

WSSC Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 14, 2019
7-9 pm The Westy

Attendees: Chip Goss (Pres.), Tom Gass (VP Coaches), Curtis Allan (Treas.), Maggie Lucas (Sec.), Bill Fry, Erich Wiener, Michael O'Byrne, Brett Conway, Stefan Persson, Cori Roed (Registrar). Excused: Tim Hinthorn.

September Minutes: Reviewed; Allan moves, Gass 2nds approval of the minutes; approved unanimously.

Club Finances: Allan reported on club finances: The South Park invoice has been sent. There will be no soccer at South Park next year due to field construction. WSSC revenue is decreasing as seasonally appropriate; many invoices are being paid now including fields and some uniforms. Registrations are down 9-10% from last year but revenue is about the same.

Lucas reported that scholarship numbers almost doubled this fall compared to last fall.

ACTION ITEM: Our CD automatically renewed; Allan will tell bank, in writing, to stop all future auto renewals, and Allan will meet with bank to research best choices for future investment of this fund.

ACTION ITEM: Lucas will take over getting the mail from WSSC mailbox. Allan gave key to Lucas.

OLD BUSINESS:

Late uniform orders: continue to be a topic of discussion – this has become a significant burden and we will strive to correct this trend.

The December board meeting: will be a holiday event; Fry and Lucas will plan.

Registration Processes: Roed reported on status of registrar duties, which are becoming onerous. The new registration system coming for next year may solve some of the issues, but if not we will need a second registrar or have Soccer Office take over the age verifications. Hinthorn was to discuss with SO.

ACTION ITEM: Fry will take this question to the SO meeting to obtain information.

Rules Alignment: Build out line rule has been clarified. It was noted that different leagues use different offside lines; WSSC will clarify.

Field Steward issues: Goal care, as always, remains an issue. Goals are still being moved. Broken goals need to be taken apart and removed. Lining needs to be done weekly given the weather. Field restrooms will be open to 11/17/19; goals will be locked to fences 11/17/19 with new locks/combinations to secure for winter. Continuing discussion of sandbags/stakes/moving goals.

Game Day Issues: General discussion was held about a variety of on-field issues, player and coach behavior, and best practices for reporting. Also under discussion were disparate scoring, possibly stopping the recorded

score at a set differential regardless of actual goals scored, and the tension between this ideal and the SSUL practice of using goal differential as a tie breaker in standings.

ACTION ITEM: Letter will be sent to coaches urging any coach with concerns about behavior at a game to talk to the assigned referee or enter their comments into the Trias match report.

Basic season reminders: will be sent as a mid-season reminder. Age coordinators did remind coaches to sign up for rec cup.

Website Update: In process.

D&O coverage: Current policy obtained, forwarded to Persson for review.

SafeSport Adoption: Goss did circulate the entire SafeSport document for board review, but no vote is taken at this time. WSSC is eager to comply but seeking guidance re best practices for implementing this complex legislation from parent organizations which have been able to expend more time and resources on creating compliance systems and processes. WSSC will track incidents; consensus approval of which data will be tracked. Goss will reach out to HSA re example forms and processes. It is noted that WSSC will likely be bound by HSA policy regardless.

Emirates sponsorship: Allan inquired as planned, but has not heard back.

NEW BUSINESS:

Steve Cox Field: We have been asked to share the expense of this field but WSSC use is minimal thus we will not participate.

Extra fees charged by non-club entities: WSSC charges a registration fee which covers a player's season, including uniforms. WSSC is aware that each player generally incurs additional expenses for gear, such as shin guards and cleats. The spirit of rec soccer is to allow as many kids as possible to play; toward that end we try to keep registration fees as low as possible and offer scholarships. It is inconsistent with this program for any player or player's family to be charged additional fees by anyone other than WSSC. On occasion, teams may voluntarily arrange pizza parties or the like to which families may choose to contribute, but no family should be compelled to pay more than the registration fee in order to participate on a WSSC team.

Accordingly, Fry moves, Conway seconds, that: No fees, beyond WSSC registration fees, shall be assessed any WSSC player or family without advance WSSC Board approval.

Motion passes; Allan opposes, Lucas abstains.

Mid-season photo contest: Photos can be submitted by players, families or coaches. 1st place prize is free registration next season, 2nd place prize is a WSSC scarf.

Key Dates:

Dec. ? WSSC/HSA holiday meeting

