



**Stafford Area Soccer Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2015**



I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

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

Board Members Absent: Monty Ottwell.

Others Present: Barry Hill, Stephanie Johnson, Paul White.

II. Public May Address the Board

None.

III. Other Reports

Technical Director - Barry Hill

Winter training sessions generated decent participation. DC United was involved in assisting with several sessions.

The spring general membership meeting will be held in the Brooke Point gym. Practice schedules are in progress and will be finalized upon receipt from the county of their spring fields layout. Travel coaching allocation for 2015-2016 is being reviewed.

Barry is preparing a description for the club specific needs from a Director of Coaching and will present his draft in next month's board meeting.

The Stoke City partnership was approved. Several coaches will need to be hosted for the camp(s); this can be done with families hosting or with funding a hotel room. Stoke City and Stafford Soccer are working together to prepare a summer ID camp. Barry has already begun the field approval process.

The club plans to host two open camps, one elite camp, one DC United affiliate camp, and one Stoke City ID camp. Barry is working with DC and US Soccer for player identification.

East Coast Strength and Fitness is also looking at options for working with the club to enhance training options.

Director of Coaching - N/a

Director of Operations - Stephanie Johnson



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Stephanie noted that financials would be provided via e-mail for review. Taxes have increased, but the majority of change is a result of the increase in fields rentals, which accounts for approximately 60 percent of the change.

Registration was extended for a week. Spring recreation numbers were positive, but currently lower than 2014 figures. Revolution Academy numbers are okay and coaching levels are nearly complete. Stephanie would like to add a voucher option for DC United games to promote our partnership with the MLS club.

DC United will be hosting another community soccer series in the spring and fall. Stafford Soccer night with the DC United will be April 1st.

The general membership/coaches' meeting will be held on March 7th at Brooke Point High School.

Rules & Discipline Committee

Paul stated there was only one carryover incident from Fall that will be addressed in the first game of the season.

Coordinator Reports

None.

IV. Approval of the Minutes

The Board reviewed the January minutes. Renee requested one revision. Sean moved to approve as corrected. Mark seconded. The motion passed unanimously 6-0, with one absent.

V. Action Items

Weather Policies

The Board reviewed and discussed proposed weather policies for both hot and cold weather. The policies were deferred for further consideration.

VI. Board Reports

President - Sean Harrigan

Sean addressed direction for the club's land. The board reviewed available options.

Vice President - Randy Sparks

Randy provided an update on CPR certification courses and licensing options for coaches. He additionally discussed a local "Strong for Dom" 3v3 tournament.



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Secretary - Mark Bowman

None.

Treasurer - Krista Lenzmeier.

Krista discussed the VYSA regional championship contract awarded and discussed a desire to see our fields updated on the website.

Recreation Program Director - Farrell Sullivan

None.

Revolution Academy Director - Monty Ottwell

Absent.

Travel Director - Renee Frey

Renee provided a brief update on uniforms. The board discussed displaying more information about the new jerseys online.

Fields for the St. Patrick's Day tournament are being finalized. The tournament has 226 registered teams as of the meeting date.

VII. New Business

Business Plan

Farrell, Barry, and Stephanie have completed a review of the club's strengths and weaknesses. They intend to present a draft plan for the club at the March meeting.

Everbank CD

The board discussed the potential to invest funds elsewhere. There is a minimal early termination fee, but options may be limited for a short-term CD. Sean and Stephanie will continue to discuss and seek out options.

NSCAA/VYSA

Stephanie attended several club-centric sessions. She stated that the experience was enjoyable and showed that Stafford Soccer has been much more progressive in many respects than other clubs in the state. Barry agreed that the event was informative, but noted that its focus was shifting away from the technical aspects of the game.

Cell Tower Leasing



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Stephanie confirmed with the board that she will reach out to interested agencies for leasing a portion of the club's land for a future cell tower.

VIII. Executive Session

None.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business to conduct, Sean moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mark seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 p.m.