

Essex United Soccer Club
June 8, 2004
Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Carolyn Rushford, Linda Elliott, Cathy Tremblay, Kay Maloney, Emily Guziak, Michelle Hetling, Steve Wildermuth, Ed DeMulder, Eric Senn.

The meeting was held in Essex High School, Room C102 and was called to order by Linda Elliott at 7:08 pm. The minutes from the May 11, 2004 meeting were reviewed. The minutes were amended under the CVYSL/GMSL report that the "Ft. Ethan Allen field is unsuitable for five GMSL games on Saturday, May 15." Carolyn Rushford made a motion to accept the amended minutes, Kay Maloney seconded, and the motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report: Michelle reports that the EU Tournament has recently brought in a large sum of money. She has transferred some funds to the Money Market account from the checking account. She provided an Income Expense Comparison for January-May of 2003 and 2004. Also provided was the check register from May 3, 2004-May 31, 2004.

Some discussion was held on the amount of money available for each new uniform, to include jersey, t-shirt, shorts and socks.

Registrar's Report: Publicity is progressing nicely. Carolyn brought the poster set-up that she made and displayed at the Fall Soccer sign-ups. She also distributed an Essex United flyer to the Essex Town schools, and Cathy will arrange for the same flyer to be published in the Essex Reporter both before the EU Tournament and before the September registration dates. There will be some EU information published in the next Essex Elementary School newsletter, as provided by Linda. Cathy is trying to get EU's name and web address into the 2005 Visitor's Guide & Resource Directory that is for the Town of Essex and Village of Essex Jct. The PTO student directory for the Town schools will also be updated for the 2004-2005 school year. Linda mentioned that the Town and Village recreation departments would allow flyers to be posted in their facilities.

Carolyn would like everyone to review the Refund policy and send any comments to her. Also, please review the registration forms for updating. There will be a separate uniform form this year. This registration information will be discussed at the July meeting. A reminder that fees will need to be set by late August. Michelle will work on having a fee structure with per player cost available for the July meeting.

Discussion was held on having U-8 teams available for next season, as a feeder program for the travel teams. Discussion was also held on the possibility of helping with the Fall Recreation Soccer Program. Kay and Ed will discuss this issue in more detail.

CVYSL/GMSL Report: None available.

Coach Coordinator Report: Steve reports that the U14 Boys B team has been fielding enough players to participate in games. The flexibility of the opposing teams coaches has been appreciated. Steve would like to have the coaches send surveys to their players that would include a link to the web site for anonymity.

Facilities Report: Eric would like to send a note to the coaches concerning field preparation for the upcoming EU Tournament and asking for help with that task.

Steve mentioned keeping other field options available for next year even when we are utilizing the Tree Farm, so that we will not be lacking in field space.

Tree Farm Report: Eric will attend the next Tree Farm meeting on June 10. He will try to gather information concerning a fee structure for field use next year.

Tournament Report: Ed reports that Tournament registration was officially closed on June 7. There are 82/88 slots filled. Next year he will consider an earlier notification to CVYSL teams for tournament registration. The brackets are complete and he is working on the game schedules, which will be available for the web page next week. The next Tournament Committee meeting will be held on June 16. The Tournament patches and EU patches are both in, the trophies are in the mail, and the coaches' gifts are being made. Ed says that sponsorship is up this year.

There will be a Women's Voltage soccer game at 5:30 pm in addition to the men's game on Saturday evening of the Tournament. Tournament information will be published in the Essex Reporter.

Equipment Report: Emily would like to remind coaches to turn in the equipment to her at the end of the season. The corner flags will be used at the Tournament and Kay will help recover those. Steve adds that if a coach will be coaching the following season, they may keep their equipment and give Emily an inventory of what they have.

Uniform Coordinator Report: Kay presented uniform choices with discussion. Ed made a motion for Kay to have a prototype made for the Xara Liverpool jersey with spending up to \$150. Steve seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Carolyn Rushford, and seconded by Cathy Tremblay. The motion passed. Linda Elliott adjourned the meeting at 9:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Cathy Tremblay, secretary.
Subsequently approved by the EU Board on July 20, 2004.

