

## WSSC Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, Sept. 9, 2019

7-9 pm, The Westy

Attendees: Chip Goss (Pres.), Curtis Allan (treasurer), Maggie Lucas (Secretary), Erich Wiener, Jamie Foulk, Brett Conway, Michael O'Byrne; Stefan Persson.

Excused: Tom Gass (VP Coaches), Tim Hinthorn, Bill Fry

**August Minutes:** Lucas moves, Foulk seconds; Goss abstains because he was not present at August meeting; otherwise unanimous approval of August 2019 minutes.

**Club Finances:** Allan reviewed income and expenses. Registrations are down about 10% from last year. Most player fees have been collected and several large expenses will be paid shortly, including to Parks Dept. and HSA for player fees. South Park is still registering players; when that process is complete we will invoice South Park for those player fees. About 40 South Park players will participate at WSSC this season.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Jamboree Debrief:** Low turn out for U8 teams. There was some confusion between U8 and 2008. Foulk attended part of the event and reported that it went well. WSSC has received no complaints about the event.

### **Fall Season:**

**Players Assignments/Pending Players:** Boys U8 has a waiting list, and there is a short waiting list for Girls U8. It may be possible to play up those on the waiting lists to U9 teams. U10 teams are full. U11 and U12 have open spots; registrations may still be accepted. Fall season refunds are being made as appropriate to the circumstances.

**RMA Status:** Continues to be a critical issue. WSSC is currently being told that all RMA clearances will expire in April, in the middle of our spring season, which is unworkable. This topic is under discussion among clubs who will be impacted by it.

**Supplemental Uniform Orders:** This has been a very large problem this year, with coaches not checking their boxes until it's too late to reorder, necessitating many rush special orders and requiring too much board (Fry) time. Ideas for improvement are welcome.

### **Fields:**

Kudos to Allan and his team for quickly handling the sandbag needs at WSSC fields.

Thanks to Foulk for staking the goals until sandbags could arrive, and to O'Byrne for taking on the role of Field Steward and acting as liaison to Parks; O'Byrne reported that he is learning the ropes and has

Parks' mowing schedule for grass fields. Goal care and safety are, as always, under discussion by the board. Current plan is to stake goals and leave them on the field at Roxhill and Riverview N; goals at Fairmount and Riverview S will need to be moved on and off the field and locked when not in use. O'Byrne and Foulk will continue goal care and sandbag inventory; Allan will continue sandbag production. Coordinating field lining and Parks Department communications are being handled by O'Byrne.

**Coaches Game:** Weiner reports that the Coaches Clinic had 13-14 participants and went well, but the coaches game scheduled for that afternoon was not well attended. Lessons learned will be applied to next year, earlier and more PR among them.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

The deadline for registration for the Rec Cup is approaching; age coordinators will message coaches.

Basic season reminders also need to be sent, no dogs, etc.

WSSC Registrar is asking that Soccer Office take over age verification tasks, the first step of which is to check all unverified players for prior registrations/prior age verifications. If this can't happen we will need a co-registrar. Hinthorn will contact Soccer Office to discuss.

**Rules Alignment:** Build out line will be discussed at next HSA meeting; Goss will report back. Other alignment issues persist among HAS (which we link to) WYS and US Soccer. Foulk has made some updates to WSSC rules but some differences remain.

**Picture Day:** is 9/21 and 22 Sign your team up!

**Website:** Weiner proposes a more direct path on the WSSC website for volunteers, perhaps a "Volunteer" button on the home page, and suggests looking at a refresh of the entire site. Another idea is updated FAQs, including paths to getting non-WSSC questions answered. Another idea, greeting with general assent, is that the Coaches Packet for the Coaches Meeting be approved at the July board meeting each year and made available on the website in advance of the meeting. Weiner will handle the FAQs.

**Sponsorship Policies and Opportunities:** Allan will inquire of Emirates airline about sponsorship possibilities, just for information purposes.

**SafeSport Adoption:** Goss will circulate Center for SafeSport policies and procedures for board review and we will vote on adoption at the October board meeting. Lucas will find out current levels of Directors and Officers insurance through WYS.

**League Alignment:** The board had informational discussion on SSUL vs SYSA. Goss, Allan and others will form a committee to discuss further. It was noted that SYSA has a strict no double roster rule, and that Highline residents are outside the city limits and may be ineligible for SYSA teams.

**Reminder:** Publish emergency field lights phone number along with the practice field schedule around the switch to daylight savings.