

Fayetteville-Manlius Soccer Club, Inc.
Minutes of
The Meeting of
The Board of Directors
February 12, 2018
Fayetteville Village Hall

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by President Mark Teaken

Entire board was present.

Mr. Teaken thanked outgoing officers and proceeding to the first order of business: election of Secretary. Mr. Teaken nominated Doug Gorman and moved to vote, seconded by Lindsay Stoppacher and passed unanimously.

Recreation coordinator Peter Cappers then provided updates on the spring season of recreational soccer. Discounted registration continues through March 5 and then continues at regular rates until April 5. Teams will be formed from the end of registration through April 9 to be followed by a coaches meeting on a Monday. May 5 through June 16 will be the Spring season. The recreational committee will hold a meeting the week of February 25 to identify division coordinators and plan the spring coaching jamboree. Mr. Cappers explained that division coordinators form teams, apply player ratings, provide a main point of contact for coaches, attend certain games and collect ratings. Regarding fields, Mr. Cappers explained that Pride Lane fields won't be used this year as they are getting upgrades. As a result he does not know fields to be used or timing yet. He predicts use of four fields at FM high school, and potentially the Eagle Hill complex as a practice facility, and he'll be talking with FM Schools regarding same soon.

Travel coordinator Ron Fesko updated the board on the travel program. Beginning in the spring season, the club will have an affiliation through CNY JSA, and will continue to use Blue Sombrero for registration and payment. The club will require all teams to transition to collecting all payments and paying all fees through Blue Sombrero. Uniforms for next year will be ordered soon. The travel committee will hold a meeting in March to figure out younger grades. Everyone currently on a travel team needs to re-register for spring on Blue Sombrero for an additional \$50, and that will need to be communicated to parents.

Mr. Teaken, as acting registrar, asked for help in communicating with parents via e-mail. He explained that U9 boys have a low enrollment and wondered about allowing players from Cazenovia, East Syracuse-Minoa and perhaps private schools in order to fill up registration. Banners regarding registration will be placed in Fayetteville and possibly Manlius. He also noted that some parents have asked if their children can play up. While this has occurred in the past, several board members noted potential liability and that it would be the board preference to not allow that. In the event exceptions are made for whatever reason, there would be additional waivers required.

Treasurer Russell Green then spoke. He has linked Blue Sombrero to quickbooks and maintains all files in Dropbox. Reconciliation of the books today shows an operating balance of approximately \$29,000. He also explained that he took over the revenue and expenses of certain travel teams as a pilot program and now will be doing the same for the other teams. He also explained that for the first time the club has a receivable on the books and it is waiting for reimbursement from players for paying up front money to reserve the travel fields. He explained that the travel program needs a more comprehensive

disclosure of costs and timing and commitment. He noted that now that the club is a 501(c)(3) organization, it now needs to file a 990 with IRS, which is a public document, and a short form with New York State charities bureau. He would be handing out conflicts of interest forms soon. Mr. Green noted that the club was awarded a grant from NYS West for \$2500. He also thanks John Beecher for volunteering to help with the treasury role.

Events coordinator Seth Jolly then spoke. He said that autumn Syracuse University events were a good turnout and that the club will do it again. The past coaching jamborees had mixed formats and reviews and he is considering, with the recreational committee, a coaches clinic instead in the spring. He explained that the club has a relationship with Silver Knights wherein the club's players get tickets to games and proceeds from clinics run by the Silver Knights, while the Silver Knights get a partner fee. He also would like to start the Mayor's Cup again, but would need a team and coordination.

Referee coordinator Rachel Costanza then spoke. The main issue with the referees is finding some way to evaluate them. Mr. Teaken suggested that members without kids in the games evaluate the referees. She noted the lack of accountability of referees as well, as sometimes they don't attend their assigned games and in some instances report that they did. She wondered about how to qualify referees and Mr. Cappers said he wanted to handle these questions with the recreational committee.

Cort Ruddy then reported that the website is working well, although there is still confusion in the public about which website is live. An old website for the club exists and no one knows who owns it or how to take it down. Mr. Teaken explained that the policy is that people or entities sponsoring the club can get their logo and information onto the website while people or entities simply promoting local soccer or something similar can only have access to the club's social media. He stated that the club is trying to find a mutual relationship with the YMCA, and he encouraged the board members to boost the social media visibility of the club by "liking" its items on facebook.

Mr. Jolly suggested that there should always be two adults at a time at all practices, and that there should be a coach evaluation system for recreational and travel soccer. Mr. Teaken agreed that coaching needs to be more formalized.

Mr. Teaken then set the next meeting of the board for March 19th and will confirm the venue at a later date. There being no further business, Mr. Teaken moved to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Mr. Jolly and passed unanimously.

I, as Secretary of Fayetteville-Manlius Soccer Club, Inc., hereby state that these minutes are to my knowledge true and accurate.

/s/ Douglas Gorman, Secretary