

Rootstown Soccer Club Board Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2017

Attendance: Lester Frick Jr., Derek Hatcher, Michael Lindow, Robert Carter, Dan Monegan, Meghan Smolk, Stephanie Farkash, Jen Curall, Robert Wright

Meeting called to order at 5:11pm

Officer reports:

- President's report:
 - o Registration needs for fall: dates, flyer distribution
 - o Current playing conditions: additional playing areas? Is seed needed at CBC?
 - o Fields at CBC: Awaiting Myers quote for drainage, grading, reseeding, gravel delivery. Mills Excavating: met with 2 officers before tonight's meeting but owner not interested in this project at this time
- Vice President's report:
 - o Equipment discount: 30% discounted equipment from SKLZ training items for RSC; and additional 5% if we want anything for fall teams and ordered in 60 days from May 2nd
- Commissioner's report:
 - o Spring Field Update: Girls U12 playing at Middle school field; painted goalie boxes per rec teams request, some teams still training at CBC
 - o Reimbursement request: \$58.69 for game balls GAASA; total spent so far on equipment in Spring = \$685
 - o Current equipment needs: #4 soccer balls and corner flags
 - o Revisions to Constitution and Rules: will try to get in Word document to revise
 - o Sponsors for Rec jerseys: Request sponsors by July 15th, \$225 for sponsoring 1 team, \$375 for sponsoring two teams; consider benefits of sponsorship = wall plaque, website advertising, actionable on website
- GAASA Rep's report:
 - o Portage Youth Soccer Association: consider for U10 thru U12 age groups this Fall
 - Consider U9 and U14 as well; PYSA will have a meeting in July
 - Consider that girls may do better in GAASA where teams are not co-ed
 - o High School program: encourage high school players to assistant coach?, suggest ball girl/boy from RSC teams at the HS games: Lester will talk with Keith
 - o Can a complete team (U12 Boys) be brought into RSC this Fall: Board decided YES, as long as there are no disciplinary actions against them from previous leagues
 - o Summer activities for RSC: coaches cannot start practicing early due to GAASA restrictions; open play is allowed if parent-led; should post camps on website
 - o Lessons learned from Spring GAASA registration and games: Challenging to get birth certificates and pictures for all players, had to rely on coach to text players to get it all in

- Purpose-driven funding: create wishlist for equipment: collapsible player benches, balls, goalie gloves, tournament in the future
- Lowering Registration fees for Fall: Fees must meet needs of club (consider equipment per player as well as field needs, insurance, etc.). Decided not to impose family max; offer sibling discount instead since it will be more favorable to families.
 - VOTE: The RSC Board moves to change registration rates as follows for the Fall 2017 season: U6/U8 = \$65. Motion: Stephanie, 2nd: Derek
 - Voting result: ALL IN FAVOR
 - VOTE: The RSC Board moves to offer sibling discount of \$10 per child after the first player registration. Motion: Derek, 2nd: Rob
 - Voting result: ALL IN FAVOR
- Secretary's report:
 - Spring Rec soccer updates: Games started April 23rd; no concerns from coaches/parents
 - Elaine from Ravenna said she may contact us in the Fall to play games with their rec teams to add to their schedule
 - Ravenna soccer program: we can consider Spring through Ravenna again; but how to avoid/streamline dual registration processes (register through Rootstown club, then Ravenna program). We can consider for Fall too (especially U10 and U12 since we could register our Rootstown teams through Ravenna if we don't want to handle setting up shirts, pictures, awards, etc.) or we can join PYSA on our own since there are no fees.
 - PYSA may consider U14 teams in the Fall if other clubs are interested
 - We can come to the PYSA meeting in July; Nancy will e-mail Meghan
 - Township website: RSC is now listed under Community Information!
 - Posts on website and facebook: any requests for topics? Please send pictures with captions.
- Registrar's report:
 - Fall Soccer registration ASAP: flyers need approved by BOE, deliver to elementary school and 6th-7th graders at middle school; also to preschool programs
 - Late fee starts on June 12th
 - GAASA players must register by June 30th and Rec players by end of July
- Treasurer's report:
 - IRS forms completed and sent
 - Charitable Organization forms completed and \$50 fee paid
 - Checking account balanced and CD coming due; our 3 CDs are staggered throughout the year
 - Disperse reimbursement checks

Old Business:

- Jennifer Curall with fundraising report: fundraising ideas include Paint and Sip, Applebee's dining, sell car sticker decals
- Stephanie with scholarship update: extend deadline to May 26th, advertise in Record Courier, update website when extension information is official

- Financial assistance fund: revisit discussion in June meeting?

Future business:

- Robert Wright serving as Statutory Agent for our 501c# status: paperwork needs submitted every 5 years; Meghan will complete and submit
- Meghan with Memorial Day Parade preparation: no volunteers for mobile unit; should we do marching unit again? Ask players to bring candy and wear jerseys. Can we pass out Fall registration info?
 - o Board decided to have marching unit, players bring candy and wear jerseys, flyers may not help increase registration numbers for Fall
- Consider blood bank scheduled for CanDo soccer camp as fundraiser; Stephanie will schedule
- Request to update registration process with questions about allergies and to send a message to parents that they will be notified of coach/teams in August, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 7:21pm

Next meeting Sunday, June 11th at 5pm