



Granby Rovers Soccer Club

Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2010

Opening:

A regular meeting of the Granby Rovers Soccer Club was held at 7:00 PM on Thursday February 3rd, 2009 in the Granby Board of Education building. Attendees included:

U09 Boys - None present
U10 Boys - Deb Ranicar, Jerry McDonald
U11 Boys - Shawn Bendig
U12 Boys - David White, Terri Ziemnicki, Kelly Rome
U13 Boys - Pat O'Donnell
U14 Boys – Marc Chrisatelli, Becky Seilman

U9 Girls - None present
U10 Girls – Maureen Schultheis, Heather Tweeddale
U11 Girls – Sandy Everett
U12 Girls – None present
U13 Girls – None present
U14 Girls - Matt Wutka

Others present: Mary Hunt, John Lombardi, Linda Holden, Joe Yorio, Karrie MacDonald-Shtekler, Dave Emery, Joe Rondinone

I. Minutes

The meeting was opened with David White asking for approval for prior meetings' minutes. Minutes were approved.

II. Treasurer's Report (Linda Holden)

Linda reported that nothing major is new. Spring assessments will be same dollar amount as fall assessments.

III. Registrar's Report (Terri Ziemnicki)

A request to turn in players passes was made. Terri mentioned that new players require new photos and birth certificates. Old passes will work and not require birth certificates if they were a past Rovers player but still have passes.

Everything must be done by March 31st, registrations, birth certificates, players passes, etc.

Girls – there will be one U18 team and possibly one U16, Shawn was confident on Boys U16 and U18.

If you know your team is set just let Terri know with deletions and additions on who isn't returning or with any new players because that will be much easier for her.

IV. Coaching Director's Report (Dave Emery)

There are 16 people signed up for the Mohegan Sun clinic which is great representation, no other town in Ct has that representation – kudos to Rovers for picking up tabs. There are 5 registered from HS including great representation from the girl's side.

Only 4 people signed up for E license.

Pass the word that there is mandatory attendance at E source license beginning Thursday night.

We are only being charged for 15 people because Rick is attending and is major resource for this club through Mohegan Sun. We are doing well thanks to Rick for all he is doing. He helped us get new equipment, goals, practice equipment, etc. all due to his involvement and resources.

Clinic clean up – whoever signed up for Mohegan Sun is an excellent resource for clean up responsibilities and is mandatory in helping with clean up. This is your contribution since the Rovers is paying for the Mohegan Sun clinic.

Dave hasn't had any luck with regards to the long running saga inside Granby HS or any facility however Matt was successful and we are now finalizing details.

David mentioned that Saturday is traditionally a less attended day for the Mohegan Sun event and would like everyone to make a great attempt at going to the Saturday session... Ray Reid will be present on Saturday.

Break out sessions have improved from prior years.

Becky mentioned two tennis facilities in Simsbury that may be available for pick up soccer sessions.

V. Boys Coaching Director (Matt Wutka)

The U10 boys, U11, 12, 13, and U14 have times. We still have times available for pick up soccer. Early sessions available at the middle school and late time slot at wells. Plus the large gym at high school is becoming available Mar 13 – April 16th. U11 girls chose Monday 6:30 – 8:00. U10 girls, chose Wed 6:30m- 8:00.

Rick presented to booster club that if any need for additional bleachers at HS he is comfortable that there will be 2 more sets available. If no need, we can get them for Rovers field if we want them.

VI. Girls Coaching Director (Mary Hunt)

Still trying to make up teams. Nothing from U9, U10 has 17 girls, U11 has 9 and U12 / U13 will play together because not enough players.

David asked if any potential U12 coaches for fall.

HS teams are being worked on. We are thinking about 2 coaches however historically only needed one.

Shawn Bendig is U18, U16 boys coach and his teams are TBA.

Shawn will get email feelers out at high school level to understand interest.

Any high school soccer player interested in playing for girls U16 and U18 team please contact Shawn Bendig (or boys, girls Director).

Karrie to post in Granby Drummer and Granby News for high school interest. Rovers HS teams are coached by John Lombardi – HS Girls, Shawn Bendig – HS boys.

VII. Website (_____)

Shawn Bendig is hopeful that vacancy can be replaced with Kelly Rome. Dave, Kelly, Shawn got together and went over what was relevant for website. Like maintaining rosters, distribution lists, etc.

