

Rootstown Soccer Club Board Meeting Minutes

July 9, 2017

Attendance: Lester Frick Jr., Derek Hatcher, Michael Lindow, Robert Carter, Dan Monegan, Meghan Smolk, Jen Curall, Denise Frick, Jason Opritza, Dave McIntyre, Jim Garren

Meeting called to order at 5:06 pm

Officer reports:

- President's report:
 - o Insurance coverage approved through Ohio North
 - o Field preparation for Fall
 - o CBC field plans
- Vice President's report:
 - o Spiritwear: can take to CanDo camp (along with rec registration flyers)
- Commissioner's report:
 - o Fall Rec sponsors: get at least 4 for the 4 8U teams first, then consider 6U
 - o Goalie equipment: jerseys, gloves; need enough for 6 teams
 - o Equipment: corner flags
 - o VOTE: Allow Commissioner to spend up to \$250 on equipment: PASSED
 - o Fields: CBC for rec, NEOMED for 9U/10U, ask Kris Hart for permission to use Waterloo field again for 13/14U
 - o Coach training: July 27th 6-8 for GAASA coaches; include player privacy info and safety
- GAASA Rep's report:
 - o Fall teams = 9 teams: 9U G, (2) 9U B, 10U G, 10U B, 11U G, 11U B, 13U G, 14U B
 - o PYSL meeting 7/6th: they are interested in scheduling games with our teams (10U-12U)
 - o Southeast wants to scrimmage: Samantha McPeak 330-219-6304
 - o Need to continue getting birth certificates and pictures uploaded
- Secretary's report:
 - o Website/Facebook: Responding to many e-mails about Fall registration (late fee, prices, practice days, registration deadlines, trouble uploading pictures/birth certificates, difference between Rec and GAASA (8U players), player privacy, players not contacted last Fall and wanting to play without pay this Fall)
 - Next season, adjust wording as follows: "Registration is \$85 and \$120 with Early Bird prices of \$65 and \$100 if registering by Early Bird registration date"
 - Requested to allow 30 days notice before late fee
 - Different late fee dates for GAASA vs Rec
 - Rec date set Mon after CanDo Camp
 - Include more info on Registration flyer to avoid frequently asked questions emailed to club: advertise fees and sibling discount, describe basics of rec vs travel (location of games, ages, basic practice/game season and schedule), list programs we offer, clear "Deadline" instead of "Register before" date as this is confusing, what is being provided in the cost

- Ensure coaches notify us if unable to reach a player for games/practices; ensure contact information is correct and that coaches used e-mail and phone number(s) provide to try to reach player; keep track of records and send to Board (Registrar).
 - Parents concerned about signing up for soccer and then having to get reimbursed when there are not enough players to have a team; so they end up not registering because they assume we will not have a team (Ex: 14U B)
 - Player privacy and disclosure policy: Ohio North recommended we create our own policy
 - My proposal: “A person requesting player registration verification (The “Requestor”) can be given “yes/no” verification of registration if: 1) the individual who registered the player listed The Requestor as the “second contact” during the registration process; 2) the individual who registered the player is contacted by the Board and agrees that verification can be shared with The Requestor; 3) documentation is produced by The Requestor verifying legal joint custody. In these cases, the individual who registered the player should be notified that an inquiry was made about the player. If both parties (The Requestor and the individual registering the player) disagree about disclosing information, the Board will decide on a case-by-case basis in the player’s best interest.”
 - Financial assistance: cannot pay by check
 - 2 written requests: 1 completed form and in Shopping Cart; 1 did not turn form back in and registered instead
 - Need to set clear deadline to complete and return form by so that we can offer more assistance if forms are not completed by deadline
 - High School banners: RSC contacted by Vince DiTirro to consider paying for high school soccer senior banners that will hang outside of the schools this Fall.
 - Stephanie spoke with high school boys’ coach and they will use their HS soccer team fund to pay for their senior soccer player banners. Not sure about girls’ team.
- Registrar’s report:
 - Registration online did not include for most: sibling discount (after June 8th), coach/practice day request (GAASA), message re: when to expect season to start
 - Player requests to move up/down: 1 6U → 8U based on parent request about skills; 1 8U → 6U based on medical issue affecting skills; both were approved.
 - Fall Soccer Season plans: need GAASA rosters and jersey numbers, Pictures scheduled for Aug 30th and Aug 31st; Rec games starting Aug 26th, rec practices start 1st or 2nd week of August
 - Still plan to contact student player refs for Fall season
- Treasurer’s report:
 - Portable toilets: CBC and NEOMED
 - Check signer: want 2 people to have access to signing checks for club
 - Refunds

Old Business:

- Jen Curall will e-mail scholarship essay to scholarship committee for decision whether to accept late application

Future business:

- SummerFest presentation by Nightwine Production owner Jim Garren: event on August 12th; RSC will sponsor a table and skills challenge; schedule Blood Drive same day for scholarship donation from LifeShare
- Community Park presentation by Rootstown Trustee Dave McIntyre: Ohio Operators Union didn't wrap up last year's project soon enough, but they are coming next week to finalize plans for the land. Plan is to have 3 full-size athletic fields and a baseball field. Community Park project should be completed in about 1.5 years; hopefully by next Fall. There will be electricity, but no water at this time. There may be a shed for storage. In the past, concession stands have not been profitable for soccer programs. Requesting club assistance with cost of drainage for fields and athletic grass; approx. \$5000 per field. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) would be necessary. Other programs interested in using park: Baseball, HS Soccer and Football
- Lil Kickers 4U division: 17 kids signed up so far; most of them are 4 year olds (2013 birth year)
 - o Program details being finalized: may need parent involvement vs volunteers to help with small groups, how to handle scrimmages vs skill challenges for shy players

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm: 1st motion = Derek, 2nd = Mike

Next meeting Sunday, August 13th at 5pm