Connecticut Junior Soccer Association

Board of Director's Meeting

March 14, 2011

The following were in attendance:

Arnaud Bourgeois, Dave Brouillette, Dick Cavanaugh, Joe Conte, Michael Dahlem, Andrea Duffy, Joe Filippetti, Maggie Girard, Marc Glass, Brett Jones, Milan Keser, Tom Mattera, John Riley, Lou Santo, Tom Skarbek, Kevin Suares, Joe Zizik, Kathy Zolad, Sue Schultz, and Gerry Koppe.

The following were absent:

Al Bell, Chafik Rebai, Robbie Rickert, and Michelle Ward.

Kathy informed the Board of the resignation of Joe Berlenbach, Northwest District Rep and then introduced, Arnaud Bourgeois, the newly elected NW Rep, to the board.

Minutes: The minutes were approved without correction.

Monthly Financial Statements: Statements were provided to the Board and there were no questions at this time.

DOC: Shaun's DOC report was distributed to the BOD.

Premier: List of all teams that entered the Spring Premier League was handed out by Sue Schultz and there were 335 teams that entered (including one withdrawal today of a girls 14 team).

Tournaments: Approval was given to the following tournaments:

Newtown Kickoff	May 27-29, 2011
Cheshire Invitation – CT	June 11-12, 2011
Farmington Bank Shootout	Sept. 3-5, 2011
Nutmeg Classic Invitational	Sept. 10-11, 2011
West Haven Invitational	Oct. 8-9, 2011
CFC Columbus Day Classic (formerly hosted by Rocky Hill)	Oct. 8-9, 2011

Friendship Cup is coming back, pending approval at this time as they do not have a Certified Referee Assignor.

Registrar: Joe Zizik reminded everyone that the rules for the transfer of a player has not changed, only the process. There was a discussion about applying a fee beginning in the Fall for the transfer, it could provide additional backup to the club's request.

SYRA: Jesus Zornoza, SRA, explained the Central Assigning Bureau Service. Both CJSA and CSSA are eligible to take advantage of this service, if desired. For a three person/game assignment the fee charged to the end user is $13, if only the center ref was to be assigned, the fee would be reduced. All

certified assignors in the state have been notified of this program. CSSA (the adult program) has expressed a desire to utilize this service. Jesus also informed the Board of the current educational clinics that are being held across the state.

Kevin Suares, SYRA, next spoke on the four mini academies – Newtown, Glastonbury, Milford and the fourth TBD. He is pleased with the new referees that they have discovered.

Administrator's Report: Sue stated that the Cup early deadline date is March 30 and the final deadline is April 6, she also reminded us that rosters need to be submitted and approved for the CT Cup and into the system by April 13.

President's Report: At the last BOD meeting, Kathy had asked the district VP's to poll their clubs to see if they felt we should change our policy on Premier players playing on classic teams for the CT Cup. Currently, our policy does not specify a number. The current policy has been in place for about 12 years. Only two districts reported back, SW and SC. SW – suggested 0 and SC – numbers went across the board from 3, to 5, to 9. The remaining districts said that they would get back to her next month.

Some districts heard complaints regarding the scheduling for Premier being done totally online. Kathy stated at the last premier scheduling meeting, a vote was taken and it was unanimous by all the clubs to not have a scheduling meeting but go totally online. We will survey the clubs, and see if they wish to revert back to attending a meeting for future seasons.

New Business: The BOD discussed adding positions to our Club Affiliation Form.

A motion was made by Tom Mattera, seconded by Tom Skarbek to add the contact names for Director of Coaching, TOP Soccer, Co-Presidents and additional Registrar.
Vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

The BOD then discussed the affiliation process for a new club. The Board was informed that the office monitors the player registration, specifically the four team requirement. It was agreed that a new club should come into the State office and be reviewed with Sue and/or Kathy with the rules being explained to them.

A motion was made by Marc Glass, seconded by Dave Brouillette to amend our policy for a new club stating they would meet with the State office and the rules and policies will be reviewed with them so they understand what is required. The State would notify the district and would approve the new club.
Vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Joe Conte asked about the Rec. budget and Kathy explained that back when the $1.00 fee was increased by US Soccer and US Youth Soccer, we paid this increase from the Rec. budget so we would not have to raise our fees and we could be assured that every player benefitted. Coach Kits and patches are items of the past. Youth modules are not in demand by our clubs. Our outreach program needs to be strengthened.

Kathy stated that she has asked Dick Cavanaugh to begin a review of all levels of competition within our state. Tony Carvalho has also agreed to assist in the project. Additional members will be added.

New Website: Kathy stated that the office had done research into several website systems that will allow us to update our site and communicate more effectively with our members. At the US Youth Workshop, Joe and Sue were able to speak and review some of the products. In addition, Lori has also had the opportunity to view product demo's. Joe presented three system estimates. The recommendation of Joe, Sue and Lori was American Eagle Option #2.

Motion was made by Dave Brouillette, seconded by Marc Glass to move our internet service provider with cost not to exceed $300 per month to the American Eagle Option #2 plan.
Vote: Yes:16; No: 0; Abstentions: 1.

Kathy stated she is not sure if there will be a fee increase proposal this summer from US Youth Soccer. She and Sue had a discussion with Pullen regarding Cyber Insurance on the website as this could be a Risk Management concern. Marc will fill out the application so that we can get a rate quote.

For the Good of the Game: Kathy informed the Board, that NE VP Chafik Rebai is recovering from hip surgery and that we had sent him a fruit basket. Kevin Suares and several of our ODP coaches had taken part in St. Baldrick's, and had shaved their heads in a fundraiser for Pediatric Cancer research.

Our next board meeting is April 11.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerry Koppe
(For Robbie Rickert, Secretary)