

Rootstown Soccer Club Board Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2017

Attendance: Lester Frick Jr., Derek Hatcher, Michael Lindow, Robert Carter, Dan Monegan, Meghan Smolk, Megan Cunningham

Meeting called to order at 5:05pm

Old/New Business:

- President's report: Following new agenda procedure. Will discuss expense/income decisions in future meetings (consider family max rate, investing in field space, etc.) Review of Spring session GAASA teams: Rootstown Soccer Club will have at least an 11U girls team this Spring; seeking options for remaining players at this time. Will be meeting with CBC Board to discuss plans for RSC to use their fieldspace.
- Commissioner's report: Equipment update: will have equipment in by next week, no need to buy ball bags because more were found in storage locker. Draft presentation provided for coaches meeting; will e-mail copies to Board officers for further review. Has been looking at Constitution for review. Boy GAASA teams: looking into options like joining with Field, other clubs, etc.
- Vice President's report: Has player passes from the Fall session. Has 3 copies of the storage locker key (1 for VP, 1 for Commissioner, 1 for President; S. Farkash has 1 copy from previous year as well). Tracking inventory of Club equipment/assets. Has been tracking Spirit Wear items and will advertise selling items closer to Spring soccer season.
- GAASA Rep's report: Updates for Spring/Fall 2017 (birth year registration, changes in player # on the field) provided to Secretary for posting on website. Discussing with GAASA whether players can move up to another level.
- Secretary's report: Generic e-mails discussion: GoDaddy requires annual payment per e-mail user; Club decided to set up generic officer gmail accounts and secretary will post on website. Secretary has been updating website; will need to add referee clinic info to site. Town Hall has been reserved for meetings through the end of the year. Review of advertising used for Spring soccer: bank sign, facebook post on RSC site, facebook post on township site, e-mail blast to Fall users, fliers at school (though not handed out in Middle School because not enough fliers were provided). Requested consideration for Closed Board Officer meetings after general meetings to discuss sensitive club concerns; requested agenda items sent to Secretary prior to meeting with mention of items that need to be discussed with Officers-only present: agreed upon by officers. Review of information from 2016 Fall Coach survey and provided copy to Commissioner to assist with coach training. Asked whether other officers need access to website, facebook, etc: GAASA rep needs access to registration info from Blue Sombrero; Commissioner might want facebook access for posting soccer news, etc; Secretary will look into this access.
- Registrar's report (provided by Secretary): E-mail sent to Rec spring soccer players/coaches that Ravenna Parks and Rec forms are due to Club by 2/17th so that our Club can turn them in to Ravenna by 2/24th deadline (as permitted by Elaine Van Hoose at Ravenna Parks and Rec). Asked whether Spring soccer pictures should be scheduled: officers decided not to set

this up for this Spring. Discussed whether 6 year olds can play on Ravenna's U6 team because Ravenna has not switched over to 6U-type divisions: officers decided to follow whatever guidelines Ravenna would follow; Secretary will contact Elaine (Ravenna) to clarify how they set up age groups.

Open Discussion:

- Megan Cunningham: New to the area and this will be her son's first year playing soccer; he is 8 years old and currently signed up at 9U level. Commissioner explained travel vs rec leagues. Club will try to get him on 8U team rec team through Ravenna since this is his first year; and we will likely not be able to have a full 9U GAASA team since only 2 players registered for spring session. Secretary will contact Elaine (Ravenna) for permission to have player on U8 team in rec program.
- Spring foot skills: will not be able to schedule this year because middle school is booked already during the spring season.
- Liability/registration wording will need updated: will consider for Fall season and President looking into liability agreements we currently hold.
- Scholarship update: will name in honor of Nicholas Farkash and the Farkash family once approved by Stephanie Farkash. Officers request more time to consider details of scholarship; trial for next year (fall 2017 or spring 2018). Will need to consider: 2 scholarships (1 Boy, 1 Girl), details for how to fundraise for this scholarship, consider whether players from other schools who have been loyal to our Club could qualify (may be challenging if this scholarship is tied specifically to Awards night at Rootstown High School).
- Parks Committee Update: Green space to be used for soccer fields seems possible in park plan under new committee leadership; RSC may be able to request reservations for use through Jordan in Zoning similar to requests made for other township facilities.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm: Motion made by D. Hatcher, Second by D. Monegan

Next meeting Sunday, March 12th at 5pm