

Connecticut Junior Soccer Association

Board of Directors' Meeting

July 26, 2010

The following were in attendance:

Al Bell, Tim Blake, Dave Brouillette, Tony Carvalho, Joe Conte, Andrea Duffy, Marc Glass, Brett Jones, Milan Keser, Tom Mattera, Chafik Rebai, Robbie Rickert, John Riley, Tom Skarbek, Kevin Soares, Joe Zizik, Kathy Zolad, Sue Schultz and Joe Berlenbach

The following were absent:

Dick Cavanaugh, Michael Dahlem, Joe Filippetti and Maggie Girard.

Kathy announced that Jim Brown has resigned as SYRA and she will be appointing, with the recommendation of Jesus Zornoza and the approval of the BOD, Kevin Soares. No objections were raised by the BOD. Kathy thanked Jim Brown for his service and informed the BOD that Jim would continue to be the SDI (State Director of Instruction).

The minutes of the June 14, 2010 meeting were approved.

Financial Statements:

As presented.

Request for Sanction:

Marlon Shields appeared, representing Valeo FC-CT from Bloomfield, requesting to be sanctioned as a new club. They are a premier club, with four teams (all boys – U/9, U/10, U/12 & U/14). The listing of Nancy Zoll as Referee Assignor was questioned and she will be eliminated from that position.

Upon motion of Tony Carvalho, seconded by Joe Conte, Valeo FC-CT was sanctioned as a club by CJSA.

Vote: Yes: 15; No: 0; Abstentions: 0.

ODP:

The list of tryout numbers was reviewed and it was noted that they were larger than ever (100 more than last year). Tom Mattera stated that the tournament was successful, with the Boys U16 and Boys and Girls U/17 teams going to Delaware.

Tournaments:

The following tournaments were approved:

Madison Invitational –MIST

September 25-26, 2010

South Windsor – U/9 & U/10

October 23 & 24, 2010

WYAA Wolcott Soccer Preseason

September 4, 5 & 6, 2010

Recreation:

Marc advised that Trumbull will be hosting a statewide TopSoccer Jamboree on September 11th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. He also announced that there would be a clinic on October 2nd at ECSU from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The clinic will be held from 11:00 to noon, then lunch. Eastern is playing BU that day and the kids will be going on the field at halftime.

Registration:

Joe advised that the website is up and passes are available. Transfers and releases will be coming next. He also asked that if anyone has any new ideas, to please contact him, since he has received some from a few people and they are helpful. He spoke with regard to the cutoff date and stated that there are dates that will need to be moved and he will review and make a recommendation to the Board. Club affiliation forms will be worked on in September. E travel will get integrated into the system also and will append to the rosters.

SYRA:

Kevin thanked Jim Brown for his service to CJSA and also for his mentoring. He advised that at the Regional Championships in West Virginia there were ten (10) referees from CT, six (6) center assignments and three (3) chosen for Nationals. He also advised that at Referee Camp there were 45 campers (43 from CT and 2 from RI), and that seven (7) referees were paired with mentors at the CT Cup Finals in November.

Administrator's Report:

Sue handed out a list of missing club affiliation forms per district and advised that the Southwest District were all submitted. She advised that from the CT Cup winners, 8 teams went to semifinals at Regionals and one team went to a final game. She then advised that Cup & Premier entries are all available online and can be paid with a check or by credit card. She also reminded the BOD that the Presidents' Meeting will be held on August 29th at the Farmington Marriott.

Committee Members:

Kathy advised that Steve Hinchcliffe had resigned as Cup Chairperson and she was nominating Dick Cavanaugh to said position.

Upon motion by Marc Glass, seconded by Tom Skarbek, Dick Cavanaugh was appointed as Cup Chairperson. Vote: Yes: 15; No: 0; Abstentions: 0.

Marc Glass and Ron Filipek will remain as Girls and Boys Cup Chairmen. Joe Conte is Cup Protest Chairperson. Kathy also announced that Victor Santos has resigned as ODP U/15-U/17 director.

Upon motion by Milan Keser, seconded by Dave Brouillette, the Board went into Executive Session for approximately 15 minutes.

President's Remarks:

Kathy advised that CJSA will be selling Breakers tickets (@\$10.00 each) for their game at Willowbrook Park, New Britain, on August 21st at 5:00 p.m. Tom Skarbek mentioned that the Central District had purchased 300 tickets.

Kathy stated that she was just back from Nationals and the US Youth Soccer AGM. She advised that US Youth Soccer's \$1.00 fee increase was being postponed at this time, but that it may go to a \$.50 increase in the future. Adidas is probably not coming back as a sponsor so they are taking money from the reserves for the 2010/2011 year.

With regard to the Cup draw issue of multiple teams from the same town being placed in different brackets, Dick is not in favor, but he will take a look at it.

Budget:

The proposed budget for 2010/2011 was reviewed. Tom Mattera asked if there were any fee increases/decreases proposed. It was noted that there is a projected increase of \$10.00 for CT Cup entry fee (from \$50 to \$60) based on the President's Cup. After discussion, it was decided that the projected amount for Technical Services of \$75,000 should be dropped to \$55,000 and the Cup entry fee be decreased by \$5.00.

Upon motion by Chafik Rebai, seconded by Tom Mattera, the proposed 2010/2011 budget was accepted, with the noted changes. Vote: Yes: 9; No: 4; Abstentions: 2. The motion was passed.

Further discussion was had regarding the budget.

A motion to reconsider was made by Chafik Rebai, seconded by Brett Jones, to eliminate the CT Cup fee increase altogether from the 2010/2011 budget. Vote: Yes: 14; No: 0; Abstentions: 1. The motion was passed.

Financial Policies:

Financial policies and procedures were reviewed as presented. District accounts will be maintained by the State Office. Question arose as to the State Referee account as to whether it fell under the CJSA tax umbrella and therefore should be included as to these policies and procedures. Kathy advised that it does and it will therefore be added. Also, under ***Conflict of Interest***, the paragraph is amended to read as follows:

It is deemed a conflict of interest and therefore prohibited for any member of the Association or immediate family to invest funds of this Association in or through any organization, company or business in which the member (1) has an ownership interest other than as an outside shareholder; or (2) is an employee in a managerial or supervisory position.

Upon motion by Marc Glass, seconded by Tom Skarbek, the Financial Policies and Procedures, with the noted changes, was approved, to go into effect September 1, 2010. Vote: Yes: 11; No: 3; Abstentions: 1.

Not to Exceed limits for operational accounts were then discussed. Requests were made by the districts as follows:

Southwest District	\$5,000.00
Northwest District	\$5,000.00
Central District	\$0 at this time
Southeast District	\$5,000.00
Northeast District	\$0 at this time
South Central District	\$7,000.00
North Central District	Not Present

Motion was made by Tom Mattera, seconded by Milan Keser, to accept the limits as follows, \$7,000 for South Central and up to \$5,000 for the other districts. Vote: Yes: 14; No: 1; Abstentions: 0. The motion was passed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robbie Rickert, Secretary

