

Essex United Soccer Club
April 13, 2004
Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Randy Darden, Linda Elliott, Cathy Tremblay, Eric Senn, Howard Lincoln, Carolyn Rushford, Steve Wildermuth, Kay Maloney, Ed DeMulder.

The meeting was held in Essex High School, Room C102 and was called to order by Linda Elliott at 7:12 pm. The minutes of the March 9, 2004 meeting were reviewed. Carolyn Rushford noted a change was needed under the Treasurer's report concerning who needed to sign authorization cards for the checking account. Carolyn's name is to be removed from the minutes and Linda's name will be inserted. Caroline then made a motion to accept the amended minutes of the March meeting, which was seconded by Howard Lincoln. The motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report: 2004 budget review with discussion. Howard Lincoln made a motion to accept the budget as presented. Steve Wildermuth seconded the motion and the motion was approved. The registration fee/refund policy will be discussed at the May meeting.

Registrar Report: Carolyn reports that all registration materials (except for one coach form) have been submitted to VSA, and player fees have been paid. We currently have 271 players in the club. Carolyn questioned when we should officially close on accepting new players. Discussion was held and it was stated that no hard restrictions are set. Discussion was also held on sending out an informational brochure before fall registration.

CVYSL/GMSL Report: Howard reports the season begins May1/2 for both leagues, and the schedules are out. The referee fees are due to be paid. The CVYSL jamboree will be held May1/2 with Essex hosting two venues: ADL and Maple Street Park fields. Discussion was held on a fund-raising opportunity to sell beverages. Linda will be the contact person for this. The \$90 application fees for the U-10 tournament in Missisquoi are due. The tournament will be held June19 for boys and June 20 for girls, with an A & B division. The Tide Cup for U10 will be held on June 12 at Dorset Park, sponsored by the VSA. Essex United teams each receive money to pay for one tournament and our own tournament. Steve made a motion to have Essex United reimburse U10 teams who participate in the Tide Cup. The motion was amended by Howard to "pay" for the tournament fee, not "reimburse". Eric Senn seconded the motion. Discussion was held on the fact that some CVYSL games will have to be cancelled if U10 teams commit to the Tide Cup. The motion was voted on and passed.

The practice schedule was reviewed and it was decided that we will release an unused slot at the Fort on Mondays, 5-6:30 PM back to Colchester Parks & Rec Dept.

Coach Coordinator Report: Two coaches now cover the U10 boys B2 team, and the U14 boys B team has enough players to participate in the CVYSL. The player training

for U10/U12 was successful with approximately 100 players involved. Steve says future strategy involves expanding these opportunities. There will be a keeper clinic available soon for both players and coaches. Steve would like to thank all involved with the March 29 coaches meeting. The coach manuals are now distributed. USSF "E" and "F" coaches' training is being offered with reimbursement available.

Tournament Report: A tournament committee meeting was held on April 6. ADL has been approved as a third site with two fields available. 71 of 88 slots have been filled as of April 12. There will be a Vermont Voltage match on Saturday evening of the Tournament with players free when showing the tournament patch. Next meeting will be held May 5, 2004.

Discussion was held on EUSC patches. Ed keeps the patches, and more are needed. Ed made a motion to purchase 3000 patches at \$.41 per patch. Kay seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

Facilities Report: Eric reports that most of the fields are laid out, and two sets of nets will be purchased. No clean-up day will be held, but Eric asks that at everyone's first practice, the teams do a sweep of the area. We have not been authorized to play on the fields yet.

Uniform Coordinator Report: Kay would like to pick a date in May to review uniform choices instead of using a board meeting. The meeting will be held on May 25 at 7 pm. Linda will make arrangements for a room at the high school. Discussion was held on what to do with the old uniforms. Discussion was also held on new uniform selection.

Booster's Club Report: Linda is still working on plans for a June 11 club event.

Tree Farm Report: Eric reports at the last Tree Farm meeting they were given a construction update and will have a state assessment done. Possible utilization of grants/loans is under review. \$180,000 will finish everything. An RFP notice was placed for mowing, etc... In answer to how the Tree Farm "got in the hole", the money was available for Phase I, so that part was completed. Howard commented on the lack of support from the Village of Essex Jct. Ed suggested an Essex United petition to present to the Essex Jct. Board of Trustees to ask for money. This will be discussed in more detail at our next meeting.

Equipment Report: None available.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Kay recommend creating a master calendar.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Ed DeMulder. Steve Wildermuth seconded the motion, and Linda Elliott adjourned the meeting at 9:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Cathy Tremblay, Secretary
Subsequently approved after approved changes, on May 11, 2004