

Meeting 12-9-2014 at Whittmore Library, Naugatuck

Call to order 7:07

Attendance: Edwin Croft, Diane Teixeira, Andy McDonnell, Nichole Jones, Marybeth Kiely, Krista Gloden, Amy Keach, Tracy O'Donnell, John DeCampos, Lisa Murphy, Darlene Lawson, Vicki Krooss, Manuel Silva, Luis Martinez

**Up for elections:**

- VP – Amy Keach only candidate
- Purchasing – Roger Simoes only candidate
- Treasurer – Paula Gabriel only candidate

Introduction of the board

Open position of the advisory board and intro of the current advisory board members.

Motion to accept Andy McDonnell to one year advisory board term. Motion by Diane; second by Amy. Motion passed.

**Year in review by President:**

- Communication
  - o major goal to make the president more visible
  - o website communication – getting info out
  - o electronic newsletters
  - o email blasts
- By-law changes – 3
  - o Email meetings for emergency votes
  - o AGM dates – changed to first meeting of Dec because it used to fall Tues before Thanksgiving.
  - o Asst Dir role – helps with making quorum
- Opening Day – first time this year – received great feedback. Some changes to be made to include better organization, getting kids to the skills clinics quicker, etc
- Job descriptions on the website for future board members

**Board member updates:**

- VP
  - o Getting indoor practice times for the winter
  - o Field and equip assessment – let us know what you see
- Treasurer
  - o Review of budget – Darlene asked for more time to review before voting on passes. Will review and vote on budget in next meeting
- Publicity
  - o Moved tournament to Nov 8 & 9
  - o 25 teams
  - o Reviewed NIST report
  - o Goal – more sponsors and more fields
- Registrar

- 612 [registered players](#) in Spring
- 443 [registered players](#) in Fall
- Birth Certs – created a Google drive for SCD to verify dates
- Review of next registration walk in dates
- Waiver request for U10 girl for Spring
  - Motion by Manny to waive fee; second by Diane. Motion passed.
- Comp must register by end of Jan
- 5/6
  - Dir and Asst working better together, better communication
  - Liked the awards ceremony for the younger kids
  - Suggest better mentor program for new coaches – work with Mike Legates on this
  - Thought the Opening Day was great
  - Need better communication with board and coaches
  - More volunteers
- 7/8
  - Recommends keeping 7/8 co-ed
  - Great season
- 9/10
  - Talked about quasi-draft that we began doing a few seasons ago
  - Discussed how we can improve on it
    - Invite un-biased coaches to help with making teams
    - Rate players
  - Mentor program for coaches and bring them in a season before at least at the end of the season to get comfortable with the kids and the age group rules
- Pool
  - Made great strides. Had a lot of growing pains. Short coaches/players for one of the teams
  - John DeCampos will be the Pool Asst Dir
  - Working with Mike Legates on bettering the program
  - Getting coaches ready for next year to take over
  - Revising the guidelines for more practice times and some other things that need work
  - John feels that U9 should not have any games in the Fall but felt that the U9 boys had a lot of games. Should be one way for both but suggests using the Fall for practice and development, not games
- Girls travel
  - Had a great season
  - Considering doing concessions every weekend
- Boys travel
  - Great season
  - The U15 team invited to the Presidents tournament. Response is needed by Dec 15 2014 and \$500 for tournament in May. Balance due by January 17 2015
    - 2 votes
      - Allow the team to go to the President's Cup in PA
        - Motion by Darlene; second by Diane. Motion passed



- Assistant Pool Director
  - o Motion by Vicki to bring John DeCampos on as Pool Asst; second by Amy. Motion passed

Motion to adjourn: Motion by Amy; second by Vicki. Meeting adjourned at 9:01PM