

WSSC Board Meeting Minutes  
Monday, August 12, 2019  
7-9 pm, The Westy

Attendees: Tom Gass (VP Coaches), Curtis Allan (treasurer), Maggie Lucas (Secretary), Tim Hinthorn, Erich Wiener, Bill Fry, Jamie Foulk, Brett Conway, Clydene Evans-Wenzel, Pushpa Larsen. Fry led the meeting in Goss's absence.

**July Minutes:** Lucas moves, Conway seconds; unanimous approval of July 2019 minutes.

**Pending Action Items:**

Add donate button to website: research indicates administrative complications, no action at this time.

South Park registration paperwork: almost complete.

PCA reminders: sent.

RMA reminder and instructions: resent.

Scholarship language for late applications: given to SoccerOffice.

Safesport procedures: recapped July discussion for those not in attendance in July. Although perhaps not legally required by the legislation, our governing body requires our participation and our coaches cannot get RMA clearance without it. FYI next year RMA clearances are set to expire in April, in the middle of our spring season; objections to this plan are being made.

Play up fees: SO will help collect these fees; they will send a paragraph drafted by WSSC when collecting.

Goal care is discussed below.

**Club Finances:** Allan reviewed income and expenses. After spring season the club was up \$20,000. Fall player count is down by approx. 10%. Income and expenses on track for fall; donations are tracking as usual. Field rental for UK soccer camps is now much higher because Parks is billing it as camp rather than practice; UK Soccer Camps will bear the extra expense.

**Old Business:**

**TRIAS** will be our ref assignor for fall.

**SafeSport and RMA clearance processes** continue to challenge a number of coaches as the process requires many log ins and the instructions are not always clear. Larsen will go through the SafeSport process and document her process for others.

## **New Business:**

### **Player Assignments:**

U6-7 All coaches secured and all kids placed; some coaches still need clearance.

U8 division is full, several coaches still not cleared, likely due to current website problems with concussion training piece.

U9-10 several players are looking to change teams and the requests are being handled. This group had a number of no shows at the fall coaches meeting and do not have their uniforms yet.

U19 boys team still looking for players and a coach, does have an assistant coach.

U13+ player cards can be distributed via registrar to age group coordinators to cleared coaches.

**Fields/Parks:** O'Byrne has agreed to act as field steward and Parks liaison. All fields have liners for fall season. Some goals and nets need repair and to be moved to other fields.

Action Items: Foulk will meet with O'Byrne to tour fields, identify issues, coordinate liners and goal care. Foulk will purchase new locks for the goals.

Lucas will provide O'Byrne with Parks contact info.

Fry will order sandbags or hard sided equivalent. Fry will ask Ben to help with net repair.

O'Byrne and Foulk will count on all board assistance to have fields ready for the season.

**PCA Clinic:** is Thursday Aug. 15 from 5-7. Fry moves, Foulk seconds, unanimous approval for up to \$250 to be expended for pizza for clinic attendees.

**U6-7 Coaches Meeting** is Thursday 8/15. Wiener, Evans-Wenzel, Lucas and a volunteer will set up kits. Fry will print labels, send out reminder and handle presentation. Hinthorn will print coach's packet and rules cards.

Foulk suggests purchasing new projector compatible with newer hardware and software.

Fry reminds that many messages are now saved in Bonzi for administrators to recycle for future use.

**Coaches clinic and game** will be at Walt Hundley on Aug. 24. Wiener is leading this project and will create a sign up for board members to assist. The clinic will take place from 9 to 11, then following a break there will be free form games with rotating teams. RSVPs will be taken; Wiener handling PR.

A U8 meet & greet event was not well attended; Allan suggests trying again closer to the season and with older players.

The board gratefully accepts Wiener's offer to update and edit the coaches packet for easier future use.

### **Continuing Initiatives:**

**Legacy transition** on the board continues. Communications and practices are captured and documented for future reference.

**Coach recruitment and retention:** Frustration has been expressed about the process of going through all of the various trainings and certifications required for RMA clearance, so much so that it has become a barrier to recruitment and retention. One suggestion to lighten the coach load is a team manager or otherwise dividing tasks. Former coaches whose children no longer play could be a source of returning coaches. Waiving registration fees for children of coaches is too costly, and scholarships are already available for those who need assistance.

**Key Dates:**

August 15, 2019 PCA Clinic and Fall U6-7 Coaches Meeting

August 24 Coaches Clinic and Game, Walt Hundley field 9-3

Sept. 1 Sounders Youth Soccer Day

Sept. 7 U8-12 Jamboree

Sept. 9 Next WSSC Board meeting 7-9 The Westy