

Connecticut Junior Soccer Association

Board of Directors' Meeting

March 9, 2009

The following were in attendance:

Al Bell, Dave Brouillette, Tony Carvalho, Dick Cavanaugh, Joe Conte, Michael Dahlem, Andrea Duffy, Marc Glass, Brett Jones, Milan Keser, Tom Mattered, Chafik Rebai, Robbie Rickert, John Riley, Tom Skarbek, Kathy Zolad, Shaun Bailey, Austin Daniels, Vic Santos and Sue Schultz.

The following were absent:

Tim Blake, Jim Brown, Joe Filippetti, Maggie Girard, Dave Gold and Joe Zizik.

Minutes:

It was noted that under the SYRA report, the Northeast District was mistakenly listed as having no clinics scheduled. Also, Joe Conte should have been included under those in attendance at said meeting. The minutes were approved with the changes as noted.

Treasurer's Report:

The financial report sent to Directors was reviewed. Tony questioned whether reports were being received from every district; and if not, should we do something about that. John advised that the Finance Committee had met and that one topic discussed was missing district monthly reports. He stated that these districts will be contacted to ensure that the procedure for filing monthly reports is being followed. Chafik questioned the registration process and billing of the districts. Sue advised that every district should have been invoiced and that the bills are just coming in.

ODP:

Shaun reported on the Bermuda trip and handed out the technical report from the coach. He noted that Bermuda brought older age groups (year or two above us), the first two games being against Club teams and the third game was against the Bermuda National team. He stated that they are there to evaluate, but that it's not a true evaluation playing these teams. He will bring up that concern with Bermuda. He stated that the team represented us very well. Austin noted that the biggest concern is first touch and speed of play and that what's needed is to work on the technical side of the game.

Premier:

Tony advised that the scheduling meeting is set for March 10th in Cromwell. He also advised that there were 328 teams entered (about the same as last year) and that the U/12 division was pretty much full-sided. There seemed to be no takers for small sided for the spring. He also advised that there were

many late entries, which was good for the budget. The season runs from early April until the second to last week of June, allotting for holidays, etc. Kathy noted that the U/12 small sided was entered into Cup and that if teams wished to enter, the roster can't exceed 14 (teams cannot enter both full and small-sided).

Tournaments:

The following tournaments have been sanctioned:

CFC Impact/Soccerhead Showcase	April 5, 2009
West Haven Invitational	October 10 & 11, 2009

Registration:

Joe could not attend tonight's meeting. He asked that he would like anyone with computer knowledge to experiment with new releases and the scheduling component. He does not want to release them until we work with them. Andy George and Al Bell will work with them.

SYRA:

No report.

Administrator's Report:

Sue handed out the IRS 990 form and the AIG reports for the Fourth Quarter. She also advised that there was a new international clearance form – Proof of Entry Prior to 12 Years of Age – and that all 3 international forms were available on the website. She advised too that there was no charge anymore for the waiver.

DOC:

Austin handed out the winter schedule for coaching courses. He also advised that the National License course would be held at St. Joseph's College and that young players were needed for 2 weekends (U/6, U/8 and U/10's). He will send out an email with the information.

Kathy then addressed the issue of appropriate motions, with regard to the Newtown request. The motion to reconsider cannot be brought two years after the fact. Something voted on at the AGM needs to go back to the AGM. Newtown is a Southwest club – they play 80% in the Southwest District and want to remain in the Southwest district and bring back other players. This is a substantially different issue. She also noted that the districts have changed many times over the years. Dave Brouillette stated that it was more of an ethical issue and that it would be setting a precedent, that if a Club didn't get their own way, they would pull their players out. He stated that he would like to see them come back and would like to set up a meeting to have a dialogue about their issues and concerns.

Risk Management:

The cost for background checks for volunteers with Choicepoint was discussed. John advised that there were approximately 11,000 adults, for a total cost of approximately \$33,000. This can be covered from the \$1.00 fee being collected to cover the registration program with Blue Sombrero.

US Youth Soccer Workshop/US Soccer AGM:

Kathy advised that she attended a Risk Management workshop in California. She also advised that the separate referee program proposal was defeated at the council meeting. She advised that regarding the two proposals pending on small-sided, the Region IV proposal was going to be withdrawn. At the DOC and President's meeting, the DOC's want a mandate on small-sided, but Sunil Galati is not keen on a mandate. The Technical Committee put in a lot of work –studied all different kinds of play (on the mens' side). Sunil was surprised that people wanted more rules. Kathy stated that nothing will get passed this week.

Kathy advised that next month's agenda would include discussion on the mission statement and some normal business. She is trying to rotate items for the agenda and requests that anyone wishing to add an agenda item do so by sending her an email.

Chafik asked for a report with registration numbers.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robbie Rickert, Secretary