

Essex United Soccer Club
January 13, 2004
Board Meeting minutes

Present: Linda Elliott, Howard Lincoln, Kay Maloney, Jay Shepard, Randy Darden, Cathy Tremblay, Michelle Hetling, Ed DeMulder, Emily Guziak, Carolyn Rushford.

The meeting was held in Essex High School, Room C102 and was called to order by Linda Elliott at 7:10 pm. The minutes from the December, 2003 meeting were reviewed. Howard Lincoln made a motion to approve the minutes, with an amendment to include the names of the newly elected board members. Jay Shepard seconded this motion, and the motion was approved.

Ed DeMulder drew attention to the success of the December Annual meeting. He gives thanks to those who organized the meeting, as attendance was over 100. The door prizes were well received. Possible future improvements to food delivery and audio will be explored.

Treasurer's Report: Michelle handed out the financial summary for the club. Since the checkbook was just balanced, the interest was not shown up to date. A full year of expenses has been documented on computer, so comparisons will now be available for the coming years. Our non-profit status was clarified; the money generated for the club and spent by the club promotes soccer.

The question of what to do with the 2003 profits was presented. Ed said the field rental at the Tree Farm would be a big expense. Howard said that we would now have to pay the Town of Essex for use of the practice fields at \$4 per player per season.

Linda inquired on the rate of return on the power account. Michelle said that it was comparable to other financial institutions. Howard mentioned creating a budget for the club, knowing our break-even point. In the past, that point was \$90 per player. Kay suggested reevaluating the break-even point once the Tree Farm is being used. Michelle offered to do a job cost or any other reports that were needed.

Registrar's Report: Carolyn provided the team numbers for Spring 2004, with a total of 269 players. She will be registering four teams for the GMSL, due 1/15/04. Those teams are the U16 boys, U16 girls, U14A girls, and U14A boys. Carolyn is still gathering info from coaches and hopes to have all player passes in her possession by March 1 in order to successfully meet the 04/01/04 deadline as required by the CVYSL. Carolyn reminded everyone that the Snickers Cup application deadline is due to the GMSL by 2/15/04. Howard mentioned that the CVYSL Team fees are due this week at \$50 per U10 team and \$75 for all other teams. Michelle and Carolyn will take care of that tonight.

The VSA has instituted a new \$15 team roster change fee. Carolyn believes that we would be allowed two changes free of charge, but then fees will be charged. Discussion

was held on instituting a withdrawal fee, and addressing the refund policy. This topic will be placed on a future agenda.

Coach Coordinator Report: Steve Wildermuth was not in attendance, but provided information to Linda to share. A coach is still needed for the U10 Boys B team. Anyone with ideas, please contact Steve. There is a meeting planned for the U14 Boys B team to decide if they have enough players to keep a team. Jay will attend that meeting. Steve had a meeting with Trevor Squirrell at the Nordic Indoor Center concerning training sessions for the U10/U12 teams. These sessions would probably be held in March. There will be a coaches meeting in February or March for coaches to choose their practice times and fields. Prairie 1 will not be available to us this season.

Tournament Report: Ed says there will be no major changes in the tournament format this year. He is still actively working on the U16 bracket for both boys and girls, and acknowledged that there may be premier/select teams in that division. Another field would be required. Jay suggested using the upper field at ADL School. Ed will look into it. Tournament info will be updated on the website by Randy Darden.

Ed sends thanks to Kay and Carolyn for all their help on the Tournament Committee. He is looking for a new concessions committee member, and welcomes Helen Murdock as a hotel coordinator. A meeting will be held on Feb 2 at Ed's house for tournament planning, and new members are welcome.

Facilities Report: None available.

Equipment Report: Nothing new to report.

Uniform Coordinator Report: Kay presented a new uniform discussion. Vendors will be invited to the April Board meeting to make presentations.

Boosters Club Report: A club-wide event is being planned for Friday, June 11, 2004, with time and place to be determined. The committee will include Linda, Jay, Kay and Howard. They will consider a budget for this event and asked for help from others to help plan the gathering.

CYVSL/GMSL Report: Howard briefed the board with deadlines for team rosters and fees. He has talked to Mark Barry of Essex Town Parks and Rec. about reserving fields. As mentioned before, there will be a \$4 per player per season charge by the Town this year that will have just over \$1,000 impact on the budget.

Changing the time slots of practices was discussed. Offering one and a half hour time slots versus the two-hour time slots for practice. Ed agreed that the shorter time slot is effective for the teams. This may help with filling the practice blocks that coaches are reluctant to take. Jay recommended utilizing a large field at Hiawatha for U12 and U14 practices. He said that the school would be willing to work with the club on this. Ed mentioned that the large goals already in place were given to the school by EUSC.

The subject of dual rostering was introduced with some discussion. Dual rostering is not allowed within the GMSL even if the player is in two different age brackets. Essex United still allows their players to be a part of other teams while representing EUSC.

Old Business: none

New Business: Randy Darden will update the web page as he receives current information. Jay mentioned that a new building is being built at the CV Fairgrounds to house an indoor soccer arena. The existing Miller building will be converted to a Futsal field.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Ed DeMulder, seconded by Howard Lincoln. Linda Elliott adjourned the meeting at 9:26pm

Respectfully submitted by Cathy Tremblay, secretary.

Approved by Essex United Board Members on February 10, 2004.