



Stafford Area Soccer Association Board of Directors Meeting Minutes



September 10, 2014

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m.

Board Members Present: Sean Harrigan, Randy Sparks, Mark Bowman, Renee Frey, Monty Ottwell, Krista Lenzmeier, Farrell Sullivan

Board Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Barry Hill, Stephanie Johnson.

II. Public May Address the Board

None.

III. Other Reports

Technical Director - Barry Hill

The County is asking whether Smith Lake can be rented. Barry will address directly with leagues. The issue has arisen in the past where the leagues have denied this added use and threatened to move all home games if the space was not reserved. Barry will determine whether any alternative solutions might exist.

The NSCAA Convention will be held in winter. The club has three open spots reserved. Barry and Monica will attend and will invite additional coach to join.

U5, TOPS, and Preschool sessions are starting. U5 Staffing is currently okay; may need one additional coach.

Director of Coaching - N/a

Director of Operations - Stephanie Johnson

Stephanie reviewed the monthly profit and loss report.

Stephanie discussed with the Board the Florence D. Helms Award (lifetime achievement award for helping Stafford youth) and identifying candidates.

Insurance bills were received and processed.

Stephanie raised several items for Board consideration regarding office administration. First, several requests have been made for refunds or credit for the following season for players that elect to discontinue prior to the start of practices. This would apply only to recreation teams and any such credit would be available only for the season immediately following that for which it was requested. Second,



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the online convenience fee for credit card processing is deterring online transactions and creating more traffic in the office. Barry and Stephanie will review pricing based on the county's new field and per-player fee increases for following seasons. Lastly, Stephanie is reviewing a strategic plan for the club and incorporating Farrell's comments.

Rules & Discipline Committee

Farrell address a coach's red card. The coach oversees two teams and the Board discussed the sit-out requirements for the red card. The coach has requested to drop one team; Farrell has a new coach ready to take over and is running a KidSafe check and collecting the volunteer paperwork to finalize the transition formally. Farrell also noted that three games ended early due to extreme heat on Smith Lake.

Coordinator Reports

None.

IV. Approval of the Minutes

The Board reviewed the August meeting minutes. Randy moved to approve the minutes and Sean seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Action Items

Multi-player Discounts (deferred)

Scarves/Slides

Scarves ordered and should be received in about a month. Still reviewing pricing and options relative to slides.

VI. Board Reports

President - Sean Harrigan

Sean asked whether the club would continue to try to obtain CPR certification courses for coaches. Mark noted that he was attending a course and would ask about pricing for groups.

Sean thanked Carla Smith for her years of service to the club. Sean thanked and welcomed Farrell, Krista, and Renee for continuing to volunteer.

Sean inquired about a timeline for replacing the Director of Coaching. The Board noted that the strategic plan would be prepared in late fall which would help to identify the club's needs and role to be fulfilled by a new DOC.



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Vice President - Randy Sparks

The club submitted a proposal for Leadership Fredericksburg. The club will learn in November whether its proposal was accepted.

Secretary - Mark Bowman

Mark asked about PWSI Tournament rebates that were received due to cancellations for inclement weather. Rebates should be forwarded to the Travel Director and office. .

Treasurer - Krista Lenzmeier.

Krista noted that the TOPS grant awards would be announced at the end of September.

Recreation Program Director - Farrell Sullivan

Farrell noted that there were some inquiries about roster numbers for one team which seemed to have large numbers over the weekend.

Revolution Academy Director - Monty Ottwell

Monty discussed an issue between a parent and a referee. He also reviewed U12 numbers and stated that pro training sessions have been well attended this season.

Travel Director - Renee Frey

Renee congratulated the U18 White team which won its recent State Cup match versus the Strikers. Renee asked that travel coaches notify the office of finalists and champions in tournaments for recognition.

VII. New Business

Age-up Requests

The Board noted that the age-up requests and procedures should be reviewed in connection with updating the Operations Manual in spring 2015.

Land



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Barry is inquiring about parking at Carl Lewis field for potential use. Mark noted that a he was approached by an engineer to discuss whether the club might consider some cooperation with a pending rezoning.

VIII. Executive Session

None.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business to conduct, Sean moved that the meeting be adjourned. Renee seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 p.m.