Opening: The General Meeting of the SCOG Board was called to order at 7:18 PM on April 24th, 2014 in the Guilford Community Center by Joe Guerra its’ President.

Present: Joseph Guerra, Meg Malatesta, Brett Donoghue, Dan Miller, Joshua Krusewski, Duncan McClintock, Tim Paris, Shadi AbuGhazaleh, Enrique Rivera

Absent: Victoria Corsini, Gene Mulone

Attendees: Rick Maynard, Paul Schmidt

Approval of Agenda
The agenda was unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes General Meeting
A motion to accept March minutes was made by Joe Guerra and seconded by Duncan McClintock.

Board Member Reports

President
Joe Guerra

1. Welcome to:
   1.1. Actively pursuing filling the vacant positions of Vice President and Treasurer. No traction as of yet.
   1.2. Tax season has delayed the process to receive quotes, interview, hire and engage with an independent auditor to review the SCOG “books”, bank accounts and payroll. This will require an allocation of funds to be determined after receiving quotes. We will be looking for a member of the SCOG to head this up. This will also ease the transition for anyone thinking about taking on the Treasurers role.

1.3. Establish a nominations committee for elections this spring
   1.3.1. Bylaw excerpts below:
   1.3.2. The Vice President shall establish the Nominating Committee
   1.3.3. Establishment of a Nominating Committee
      1.3.3.1. The Executive Board will select and announce a Nominating Committee.
      1.3.3.2. The committee will consist of three (3) Club members.
      1.3.3.3. The announcement will be at least 60 days prior to the annual election.
   1.3.4. Duties of the Nominating Committee
      1.3.4.1. The Nominating Committee shall be responsible for pre-election activities. It will:
         1.3.4.1.1. Ascertain who is interested in each job.
         1.3.4.1.2. Solicit each candidate’s biographical information and ensure appropriate availability to the membership.
         1.3.4.1.3. Ensure a public announcement of the annual elections.
         1.3.4.1.4. Prepare the ballot of candidates for each position.
         1.3.4.1.5. Ensure a minimum of one candidate for each position.
      1.3.4.2. The Nominating Committee shall be responsible for the election night activities and will carry-on the process to ensure that all positions are filled.
   1.3.5. Election of officers shall take place at the June membership meeting.
1.3.6. To hold elections in June we needed to announce the committee April 13. We have missed this date. The Executive Committee meeting this evening after the General Session will determine when elections will be held.

1.4. The financial statements from the SCOG dating back to Fiscal Year 2009 are available in printed form at tonight's meeting. Included for Each Fiscal Year: Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss, Profit and Loss Detail Entries.

**Vice President**
Unfilled Position

**Treasurer**
Unfilled Position

Dan Miller motions to accept financial reports, Joe seconded.

**Registrar**
Victoria Corsini
Sandra MacMillan, Assistant Registrar

**Tasks that have been Accomplished or Almost Accomplished:**

**Age Verification of Players (Birth Records)**

- Verified the age of all players on the *Spring Season's Travel and Comp teams* (includes adjusting the ages and/or names of players when necessary). This was accomplished by either 1) finding the player in the CJSA database where the birth date had already been verified or 2) obtaining a copy of the player's birth record. Includes emailing any documents we obtained to CJSA so that they could also verify this information as uploaded by us into their system.

- Obtained and similarly processed a significant number of the birth records for all inhouse players. Note that this is a one time project. It is necessary because although SCOG (and CJSA?) has always required all players on all teams to provide a copy of their birth record, the club has not until recently had the resources to request, gather and process all the documents necessary for this requirement to be met.

**Player Passes**

- Cropped all photos we received for the various player passes required by CJSA to participate on travel and comp teams

**Possible Future Tasks**

- Finish collecting and processing the birth records of the inhouse players that are still outstanding. Includes updating our system to reflect this verification of the players' ages (Remaining Task)

- Take photos of the players on all teams where we used photos from past seasons to generate their Spring Season passes. (Preparation for the Fall Season, so that all player passes issued in the Fall will contain current photos).

**CJSA Roster and Passes**

- All teams submitted to CJSA
- All rosters have been approved
All player passes have been printed (only two left to pick up)
There is only one pass I need to print for the U19 boys as I see that roster has just been approved again!

**Director of Coaching**
Josh Krusewski

We are underway thank goodness

Glad we had gym time, thx Duncan

Out last Wednesday, saw U13G
Tonight with Brett saw

3 teams last Wednesday chose to cancel training even though fields were not closed. emailing went to coaches addressing this and options

Some teams have listened and have gone outside district to get better competition should they need / want it

Tournaments on TC side set except for U19 BG

U5 Clinic starts Saturday with Adam Cohen SCSU staff

GK training 5/5-6/9 $15 on Mon Wed

Opened discussion point about U10 IHR teams attending clinton with Tim, Meg and Brett

U10 within SCD continues. Must refer to games as friendlies and strict "blowout" rules, subject to fines

Starting to look at and construct tryout schedule and coaching assignments

5/21 meeting scheduled to discuss with rising 10s about U10 TR program AND other programs offered

Coaching apparel at Zuses to "fill in"

Camp thought process with Joe for future

**Director of Recreational Programming**
Brett Donoghue

- U6-U7 Micro Soccer is off to a good start. Everson's trainers have been on time, really engaged and making the training a fun, positive experience. The parent volunteers are getting more involved which is great. Looking for numbers to increase since previous weekends included holiday/vacation.
- Been out to a few practices so far. Will be attending more games/training in the future.
- Spoke with Adam Cohen regarding U-5 Soccer and we are all set to begin. Will be attending to start speaking with parents to get coaches for U-6 for the fall.

