

WSSC Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 8, 2020
7 pm to 8:39 pm, via Zoom

Attendees: Goss (Pres.), Allan (Treas.), Oltyan (VP Admin.), Wiener (VP Coaches), Lucas (Sec.), Persson (VP Players, joins 7:30 pm), Larsen, Hinthorn, O'Byrne, Conway, Foulk.

May 2020 Minutes: Goss moves, Conway seconds approval of the minutes; unanimous approval.

Club Finances: Allan reported for the past two months. Before we had to cancel the spring season, revenue was up 4%. In recent weeks approximately \$7,000 has been donated to the club. CD rates are so low that he has not renewed the expired CDs. Nothing to report on expenses since spring season was cancelled.

ACTION ITEM: Allan will monitor CD rates and invest the expired CD funds at the best possible rate once rates improve.

OLD BUSINESS:

US Soccer Connect: The transition of our website will happen in the next few days; Goss will circulate the URL and information regarding board access. Anyone who logged in to Bonzi in the last two years will receive an instructional email about re-registering in the new system. After a review of the website pages, Oltyan noticed that recent board meeting minutes were not yet posted, and that the board member list needed updating.

ACTION ITEM: Goss and Lucas will send all unposted minutes to Oltyan for conversion to pdf and posting.

ACTION ITEM: Goss will update the board list on the new website.

United Soccer Coaches Membership: Wiener reports that he has the trial membership set up to begin August 1. Coaches who wish to participate will need to provide their name and birthday.

ACTION ITEM: Goss will include a check box in the coach registration process to allow coaches to sign up and give their permission for disclosure of name and birthdate to United Soccer Coaches. This will be pointed out at the fall coaches' meeting as well.

Fall Season:

Age Group Coordinators:

Co-ed: Clydene with help from Pushpa (Goss will confirm Clydene)

U8: Wiener

U9-10: Goss

U11-12: Foulk and Conway

U13: Hinthorn

U14-19: Persson

Scholarships: Lucas and Foulk.

Uniform management: Goss and Oltyan will consult with Bill Fry who has historically handled this item.

Online UK coaches season prep: Fry has promoted this to the membership.

Fall Coaches' Meeting: By Wed. July 29 we will have a video presentation ready for publication to all coaches. Age group coordinators will have break out sessions (to provide age-specific info and allow for questions) by August 10, either on-line or in person; WebEx is available for the break out meetings. The

co-ed coaches' meeting presentation will be available by August 16. Kits will be distributed outdoors, details TBD.

ACTION ITEMS:

Lucas will coordinate coaches' meetings.
Oltyan will check uniform order lead times.

Administrative fee for registration:

WSSC will now be able to pay the \$3/registration fee for our members. Persson moves, Conway seconds, to reverse last month's decision to reduce our fees and instead to keep our player fees the same while paying the registration fees for all WSSC families. Unanimous approval.

Birth Year vs. School Year team formation:

16% of members participated in the poll on this issue; the results favored a return to school year. Goss fulfilled the May action item re taking our advisory vote to HSA. Prior to this June board meeting meeting, Goss provided board members with a written summary of his meeting with the HSA on this topic. Foulk notes that he was present at the HSA meeting and that Goss' summary is complete and accurate. Discussion was held on many interconnecting aspects of this question. Persson notes that WSSC usually institutes large changes like this for a spring season rather than fall. Wiener inquires of any pending rules changes which may be relevant; Persson reports that some Laws of the Game are changing but a ratification date is not yet known, also unknown is when and whether each change will be implemented at our level of play.

Discussion was held on whether this decision is connected to a switch to SYSA for league play. Hinthorn asserts they are not related; this point of view was not universally held. Hinthorn and Persson point out that we can place teams in SYSA without an intertie. Teams considering SYSA should realize that some ages play on Sundays (also true in SSUL), their registration and team formation and placement occur earlier than ours, and SYSA plays 9 or 10 games rather than 12.

Conway proposes that, if the club wishes to return to school year team formation (which is the consensus), then we will chart a course to that end, addressing each related issue along the way. Consensus agreement to appoint a work group on this issue to begin no later than September. It is anticipated that other clubs, leagues and associations will also be considering this change.

ACTION ITEM: Anyone interested in being part of this work group, contact Goss.

Further, Goss, Lucas and the WSSC registrar will meet with SYSA later this week to discuss administrative issues involved in placing teams with SYSA. Coaches can request this placement.

Goss thanks the group for their thoughtful preparation and discussion on this issue.

Important Dates:

Monday, July 13: WSSC Board Meeting
Wednesday, July 29: Fall Coaches' Meeting
Friday, August 10: Last day for age group break out sessions
Thursday, August 16: Co-ed Coaches' Meeting
TBD: Kit distribution
TBD: Fall Season begins