

Connecticut Junior Soccer Association

Board of Directors' Meeting

September 12, 2011

The following were in attendance:

Arnaud Bourgeois, Dave Brouillette, Dick Cavanaugh, Michael Dahlem, Andrea Duffy, Michael Galbicsek, Sr., Maggie Girard, Marc Glass, Brett Jones, Chafik Rebai, Robbie Rickert, John Riley, Tom Skarbek and Kathy Zolad.

The following were absent:

Al Bell, Joe Conte, Joe Filippetti, Brian Grindrod, Brett Jones, Milan Keser, Tom Mattera, Michelle Ward and Joe Zizik.

Kathy introduced Michael Galbicsek as the new Director of Recreation.

The proposed 2011/2012 Committee appointments were presented to and accepted by the Board.

**Minutes:**

The minutes were approved.

**Monthly Financial Statement:**

There were no questions. Kathy advised that Judy is working on getting everything completed, but is waiting for final statements from a few districts.

**Cup:**

The draw was held tonight. Teams were notified and brackets are up on the website. The field is down five teams from last year. Dick advised that there were a lot of questions regarding the 3-premier player rule. He feels we should have been more successful on getting the word out, since there were problems with coaches not understanding. There seemed to be a disparity in communications within districts.

**Tournaments:**

The following reoccurring tournaments were sanctioned:

Wolcott 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Tournament	September 3-4, 2011
Columbia-Windham Columbus Day Tournament	October 8-9, 2011

The following new tournament was sanctioned: New Milford Columbus Jamboree October 8, 2011

### **Selection of Accounting Firm:**

Mike Dahlem advised that based on the suggestion that a bid go out for accounting services, a RFP was put together and sent out to a dozen firms. A response date was given of August 15<sup>th</sup> and bids were received from five (5) firms. All responses were good. Mike presented to the Board a RFP Response Evaluation. Based on that evaluation, it was recommended that CJSA negotiate with Kostin, Ruffkess to reduce their currently submitted 3-year fee schedule from \$52,500 to no more than \$49,500, which would represent a 25% savings over the current budget outlook. Kathy advised that by letter dated September 12<sup>th</sup>, Kostin, Ruffkess has agreed to the proposed fee reduction.

***Motion was made by Marc Glass, seconded by Dick Cavanaugh, to contract with the firm of Kostin, Ruffkess and Co., LLC to perform accounting services for CJSA for the 3-yr. period encompassing fiscal years ending August 2011, 2012 and 2013, for a total fee of \$49,500.00.***

***Vote: Yes: 11; No: 0; Abstentions: 0.***

Maggie Girard noted, and it was agreed that, a change in firms is sometimes necessary and that we should consider that when the current contract expires.

### **New Indoor Facility:**

Star Hill Family Athletic Center in Tolland requests to be an indoor facility sanctioned by CJSA. Kathy advised that she visited the facility on September 9<sup>th</sup> and found no problems.

***Motion was made by Dick Cavanaugh, seconded by Tom Skarbek, to accept Star Hill Family Athletic Center in Tolland, CT, as an indoor facility sanctioned by CJSA.***

***Vote: Yes: 11; No: 0; Abstentions: 0.***

### **New Club:**

Northeast Opportunities for Wellness, Inc. (N.O.W.) requests approval as a club with CJSA. Chafik advised that they have had discussions with the Northeast district. They will be based out of Putnam/Canterbury and have 11 to 20 teams.

***Motion was made by Marc Glass, seconded by Tom Skarbek, to approve N.O.W. Soccer Club as a Club under CJSA. Vote: Yes: 10; No: 0; Abstentions: 1.***

Arnaud Bourgeois noted that it would be helpful if there were some kind of document attached to the application showing that the District is aware of the application and either approves or disapproves. Kathy advised that she will work on that form.

**President's Remarks:**

Kathy noted that she had received many complaints on the 3-premier player restriction. Since the President's meeting was cancelled (because of Hurricane Irene), members have not had a chance to voice their opinions. She suggests a town hall meeting before the next Board meeting – October 3<sup>rd</sup> – from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Emails will be sent to Clubs notifying them of the meeting. She noted also that the premier scheduling meeting was rescheduled from August and held at FSA, and that it went very well. She has received positive feedback on the registration system.

**DOC:** Shaun's technical report, as well as informational report relevant to High School and ODP Programs within other State Associations, was provided in the meeting packet.

**Good of the Game:**

Andrea Duffy advised that Tyler Turner, from Meriden and South Central Premier, had been invited into residency with the U/17 National Team.

Arnaud spoke of bringing players to professional soccer games and parents receiving discounts when they purchase tickets on their own. He has been in contact with the Revolution and Red Bull organizations and worked out procedures for obtaining the discount with each team. In the future, he would like to be able to provide transportation also to the games.

Kathy advised that she has been appointed as the National Chair of Girls ODP.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robbie Rickert, Secretary

Respectfully submitted,

Robbie Rickert, Secretary