

Harvard Soccer Club
Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2015 7:00 PM at the Congregational Church Fellowship Hall

Attendees

Attendance not taken
Minutes taken by Carlos Munoz

Agenda

Action Items:

- Do we allow play ups based on May meeting discussions as it doesn't align with our current policy?

Prior Action Items:

- Look into shed for Waite and/or Depot. Maybe an Eagle Scout project.
- Field announcement board and/or backboard to be built (Eagle Scout Project?)
- Email to parents/club – kids stop climbing on nets

Fall 2015

Travel – Update

- Andrew: Will be brought up again next meeting the question of whether to continue to offer a play-up for travel teams. Discussion on reasons for why to consider this, but will continue to bring this up for a couple of meetings before taking a vote on it.

NVYSL Update

- US Soccer initiatives passed along at the NVYSL and Harvard coaches' meetings.
- MYSA is not sure yet when age-cutoff and other initiative changes will be implemented, but likely 2016-2017.
- Kohl's cup info was sent out.
- One 1-minute hydration break per half-period now officially allowed to be initiated by coaches during natural game breaks.
- NCUP format may change this season, still to be decided.
- League is looking for more referees and help from coaches and coordinators to explain to parents to be polite to refs.
- U10 penalty kick player positions to be more like older groups, but refs are transitioning.
- Board needs to look into figuring out how to start practices a couple of weeks earlier. Other towns start practices a few weeks before the first game, much earlier than

Harvard does.

In Town – Update

- Nothing to report

Coach/Player Development

- Ted offered to take the job of coordinating Challenger housing.
- Carl: Coaches' meeting went well, but a few minor changes next time would help the flow of the meeting. Bringing in Ian Mulliner, MYSA Technical Director, for a talk about coach training was very helpful and cleared up new dual-track coach training options.
- Rika proposed that Challenger coaches take over teams that are in MTOC for the older age groups (boys and girls) to provide them the coaching experience they will need at that play level.
- Rika proposed that we talk to coaches in Bromfield to see how the players coming in from HSC programs are doing from development perspective (tactics, other skills), in case we need to add a focus for these skills in our program.

Challenger Report

- Need GU10, GU12 email list of coaches sent to Challenger coaches.
- Mini-kickers started on Sun, 9/13. There was a mix-up with roster list - roster didn't match players that showed up. They continued with jersey info only, but need to get this fixed.
- Ted Mara proposes to post to Harvard NextDoor re: mini-kickers program, also will contact pre-schools in area that would be able to promote.

Finances

- Uniform invoices are coming in, but there were 3 for in-town, adding to extra shipping costs from Challenger order. Order ship was 3 weeks from first order, which was a long time. Peter will follow up Challenger on this.
- The matter of whether to provide refunds for 2 players was discussed.

Equipment

- Nothing to report

Fields

- Goals and equipment on Pond field are being moved around or removed by others. Goals in school fields are not being maintained by school. We've offered to help maintain equipment on fields that HSC isn't using, but only if HSC is compensated for the expenses.
- Fields aren't being watered appropriately by DPW, they've said that will get fixed. HSC to consider offering to contribute to costs.
- Peter Foley will attend the HAA meeting this week to mention that HSC will offer to take care of the other goals in town.

- An idea was floated for adding a kick-back wall for warm-up on Depot or Waite, to be discussed with DPW.
- An idea was floated for adding a shed for equipment on Depot for flags, extra pinneys, line painter and extra paint, etc., to be discussed with DPW.

Misc.

- Brian Stahl was voted into member-at-large position.
- Andrew: Proposes to move October HSC board meeting to be moved to Oct. 4th, will check with other board members.
- Josh Marinelli, Alyson Codner: Looking for info on game times for snacks/drinks fund raising on the field and wanted to coordinate with HSC. Game times and food/drinks suggestions for fundraisers were shared with Josh and Alyson as well as the appreciation for approaching HSC to coordinate before the fundraiser.
- Carl offered to send email to parents mentioning that coffee & donuts would be available.

Meeting Ended