

FMSC Board Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Pete Cappers, Cort Ruddy, Russell Green, Steve Terchowicz, Carol Galway, Mary Kay Iannicello, Lindsey Stoppacher, Rachel Costanza, Mark Teaken, Seth Jolly, Chuck White, Tara Blum

- Jamboree feedback is being collected on a GoogleDoc. One big takeaway was numbers of teams and kids to coaches running the skills during one time slot. Another is coach availability for fall jamboree. Also would like easy identifier for board members - maybe a pinnie? Address in Rec Committee Meeting.
- Feedback on field numbers, how to make more visible, and clearer to read/understand on web. Also need to ensure any medical issues are printed with original roster to coaches.
- Lindsey has season gifts - medals for younger grades, neck sweater "buff" for older kids. Maroon shirts for older age not available, will re-evaluate color and style for older ages. Next season ensure we order extra for each age. Mark will send Lindsey final counts by team.
- Equipment pickup: Age coordinators responsible to gather for each group. Mary Kay will confirm, tentative times to deliver to bowling alley are Saturday 10/21 from 12:00 noon to 2:00 PM, and Sunday 10/22 from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Pete will send out ratings coordination for division coordinators to lead as well - ideally these are printed and we ask each coach to take a moment to fill out when the equipment is collected.
- Will have Rec and Travel committee meetings for long term view over next month or so. Email will go out. Goal is firm proposal to board for any changes. Parent and player feedback, volunteer time commitment and availability are all factors to consider.
- Travel: good so far. Just received bill for uniforms, has not been added to parent billing yet. Fall had no U9 B/G or U10G league, so all are in U10B. Good attendance for fall skills sessions. Compliments to Lindsey for her work researching winter practice facilities and rates. Teams eventually decided to go it on their own.
- Pete and Ron attended regional NYSWYSA meeting. Pete met group named Tillie's Touch. They are a City of Syracuse soccer association that has 100% graduation rate of kids involved in their program. They are always in need of donations. Pete

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proposed to put box out for donations at the last weekend of games for cleats. Etc. - all approved. They have feedback on the time required for the coach video. If we attend annual meeting, we are eligible for a grant. This year they will also have a second grant to help clubs defray costs of new goals to meet US Soccer regulations. We would like to apply, and put this money toward the goals we purchased last season. The meeting is November 4th in Rochester, Russell will attend

- FMSC annual meeting: FMSC Bylaws state 3 year terms, so at end of each term, Members can re-serve, but need re nomination and confirmation as would a new member. This allows for continuity of the board and members to step aside at a defined time. Pete circulated a list of current board members and terms for everyone to verify. Hoping to bring in more new members, need coordinator to track and remind any new potentials to attend first meeting. Carol Galway volunteered. Pete does not intend to serve as club president next year, and encouraged board members to contact Carol if executive positions desired. Carol will coordinate nominations. Annual meeting set for January 8th 2018, Cort to determine best way to add as event to website.
- Treasurer: registered balance just over \$32,000. Payments to skills coaches going out. Russell reviewed the travel payments. The process this year has been for managers to submit an expense to the Treasurer or Registrar, the Registrar enters the expense into the website, and parents are billed. The Treasurer pays the biller, and also has a cash disbursement form for referees in the fall league. As this was rolled out slightly late, rather than affect the kids and season, this is being done as a pilot, with 5 of 7 teams working this way. Russell believes this should be mandatory next season, a topic for the travel committee long term meeting. Seth provided feedback from two managers he knows that prefer the new system. Russell would like us to look for a treasurer to be "in training" over the next year.
- SU soccer games went well, well attended. Silver Knights camp this summer had 80 attendees. Feedback mostly good, some wanting smaller coach to camper ratio. Our share is \$2,300 from camp. Proposal of applying that to partnership fee. Partnership gets tickets to two Silver Knights games for any kids in program, and other offers of help at clinics. Discussion followed regarding benefits of partnership. Mark motioned to apply the proceeds toward next year's partnership, Seth seconded, all approved.
- Communications update: please send photos of kids for web and social media.

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- FM district looking to do serious maintenance on Pride Lane fields in the spring. We will meet with them in the winter to coordinate this for the spring season, along with lacrosse club.
- No November meeting. Next meeting December 11th, location TBD, but most likely like last year - more of a year end social get together. Email to follow.