

Connecticut Junior Soccer Association

Board of Director's Meeting

November 9, 2009

The following were in attendance: Al Bell, Tim Blake, Jim Brown, Tony Carvalho, Dick Cavanaugh, Andrea Duffy, Maggie Girard, Marc Glass, Brett Jones, Milan Keser, Tom Mattera, Chafik Rebai, John Riley, Joe Zizik, Kathy Zolad, Sue Schultz, Austin Daniels, and Gerry Koppe.

The following were absent: Joe Conte, Michael Dahlem, Paul Ormiston, Robbie Rickert, and Tom Skarbek.

Minutes:

The minutes of October 13, 2009 were approved.

Monthly Financial Statement:

There were no questions from the Board.

DOC:

President's Cup: Austin Daniels discussed the President's Cup and the BOD agreed that we will invite winners of the Fall CT Cup for U13 and U14 and the D2 and D3 teams from the Premier League to enter this event. The Regional competition will be in Saratoga, NY over Memorial Weekend.

Also Austin reported on the Director of Coaches meeting in Washington, DC where they met with the USSF. Topics included: providing an enjoyable environment for zone 1 (ages 6-12), standardized size for small sided matches; creating a "seal of approval" for clubs that are doing it right. In addition, discussions were held regarding substitutions and no – reentry for U5 and up.

Cup:

Sue stated that the venue had to be changed from Newington HS as the fields were unplayable due to the weather. All games were moved to Tunxis Mead in Farmington and went well. The \$1.00 admission that is collected and then donated to benefit the Children's Hospitals in CT was down. We will consider reducing the amount donated to the hospitals this year.

Tournaments:

The following tournaments were sanctioned and approved:

Glastonbury Spring Warm-Up
Guilford Soccerfest

May 1-2, 2010
July 10-11, 2010

Registration:

Joe Zizik stated that invoicing for the comp players was unsuccessful due to the duplication of players. Joe has been making major progress on his system. Data structure is set, starting data upload code. Joe will instruct clubs to upload their files and to also send him a copy.

We have informed US Youth Soccer & US Soccer that our numbers are way off. We are counting on our clubs to accurately report their membership. Joe's plan for training on the new system are 1) AGM – workshop for all registrars and demo at AGM districts can setup a meeting and Joe will come and explain the system to them, and 3) handouts – in February/March geared toward the fall.

Recreation Patch:

CJSA received several entries for the 2009 Patch contest and the Recreation Chairman has made a selection for the Rec Patch Award.

SYRA:

Referees all volunteered their services at the CT Cup finals held at Tunxis Mead, Farmington. The online referee registration system is up and a blanket email will go out advising such. Assessors and Assignors will be online as well. All referees over the age of 18 will have to go through the background check as well.

Background Checks:

Sue said that as of October 31 we have 1462 checks into the system. All BOD members and staff must complete the process by the Dec. BOD meeting.

Proposed Rule Changes:

The Proposed Rule Changes are due Friday, November 13, 2009.

Budget:

John Riley presented the revised 2009-2010 budget to the BOD.

Motion was made by Tom Mattera, seconded by Dick Cavanaugh to accept the revised proposed budget. Vote: Abstentions; 1. Motion passed.

Life Member:

Milan Keser presented to the BOD a candidate for the Life Member honor.

Al would like us to revise the selection policy and consider more than 1 candidate. Kathy stated that we could present this change at the next BOD meeting for discussion and vote. She also stated based on our present procedure only one candidate could be nominated at this time.

It was decided to review the Life Member procedure at the December meeting.

Milan handed in his candidate, Andrea Duffy, pending any changes at the next meeting

Finances:

Tim Blake handed out his first draft of recommendations. Each District currently has a different set of bylaws and policies and he attached six out of the seven district bylaws.

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We need the minutes submitted by the Secretary from every district and the Treasurer needs to report expenses. The minimum district requirements will be dictated in a state template that will be designed and then distributed and approved by the BOD

Tim requested that you read through this draft and send him an email with your suggestions and he will then make the second draft.

Coaching Licenses:

Kathy stated that in order for Austin to get his budget closer to what is expected we would need to increase the course fees. Suggested fee structure would be – Youth Module from \$25 to \$30, E from \$60 to \$100/85, and D from \$100 to \$150.

After much discussion the following motion was agreed upon.

Motion was made by Tom Mattera, seconded by Milan Keser to the following fee changes: Youth Module \$30, E \$60, and D \$150. Vote: No; 1. Motion passed.

President's Remarks:

Kathy stated that she will attend the Got Soccer informational soccer workshop with representatives from many of the other State Associations and also US Youth Soccer.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM and our next BOD meeting will be, 12/7/09.

Respectfully Submitted, Gerry Koppe, CJSA Staff