

Scituate Soccer Club

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2019

Attendees:

Chris Nylen, Jen Sjostedt, Kevin Griffin, Jay Donovan, Charlie Chisholm, Andy Gill, Michael Foley, Joe Wooding

Fall Kick-Off Review

Opening Weekend Issues

Double booked game at LRSH, late referee at Central. Both seem to just be first-weekend communication miscues. Can Cassandra notify coaches ahead of time if it looks like she may not be able to line up official(s) for a game? Might make it easier for coaches to prepare if they knew ahead of time.

Late Registrations, Players Without Assessments

Some players have landed on teams that may be above their skill level. They should be given the opportunity to play for the appropriate team, as there should be plenty of room on the rosters to accommodate this in the fall, and will make it easier to allocate players to the right level for the Spring season.

Can we set simple guidelines for sharing players in the Fall season? Commitment to your own team, coach communication, roster integrity.

Field Report

- First aid kits in the shed – can they be refreshed? CN and MF have some spare parts that can be used.
- Central Field has on broken 9 v 9 goal that needs to be removed. KG will coordinate with the Scituate DPW to get that taken care of.
- Flannery Field has two 11 v 11 goals that are not being used. Can we get them secured to prevent accidents/damage?
- Can we start a “crop rotation” approach once we have full field availability? Central seems to have benefitted from some reduced usage, but will probably be overused this season.
- Little Red Schoolhouse can probably use a flag refresh.
- Can we do a site walk to inventory goals and sandbags that are at unused locations? Shortage of sandbags at Central at the moment, which is a safety issue.
- Coaches for last Grade 3-4 game should be moving goals off the 11 v 11 field.
- Can we have a procedure for touching base on Thursday if we anticipate bad weather on the weekend. This way we can be sure that someone is available to assess field conditions and make play/no play call. Can we make a cheat sheet/checklist for what factors determine the play/no play decision (standing water, puddles in goal mouth, etc.)?
- We need to consider rescheduling any games currently slotted for 6:00 pm. Darkness at Central will become an obstacle very soon, based on the 5:30 game there this weekend.

Registrar's Report

- Issues With CORI/Concussion/Harassment certification. System problems – up and down availability, notification and login glitchiness.
- JD is taking on the role of Risk Manager based on new program guidelines.
- How do coordinators know when volunteers are credentialed and eligible to help out? Notification, updated list? Currently this information comes from JD.
- Harassment training may be a little unsettling to in town volunteers working with younger players, as some of the scenarios are more mature than what they may encounter. We should consider giving them a heads up before they take the training.
- Need to think about getting volunteers in the pipeline as soon as possible given the time required for the new process, especially the concussion and harassment modules.
- Volunteers with currently valid CORI should be okay through September? There is a new directive about issuing (temporary?) player cards for coaches?

CYSL Update

CN will be attending on Tuesday and will update us as necessary.

- Need to keep an eye out for teams that may be playing in the wrong division. CN will send a refresher to coaches regarding how to upload game scores into Blue Sombrero.
- Makeup games may be difficult to schedule in Scituate this fall due to field availability. Can Coastal help in case we run into field shortages? (Home games at an away location, etc?)

Financials

- MF and JS still need to coordinate their handoff, but at the moment our registration revenue is up about \$5k and our expenses to date are down approximately \$3k year over year.
- New Spring uniforms are only really necessary for MTOC eligible teams. How do we get parents to pay for new uniforms? Add a registration fee?

New DOC Introduction

Joe Wooding is taking over for Adam Corlett:

- Assistant Regional Manager for Steel Soccer (formerly UK Elite)
- Is responsible for town teams, and is not running any club programs at the moment.
- Wants to be a resource for coaches – practice plans, warmup routines, Steel Soccer curriculum, clinics for players. Will be able to help develop custom plans for coaches based on what they encounter during the season.
- Communication – emails to coaches, uploading plans to SSC's Google Drive to improve access for staff.
- Reasoning behind using the numbered position approach for players – helps consistency and continuity as players move up and helps grow from 9 v 9 to 11 v 11.
- Can we consider a weekly/periodic coaches clinic in the Spring?
- We should continue to steer players toward clinics, especially to the Friday sessions which still have some space. Especially important during the Fall (and in Scituate's current field situation) when it is difficult to schedule practices.

Miscellaneous

- Website vs Team Manager app – for game schedules, the website is king. Still no viable way to synchronize information back and forth between the app and the site – app can pull info down from the site, but does not seem to be able to push info back.
- Parents should be uploading photos of their players. This will be important for the Spring season.
- Can we improve late registration issues by doing a better job of communicating what the process looks like between tryouts and roster setup? Feedback is that there may be too much “quiet time” between the two which may cause some uncertainty with families. This in turn may be causing some late registrations and even some decisions not to participate. Instructions are currently provided to families but it doesn’t seem to help. There will always be a certain number of late registrations, which makes it difficult to establish the rosters any earlier than we do now. Can we do a better job of setting expectations, i.e. what the timeline will look like between tryouts and the roster announcements?
- We have a significant number of kids (especially Grade 3-4 girls) who were not able to get spots on rosters. Can we engage them to keep them interested in CSC? MF suggests the idea of a futsal pilot that will give these kids the opportunity to get some constructive playing time with an eye towards getting them on a team for the next season.