**In-House Rec Coordinator – Boys**
Meg Malatesta
Overall all is going well. Few fires needing to be put out so far.

Bills (Zuse and GSG) have been sent to SCOG president for shirts

**U9-10**

- boys have scheduled make-ups due to weather and Easter Sunday conflict.
- Looking into entering U9/10 boys into SCD Joseph A. Conte Recreastional Tournament

**U8**

- U8 boys are in the process of setting make-up game
- Commissioner sent out email remind coaches to not run up score of games. This sparked a positive exchange of emails between coaches of a variety of ideas that they could use to contain the score.
- ? should we schedule a round robin on the last scheduled Saturday between all the teams

**Micro U6/7**

- Everson coaches have continued to engage kids and most seem to be having fun.
- Seeking feedback from all coaches in regards to posted skills session on website
- Continued effort by Brett to encourage parent participation
- ? should we schedule make-up on 6/21/14 for rain out

**In-House Rec Coordinator – Girls**

Tim Paris

Spring season up and running! Commissioners have done a good job getting the teams and schedules organized. U7 was a challenge getting coaching volunteers. No indications of jersey issues with Guilford Sporting Goods. As with last season, jerseys were problematic and last minute at Zuse, requiring several visits and reviews by me and commissioners down to late afternoon on Friday the day before we started games.

**District Representative**

Dan Miller

District News:
Looking for a new Director of Coaching

ODP named new Director, Jim O’Brien
All ODP training ends 4/27
2014-2015 tryouts in June
Looking to Expand the YPDP
Region 1 Tournament in June in New Jersey
Guilford Represented by close to 10 players

Tickets available for June 1 Friendly- USA vs Turkey- Red Bull Stadium
Contact Thom Meredith at the CJSA Office.

3 New clubs approved this winter
Concussions big topic, stay tuned for drastic changes in their approach
Reminder...Every volunteer needs to get background check, good idea to get passes for all of them.

June 21, Rec Tournament in Cheshire. - Best rec tournament in state, and it’s free!

District News:
Big issue with U-10’s this year. Teams winning, 7-0, 8-0 etc..
There is a 5 goal rule in effect now. Please adhere to it. Take players off the field, change around positions, TELL THEM NOT TO SCORE!

Reminder...Every volunteer needs to get background check, good idea to get passes for all of them.

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Clinton Tournament coming May 17th.

Dir. Of Referees: All games in the Cup must be in Central Assign by the Tuesday before the match. Could lose home game if in too late.
Make sure home teams are looking for Neutral Referees
Ref Symposums going on, allowing refs chances to advance. Last one was back in December and a big hit.

Make sure the home refs are going through all the check points to prepare for game.
The district has had a few instances where referees were not prepared and teams who lost filed a protest and were awarded a replay.

Teams must have certified roster for each game, but players can play in the game if their pass is missing. Game should not be effected if one player does not have a pass. Play the game and CJSA will deal with it after to make sure the player was legitimate. They just need to sign the roster.

Deadline for Spring shirt orders is May 15.

**Travel Director**
Shadi AbuGhazaleh

I am learning a lot in my first month in the position, and appreciate Joe's guidance.
Joe had given the coach/manager training to the travel coaching staff which went well.
We are working through making sure that all teams were registered for their selected tournaments.

**Referee Coordinator**
Gene Mulone
No updates submitted

**Equipment Manager**
Tim Paris

We replenished inventory and arranged distribution to IHR and travel teams. As with last spring, with so many returning coaches, the demand for supplies was lower than in the fall. Duffel bags stocked with equipment and med kits for micro boys and girls are in the Leete Shed, along with some extra equipment for ad hoc use. Beyond that, all inventory is stored at my house for safekeeping.
From my standpoint, not much has changed in the last two weeks since our last meeting, and I will not be attending the meeting tomorrow night.

**Fields Coordinator**
Duncan McClintock

1. Wet conditions are still an issue on the fields, but they are quickly improving
2. We had a week delay in the opening of the fields for training and the first Saturday of the season was a disaster
3. Much jockeying of fields, practices and games, but things are quieting down
   3.1. Of course, rain is predicted for Friday night into Saturday morning!
4. All fields are open, with the exception of Bittner, which will open the first week of May

**Web Administrator**
Joe Guerra

1. Potential duplicates at 354.
2. Current season collections $528.50. Past collection balance remains $75.00.
3. Working with CISA system and the Registrars to upload to the SCOG system the CISA permanent number so upload of Coaches and Players is easier. League Athletics now allows this. Joe Zizik, CISA registrar, has encouraged to do this if we can. We are about 50% complete.
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**Soccerfect Treasurer**

Joe Guerra

**Old Business**

**New Business**

1. Rick Maynard
   a. Net on south side of Bittner park field was down. It is back up now.
   b. There is a ban on pesticides on all school fields.
      i. There is a proposal in three weeks in the legislature for a ban on all fields.
      ii. Park and Rec will keep re-seeding fields to avoid grubs

2. Paul Schmidt
   a. There is a proposal in place to repair upper Cox to have two fields going east/west instead of one field going north/south
      i. The proposal was for $17K. He is asking the club to fund either all or part of the bill.
      ii. There is an additional $5K for electrical engineering and lighting design
      iii. Need funding in place by August 1st. Need a funding commitment by end of June.
      iv. Field would be unavailable Fall 2015 and Spring 2016. It would be ready for September 2016.

3. Age level playing up for In-house Rec. It was decided to follow the Age matrix as per CJSA and US Soccer.

**Motion To Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn by Dan Miller at 8:55 PM and seconded by Tim Paris.