The objective is to get out all pertinent info prior to spring season. Shawn encourages everyone to go to site, give us ideas on what you would like to see and we are open to any and all ideas.

David commented that Shawn and Kelly were doing a great job as its come a long way in two months.

Kelly asked all coaches to go on website and check personal info for updating, etc.

Kelly checked before she left, there are 5 signed up for spring clinic and 4 new registered participants for Rovers soccer

K, 1 -2's has a concern that Kearns school is a huge deal trying to get information out to parents who do not know about Rovers. If anyone has ideas on how info get to school please advise. Deb will present a flyer on digital backpack.

A sandwich board to go up on Canton Road and center at the center of town. Deb will get posting on bulleting board at Kearns school.

Articles for younger kids to Drummer and Granby News was requested and Karrie will ensure that a publication makes next months' papers.

A mention that advertising with Granby Little League might get word out.

VIII. Field Maintenance (Shawn Bendig)

Shawn thanked Rick Orluck and John Corallo as there are 4 brand new aluminum bleachers that rick was able to get a tremendous deal on. They came assembled, John Corrallo's Go Rapid Express business donated the transport. Matt, George Calder, Dave, and numerous others helped to put in place.

With two at each field, ample seating for people that don't bring own seats. Kudos to Rick and John.

Nothing new from public works but David met with architect and talked about initial phases of building pavilion and snack shop between field 2 and 3. The architect designed Simsbury Library and Simsbury firehouse. He is willing to donate his time and thinking about doing this in one day build like a barn raising. It would require about 5 or 6 carpenters to have assembled in a day and then we can take time on interior and design. It's in infancy stages of discussion. Drawings were sent to David and it's a basic post and beam type frame.

It's 30' x 24' storage area for supplies and snacks, golf cart and covered pavilion. David passed out rough draft drawing.

David is also speaking to the town to get power down to parking lot. Need to get power from parking lot to new snack shop. Once we get to the stage of discussing power David will contact local contractors. He already spoke to an electrical supplier who will donate electrical boxes.

One of the contingencies we need to ensure are that the building needs to be vandalism proof, bear proof.

We would want a foundation and not sure if we can do that in flood plain so it's all still being discussed.

IX. Referees Report (Pam Hansen)

Not in attendance – Pam Hansen

Terri announced new referee training process now on line which will be much easier for younger referees –

X. Vice President (Pat O'Donnell)

Nothing new to report

XI. Old Business

- **Topic:** First aid course Thursday April 8th and April 10th, time TBD cost is picked up by Rovers. Its only first aid not CPR, you go either the 8th or the 10th not both days.
- **Topic:** Mohegan Sun coach's clinic Feb 25th – 27th
- **Topic:** Spring Clinic registration is available on line and ready to go.

Jeff Holden will oversee clinic, volunteers required if you are going to Mohegan Sun clinic.

First day is hectic with registration. Need coaches there for help with participation.

Background checks required for any assistant coach, coach manager, go to CJSA website to register. List was read of all people that passed the background check. Any coach or asst coach that hadn't done background checks received an email.

XI. New Business

- Topic: Teams that have 2 teams with same gender, same age, need to differentiate with team name.
- Topic: Strength of team – need to tell CJSA ranking
- Topic: Still no date on Lacrosse
- Spring season important dates will be sent to coaches, no scheduling meeting.
- 1st weekend of play April 18th, do not schedule any games in Granby on 17th and 18th. Check with your players as this is also school vacation and we will need to know if kids are available.
- Ct cup registration
- League application due by March
- Ray Reid Camp, July 12th-16th
- March elections, Boys Director, Becky is interested
- Website – Kelly interested
- If anyone thinks they will be vacating position next year, please advise asap. Would be nice to have shadow if you are planning on leaving.

- Article for March Drummer for clinic sign ups
- Future spring registration can be avail on website.
- Anyone signing up on website and registering on website, Kelly will advise coaches and Terri. If you have anyone register through team manager or coach you do not have to register on website.
- Any teams interested in having MLS coach for spring , please contact Matt. Cost will be the same.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20PM. The next general meeting will be on March 4th, 2009; at 7:00 p.m. at the BOE.

Minutes submitted by: Karrie MacDonald-Shtekler

Approved by: