

Connecticut Junior Soccer Association

Board of Directors' Meeting

October 12, 2010

The following were in attendance:

Al Bell, Joe Berlenbach, Dave Brouillette, Dick Cavanaugh, Joe Conte, Michael Dahlem, Andrea Duffy, Maggie Girard, Marc Glass, Brett Jones, Milan Keser, Tom Mattera, Chafik Rebai, Robbie Rickert, Lou Santo, Tom Skarbek, Kevin Soares, Joe Zizik, Kathy Zolad, Sue Schultz and Shaun Bailey.

The following were absent:

Tim Blake, Joe Filippetti and John Riley.

The minutes of the September 13, 2010 meeting were reviewed and it was noted that Joe Berlenbach was in attendance and that Tony Carvalho had *retired* from the Board. The minutes were approved with those changes noted.

Financial Statements:

As presented and there were no questions.

Tournaments:

The following tournaments were approved:

Collegiate Soccer Showcase	November 20-21, 2010
Clinton Invitational Tournament	May 21-22, 2011
Oakwood Fall Finale Festival	October 30, November 6, 7 and 13, 2010

Al Bell advised that there was an issue of not being able to obtain referees for an adult team because of the CFC tournament. He stated that the first priority should be existing leagues. Kevin will address the issue with the assignor.

Kathy advised of a complaint that has been filed regarding a violation of tournament rules in a West Haven tournament. Kathy has not spoken with the tournament officials and will pursue it with them.

Registration:

Joe handed out a summary count of players and adults that have been uploaded. He noted that some districts have paid for more than was uploaded. He advised that things are moving along and he will be working on the transfer release next and the club affiliation form by mid November. It was asked if a change could be made on the monthly invoices to change "statement" to "invoice".

Recreation:

Marc advised that the patch contest is no longer available.

TopSoccer:

Marc handed out a list of contacts for TopSoccer in the state and asked that the district VP's verify it at their district meeting and notify him of any changes or additions. It was asked if the registration system delineates the TopSoccer players and Joe advised that it does not – that they are under recreation. If a request was made to separate them from recreation, it would need to go to the AGM.

SYRA:

Kevin advised that invitations had been sent out to referees for the CT Cup finals and all except two have accepted. He also advised that 50% of those invited are females. He has also named a women's referee advocate – Teresa Miguel. Tom Mattera asked if the same consideration of referees would be applied to the State Cup finals and Kevin advised that it would. Kevin also advised that the majority of the red cards being presented to coaches is at the U/9 – U/10 level – almost exclusively. He asked that the VP's go to their districts and speak to their coaches about calming down and making them aware that their behavior is unacceptable.

Administration:

Kathy advised that Select Physical Therapy had signed on for another year under the same terms as the previous agreement. They will be putting more information on their website, will be holding a seminar with the ODP teams and will again have a workshop at the AGM. They are more than willing to participate in CJSA events. Sue advised that she had been receiving calls from clubs stating that they were unaware that they had to upload recreation players and recreation coaches. She requested that the VP's go back to their districts and advise them that this is necessary. It was requested if possible that all coaches whose background checks have been completed and cleared be posted on the website.

New Business:

Life Member nominations were presented. Milan presented Patricia A. Hennig as a nominee for Life Member, noting her dedication and hard work for the development of soccer in CT since 1977. The vote for Life Member will take place at the November BOD meeting.

It was noted that the Rule Proposals deadline is November 12th and the Election Nomination deadline is November 15th.

ODP:

Shaun Bailey reviewed the prospective coaches for ODP for 2010/2011. He advised that the staff had basically stayed the same, and that the new staff members had come through licensing courses and YDPD. He noted the lack of women coaches and advised that he plans to set up a youth coaching mentor program and would get in touch with college coaches for possible volunteers or assistants. It

was requested that the Board be given the coaches resumes earlier so they can be reviewed prior to the meeting. Al Bell questioned whether the DOC position should be filled first before staff was approved, but Kathy advised that Austin had felt that having staff in place was better.

Upon motion by Chafik Rebai, seconded by Brett Jones, the ODP staff, as presented, were approved.

Vote: Yes: 13; No: 2; Abstentions: 2.

President's Comments:

Kathy advised that John Sutter, President of US Youth Soccer, is calling for a meeting of State President's in December. She also advised that resumes for the DOC position were being received – 10 to 15 had been received as of this meeting.

The December Board meeting is scheduled for December 6th.

Chafik questioned whether a committee should be formed for strategic planning. Kathy stated that we need to come up with a vision statement. Andrea noted that an organization should be led, not by the Board, but by its constituency.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robbie Rickert, Secretary