

Connecticut Junior Soccer Association

Board of Directors' Meeting

February 9, 2009

The following were in attendance:

Al Bell, Tim Blake, Dave Brouillette, Jim Brown, Tony Carvalho, Dick Cavanaugh, Michael Dahlem, Andrea Duffy, Joe Filippetti, Maggie Girard, Marc Glass, Dave Gold, Brett Jones, Tom Mattera, Chafik Rebai, Robbie Rickert, John Riley, Tom Skarbek, Joe Zizik, Kathy Zolad, Austin Daniels, Vic Santos and Sue Schultz.

The following were absent:

Milan Keser.

Kathy welcomed all new Board members.

Minutes:

The minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report:

Kathy advised that Judy had just returned to work and would send out the report when it is prepared.

Premier:

Tony noted that the Premier session held at the AGM was very productive and positive, and should be held again next year. He also wanted to thank Austin for his help.

Tournaments:

The following tournaments have been sanctioned:

Winter Blast – Yankee United FC 2/18-3/1

Waterford Week-Waterford Soccer Club 6/19-6/21

SYRA:

Recertification for 2009 has been completed, with 74% returning, which will put us at the same level as last year. There are 24 entry level clinics scheduled (however, no clinics scheduled in SouthCentral or Northeast).

DOC:

Austin reported on the National License course being offered. Registrations are down (have 12 registered/the minimum is 16) and he is requesting districts put the registration information on their websites. He also mentioned that it is a course not geared to just coaches, but to administrators as well.

Districts:

NorthCentral/Central – are looking for a place to hold scheduling meeting.

Northeast – scheduling meeting is set for April 14th.

Request for change of District:

Newtown Soccer Club requests a change to the Southwest District. Tom Mattera advised that the request had been approved by the Southwest District. Torrie Laros, President of Newtown Soccer Club, spoke regarding said request, advising that the reason is that most of their travel teams are playing in the Southwest District and they would like to make it permanent. Kathy noted that in addition to the travel team players, approximately 1200 recreation players (currently with US Club Soccer) would be coming along. Dave Gold questioned why this request was being considered, since it had come up twice before and been voted down both times. Andrea stated that it was really a motion to reconsider. Kathy contacted Tom Clark during the meeting to get an opinion as to whether this should be treated as a new request or a reconsider. Dave Gold and Dave Brouillette suggested that the matter be tabled until a written interpretation can be obtained. Kathy noted that premier clubs change districts all the time and it is not questioned.

Risk Management:

Robbie Rickert advised the Board of a necessary change to the Risk Management Policy – addition of notice to *all* District Registrars when an applicant is denied membership to CJSA.

Motion made by Marc Glass, seconded by Joe Filippetti, to amend the Risk Management Policy to include notice to ALL District Registrars of denial of membership. Vote: Yes: 20; No: 0, Abstentions: 0.

Discussion was then had regarding background checks and the various vendors which have been researched to provide this service. Joe advised that the unique identifying number will be the applicant's social security number. Questions that arose and were discussed was how often the checks would be done and how they would be paid for. It was noted that there are some funds available from the \$1.00 being collected for the on-line registration system. Tim Blake advised that the Finance Committee would meet and come back to the Board with a recommendation for payment support for said service.

Motion made by Tim Blake, seconded by Dick Cavanaugh, to accept Choicepoint as the background check service provider for CJSA. Vote: Yes: 17; No: 1; Abstentions: 2.

Registration:

Joe advised that 65% of the clubs have uploaded their data, 15% need to finalize and submit and 30% need to do the work. Passes and rosters will be available on-line for Fall, 09.

Administration:

Sue advised new Board members that they will need to provide contact information for the Secretary of State's office. She also advised that those sections of the Guidebook containing contact information for the districts will be eliminated, but that said information will be available on the website and that the Board listing will still be published in the book. She noted that quite a few ads have been sold (under the new pilot program, on-line banners would also be offered).

Kathy then spoke of the US Youth Soccer Referee Program proposal, which will be discussed at the US Youth Soccer AGM. This will be a parallel program through Grade 7 and will have nothing to do with the Federation. Referees would not be cross-certified with the Federation. Kathy will get the rest of the details at the meeting in San Jose. Jim Brown spoke regarding the proposal, stating that it has not yet been approved by USSF and seems to be a plan with nothing behind it. He also stated that a big concern is that one-half of the fees go to Chicago and nothing is returned to us for youth training. A selling point of the proposal is that a portion of the fee would come back to the State associations. The target date for the program is September, 2010. Kathy noted that it would be optional – we could sit out the first year as we did with the President's Cup.

Kathy then spoke as to the two pending proposals before the Federation regarding small-sided games: U/12 and younger age groups mandate to only play small sided; and standardizing requirements for small sided play (game length, ball size, etc.)

Tim Blake mentioned that Lt. Dan was back last week from Iraq. He did hand off Operation Soccerball when he left and he expressed his gratitude to CJSA for its generosity. Tim will obtain more details and pictures.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robbie Rickert, Secretary

