

Connecticut Junior Soccer Association

Board of Directors' Meeting

June 8, 2009

The following were in attendance:

Al Bell, Tim Blake, Dave Brouillette, Jim Brown, Dick Cavanaugh, Michael Dahlem, Andrea Duffy, Joe Filippetti, Marc Glass, Brett Jones, Milan Keser, Tom Mattera, Paul Ormiston, Chafik Rebai, Robbie Rickert, John Riley, Tom Skarbek, Joe Zizik, Kathy Zolad, Austin Daniels, Steve Hinchliffe, Victor Santos and Sue Schultz.

The following were absent:

Tony Carvalho, Joe Conte and Maggie Girard.

**Minutes:**

The minutes of May 11, 2009 were approved.

**Financial Reports:**

The financial reports as presented were accepted.

**Cup:**

Steve reported that the State Cup finals were completed. He noted that there was a nice job of seeding, that there had been concern about the #1 seed being eliminated, but that didn't happen. The winners are in meeting packets. He also advised that the Connecticut Cup finals will be held this coming weekend in Simsbury.

**Tournaments:**

The following tournaments have been sanctioned:

Montville Ken Botzek Labor Day                      September 5-7, 2009

Windsor Paul Cody Memorial Columbus Day                      October 10-12, 2009

**New Club Requests:**

Farmington Sports Arena, FC - Sal DiTommaso presented request to the Board. Tom Skarbek advised him that the Club will need to be represented at the June 9<sup>th</sup> Central District Meeting in Wethersfield.

***Motion to approve the Farmington Sports Arena, FC as a new club under CJSA, beginning September, 2009, was made by Jim Brown, seconded by Tom Skarbek. All were in favor, with one abstention.***

Boys & Girls Club of Ridgefield – Terry Hughes and Dee Agoora presented request to the Board. The Club's home field will be in Danbury (Northwest District). It is a joint venture between a Boys & Girls Club and the Danbury Portuguese Cultural Center. The level of play will be premier and they will be pulling from multiple towns.

***Motion to approve the Boys & Girls Club of Ridgefield as a new club under CJSA, beginning September, 2010, was made by Tom Mattera, seconded by Tom Skarbek. The motion passed unanimously.***

**Registration:**

Joe spoke of the new on-line registration system and the issues which have arisen. He acknowledged that this is a training year and things are progressively getting better. There are still clubs which haven't uploaded their data. Joe needs to be made aware of specific problems in order to deal with them. Blue Sombrero has committed to print rosters, but not passes. A question was raised as to who will print the approved rosters – the clubs or the district registrars. Tom Skarbek asked whether the system will print separate rosters – for CT Cup, State Cup, leagues and tournaments. Chafik stated that an email should go out from CJSA to all districts and clubs that data MUST be entered in order to get rosters and passes, with a deadline date of June 17<sup>th</sup>.

**SYRA:**

Jim advised that the final upload had been sent to USSF – 3,890 referees, 187 assignors, 31 instructors and 28 assessors. He advised that the on-line recert will be available this Fall, and that there will be a few face-to-face clinics for those with no access to computers. 95% of Grade 8 will be on-line. Recertification for above Grade 8 will be face-to-face. He also passed out to the board a memo regarding Law 4 and Hair Control Devices, which has been distributed to all referees. He noted that all referees have been assigned for the CT Cup finals at Curtis Field, Simsbury, with the first game at 9:00 a.m. and the last game scheduled for 3:00 p.m.

**Administrators' Report:**

Al Bell and Andrea Duffy reviewed the scholarship entries. Five scholarships are being awarded. Alex Ayer (FSA SoccerPlus), Connor Gagliardi (Northeast United), Casey McDermott (Monroe), Andrew Meisel (Beachside) and Alex Pelzar (AC Caldo). Sue advised that club affiliation forms were due as of June 1<sup>st</sup> - she has given lists to District VP's of missing forms.

**Vision Statement:**

Kathy included an outline of Vision Statement Guidelines and description of what a Vision Statement is in the meeting packet.

**President's Remarks:**

Kathy spoke regarding her meeting at Ryder (during the ODP tournament). The President's Cup (which we chose not to enter) was a success. If we wish to enter this coming year we would have to make a commitment in January or February. Also, an elite program has been put out by US Club Soccer on the girls' side out of Region 1. A new committee is being formed – need to have comments in by Saturday, 6/13. Her first suggestion is to leave it at the ODP level – final decision will be consensus of 15 Presidents. Will be a year- round program, from young ages to older kids. Not sure if it will be ODP or Club. She should receive something in writing in the next few weeks.

We will address the Vision Statement and budget at the next meeting.

**Good of the Game:**

Chafik is being honored at the UCONN Huskies dinner on October 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Hartford Marriott.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robbie Rickert, Secretary