

Culpeper Soccer Club
Board Meeting Minutes
November 5, 2019

Call to order

- Called to order the regular meeting of the CSC Board of Directors at 7:35 p.m. on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at the CSC Office.

Attendance

- Board: Alan Moy, Betsy Fry, Justin McFarland, Sarah Beamer
- Board Not Present: Matt Cackowski, Chris Guzek, Chloe Edwards
- Staff: Dan Bales and Cindy Grotz

Financial Reports

- The Board approved the agenda for this meeting and the November financials.
- The club received a check from the Culpeper Recreation Foundation and it was larger than expected. It is based on our spring player registration which continues to rise so hopefully, next year's check will be even larger.
- Dan is applying for his USSF B license which will cost \$1500 but fees are not due until he is accepted, and he may not be accepted on his first try.
- Dan stated that, for the next Board meeting, the staff will provide a detailed breakdown of all the travel accounts that are currently in arrears.
 - Some discussion ensued about ways to collect timely payments on travel player's accounts.
 - It was agreed that, starting next year, scholarships will not be awarded until after the family pays the deposit.

Recreation

- Dan reported that we had great success with Early Bird registration for 2020 Recreation Soccer, with over 220 players registered already compared to 60 at this time last year.
- The coupon code discount for spring coaches was also a success, with 24 coaches registered already.
- The 2019 Fall Recreation season is nearly over; however, U14 and U19 teams will finish their games this Sat., Nov. 9 since their fields were too wet to allow play last weekend.
- The only issue with rec this fall was uneven skill levels with certain teams. Betsy and Justin will work with Dan on the spring rosters to try to create more balanced player distribution among teams.
- The Rec All Star games went very well. All players seemed to be excited and had a good time. Parents seemed pleased with the program, as well.
 - Participation was much higher than last year. Sessions were run by travel coaches and some experienced Rec coaches.
 - Fro is sending personal letters via snail mail to invite certain, qualified players to train with our travel teams this winter.

- Staff are now focused on marketing the Winter Futsal Program. Registration is currently at 21 players and we have several volunteer coaches signed up already.
- The Board agreed that CSC should host referee training, for both new referee training and recertification, in January 2020.
 - It was agreed that we need a better plan of action for referee mentoring and assigning.
 - There have been issues with referees this fall for both travel and rec that need to be addressed.

Travel & Academy

- Winter training schedules have been posted.
- Josh Smith has done three goalkeeper training sessions and has one left. We will do some more of these in the winter and could open one session to include rec players.
- We saved \$5000 on fees for the March Friendlies.
- Recommendations for the '03 and '05 players for the 2020 Denmark trip have been submitted to CCL.
- We are looking at a possible additional overseas trip for our club in 2021. The most interested team is Cathy Chaney's girls team and they have good sponsors who could help with the costs.
- Our current CCL rankings show a major improvement from last year, in the exact same league.
 - We are ranked 7th out of 17 teams.
 - Our girls are 4th in the Female division and the boys are 11th in the Male Division. We are working to find teams to fill the two holes in our roster of boys' teams which will help with our ranking in the spring. Cathy Chaney's U15 girls are currently in first place in their division.

Adult League

- There have been behavior issues with the Adult Rec League this fall.
 - 7-8 red cards have been issued which is more than were issued for ALL youth recreation and travel games combined.
 - The Board suggested that any player who receives a red card should be banned from future play.
 - Only a few players are ruining it for everyone.
 - None of our referees are willing to work these games now.

Other Business

- The 5K fundraiser slated for this spring was briefly discussed. Once we set a date, and a cost, Dan can meet with Marcia Degnan to create a marketing flyer.
- The Culpeper Classic Festival planned for Spring 2020 was briefly discussed. We hope to have moon bounces (possibly donated) and food trucks and maybe even games.
 - Every Rec team will play two games but there will be no focus on competition and no medals or trophies.

- Every player will receive a T-shirt and focus will be on fun and participation.
- Fauquier Health may be willing to sponsor this event, with other, smaller sponsors coming alongside.
- Dan Bales will be meeting with Andrew Hardy, the new director of Parks and Rec, to learn his plans for the county and determine if there is any truth to what we have heard about a future 'per player fee' to use the P&R fields.
 - There may be plans to build two new soccer fields at Mountain Run Lake park, which would benefit us with more practice and game space.
 - CSC is the only local club which pays for goals and hard equipment so perhaps we can negotiate some give and take.
- The club is registered to participate in the Culpeper Christmas Parade to be held on Main Street at 5:30 pm, Sun., Dec. 8.
 - Participation is open to ALL players, both Rec and Travel. Teams should be encouraged to dress up and march together.
 - We will have walkers and perhaps a float or two.
 - The Board agreed that we will distribute fliers and candy canes and that we will offer a \$10 discount code for Rec registration on the fliers.
- Our next Board meeting will be a holiday party.
 - The date of Dec. 6 is proposed.
 - Board members will suggest preferred locations and Cindy will make the reservation.
 - Board members will decide whether or not we should include children.