on prior to being signed/finalized.
- **Website Contact List Updates** – **Follow-Up item** – board members should advise Rosemary if any contact details (or names!) need to be updated or revised.

7. Monthly Reports

- **Referees** – Bill will give a verbal warning to a coach who has been the subject of repeat complaints during the Fall 2016 season.
- **Operations** – in addition to trees being trimmed on 10/6, Bill will discuss pot-holes being repaired.
- **Development** – Sunjay recommends emphasizing the club's North Kingstown roots in our ads and marketing "A North Kingstown Tradition" is his initial suggestion, although it was also pointed out that we don't want to employ a slogan that may inadvertently also lose the potential interest of players from other towns. **Follow-Up item: Stephen Souls will chair a meeting on marketing.**
- **Competitive** – the schedule for indoor at WWIS is the same as 2015-16 except for an additional hour on Monday (8-9pm); Rosemary is coordinating the WWIS practice schedule.