



# September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010

## Suffield Soccer Club Meeting Minutes

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### Raj Ghosh - President

- Season start this weekend – 9/11
- Enter Scores on bysa.org website weekly/ passwords to be forwarded to coaches – any fines for scores not entered will be passed onto the team’s head coach and manager
- Coach and Manager of the Year Celebration – 10/2 at the Cracker Barrel 7pm. Tickets \$20pp, 50/50 raffle/silent auction, buffet dinner, cash bar.
- Goalkeeper Training – starts Wednesday 9/15 [4:30 – 5:30 U9-U11] & [5:30 – 6:30 U12 – U14]. Offered by Christian Benjamin of Keeperstop.com. Weekly training, building on prior week so weekly attendance recommended. No cost to club players.
- Reminders - Maximum of 3 home friendly games during Fall season, max of 2 in Spring season
  - Any fees associated with forfeit of Connecticut Cup play due to inability to field team will be responsibility of head coach/manager

### Dave DelVaglio- Vice President

- Please notify Dave if you need an “emergency” change or add to practice schedule.
- Game balls & equipment distributed.
- For those who are awaiting goalie shirts, they are expected next weekend.

### Alison Mnich - Registrar

- Official League Rosters & player passes were distributed
- Cup Rosters frozen and will be sent via mail to the “contact” listed on GotSoccer.com

### Tricia Martin – Referee Coordinator

- Ref fees are being raised \$3 across the board to be competitive with other towns. No increases for at least 3 years. We have built a solid pool of refs, need to keep fees competitive in order to keep them.
- Submit list of all home games scheduled
- Minimum of 48 hours notification of canceled games must be made - fees associated with this not occurring will be passed onto head coach/manager.

### Janet Werenski – Secretary

- Backpacks available for pickup, remaining by 9/25; shorts,socks,hoodies,t’s umbrellas still avail
- Coach and Manager of the Year: Event Ticket packets & Raffle tix will be distributed to team managers
  - Need help obtaining donations for Silent Auction
- Mandatory Suffield Tournament Volunteer Hours. 3-4 hours per child in club. No shows or late shows will be imposed fine. Fine must be paid in order for child to be eligible for next season.
- Photo Day for team & individual photos will be announced shortly. Looking for day where majority of teams have home game.

### Dave Pasquariello – Director of Coaching

- Looking to develop a Coaches Handbook –links, drills, etc. Most likely not available until winter.
- Professional training for coaches and players for the fall. Looking to establish a committee to look at various options:
  - Bring in a "professional" to run a practice with your team (TBD frequency)
  - "in-house" experienced coaches assist others
  - Coaching Clinics / E & D license
- Looking at offering training for the players during the winter



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Mark Cervione – Director of Fields

- Drought conditions this year have really impacted fields. Looking to purchase sprinklers for fields.
- Continue to look for new fields for soccer club

Debbie Viets - Treasurer

- Tournament raised approx \$25k. Tourney is our largest fundraiser to offset club operating expenses
  - Awaiting one outstanding fee of \$1,900
  - \$25k Profit comparable to past years. This is good considering we had fewer teams.
- Budget Discussion. Reviewed P&L for the club and example of Team expenses & income. Many of our teams are running at a deficit.
- Programs being modified to help cut costs
  - SSC covering registration fees for only 1 tournament plus Suffield Tourney
  - \$10 gift/season will be eliminated
  - Club will cover Turf play for only 1 game (league or turf) per team. If team would like additional turf games, team will incur cost (\$50/2hr for field, \$50/2hr for lights)

**Next Meeting: Thursday, October 7, 2010**