

**Connecticut Junior Soccer Association**

**Board of Directors' Meeting**

**September 13, 2010**

The following were in attendance:

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

The following were absent:

Joe Berlenbach, Tim Blake, Andrea Duffy and Tom Skarbek.

Kathy announced that Tony Carvalho has resigned from the Board of Directors and will be replaced by Lou Santo.

The minutes of the July 26, 2010 meeting were reviewed and it was noted that under "Budget", the Cup had a typo and entry fee will remain the same. The minutes were approved with that change noted.

**Financial Statements:**

As presented. Question was raised as to when there would be a true year-to-date and we were advised it would be by the end of the month.

**Cup:**

Dick advised that there are 436 teams participating (up from 419 last year). The small sided are playing this weekend. He also advised that there will be a recommendation made to the Board to make both the State and Connecticut Cup halves the same, which would mean lessening the CT Cup halves by 5 minutes (for U/11 & U/12 going from 80 to 70 minutes). Tom Mattera questioned why this was necessary and if the fees would be decreased because of less playing time. Sue advised that no teams were disqualified for not having their rosters in.

**Risk Management:**

Robbie advised that the background checks were being done and being checked immediately in order to clear the volunteers to be put on rosters.

**Tournaments:**

The following tournament was approved:

Reese-Potter Columbus Day Jamboree October 9-10, 2010

### **Registration:**

Joe advised that invoices for 09/10 will be run on Wednesday and then the first billing for this year a week later (late because of changes). Al Bell asked if a background check could be performed before being registered and Joe advised yes. On November 1<sup>st</sup>, the club affiliation form will be available.

### **TopSoccer/Recreation:**

Marc advised that the Trumbull TopSoccer Jamboree was cancelled because there was no response. Will try to hold it again in the Spring. He asked that the District VP's contact their Clubs and find contact information for those who have a TopSoccer program. The event at ECSU on October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. is still going forward and Tolland TopSoccer will be attending. 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.

### **SYRA:**

Kevin advised of a referee abuse incident this past weekend (an adult vs youth referee [14 year old girl]). Referees need more direction on how to deal with adults and he has started clinics to address this issue. One was held in Milford and 27 referees attended, as well as in Newington with 6 referees attending (one of them will be going to the CT Cup). There will also be a referee training event at the Columbus Day tournament to be held in Rocky Hill. Anyone is welcome and should notify him as soon as possible since they have a limited number of openings. Kevin noted that he spoke about referee abuse and assault in Glastonbury on September 12<sup>th</sup> (800 in attendance). Kevin then advised the Board regarding entry level classes on-line and problems they were having which should be fixed by the start date of September 15<sup>th</sup>. Entry level on-line classes will be available only to the end of December. Once they take the class and the test, they will be asked to sign up for field work. Re-certification will start on 9/15 and will end on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Tom Mattera asked why the Board was not notified of the changes for the entry level classes and stated that this information should be posted on the CJSA website.

### **Administrator's Report:**

No report.

### **Old Business:**

Kathy then addressed questions regarding the opening of accounts and paying of bills. Bills should be sent to the office (to Judy's attention), signed off by the District for payment and she will cut a check and notify the sender that the check is ready. The districts will still be getting bank statements and they should be checked every month. The District emergency accounts will be held at Bank of America and the CJSA office will be making deposits into these accounts.

**Committee Members:**

Kathy reviewed the list of 2010/2011 Committee Appointments and noted that Tony Carvalho will be the Chair for the Premier Board of Governors and Joe Berlenbach will be the CJSA Board Liaison.

***Upon motion by Joe Conte, seconded by Brett Jones, the appointments as listed and presented were approved. Vote: Yes: 17; No: 0; Abstentions: 0.***

**President's Remarks:**

None

**Bank Requirement to be met:**

Accounts will be opened at Bank of America, Sovereign Bank, Citizens Bank and Liberty Bank. At Liberty Bank, Dave Engel is to be removed as Treasurer and replaced by John Riley. The Board advised that it had no objection to this.

**Good of the Game:**

Milan noted that a premier team has separated from the district because of late fees incurred. He asked for clarification as to where it was written in the policy and when it was adopted. Kathy noted that the Club was called prior to the late payment date and did not wish to pay.

Kevin noted that a player from SoccerPlus and Hartford, Liana Hinds, was currently playing with the Trinidad/Tobago team in the U/17 Womens World Cup.

Kathy noted that Milan Keser was honored at the UCONN dinner held on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robbie Rickert, Secretary