

**Essex United Soccer Club**  
**May 11, 2004**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Michelle Hetling, Kay Maloney, Linda Elliott, Howard Lincoln, Cathy Tremblay, Carolyn Rushford, Emily Guziak, Jay Shepard, Eric Senn.

The meeting was held in Essex High School, Room C102 and was called to order by Linda Elliott at 7:09 pm. The minutes from the April 13, 2004 meeting were reviewed. A change was made in the minutes under the CVYSL/GMSL report to reflect the correct dates of the Mississquoi U-10 tournament for the girls and boys teams. Kay made a motion to accept the amended minutes, and Michelle Hetling seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Michelle reports that the NEFCU account has been closed as of May 1, 2004. The signature cards on the Charter One account need to be completed, and Cathy will take care of the necessary paperwork this week. Linda inquired if Michelle could provide the check register at board meetings for members to review.

**Registrar's Report:** Total number of players in the club is 272 to date. Every team should have their player passes and official rosters. Registration dates need to be set for the fall, so they can be included in the spring newsletter. Discussion was held on the dates, and it was decided that Thursday, September 9 and Wednesday, September 15, 2004 would be registration nights.

Publicity: Carolyn will be setting up an informational display at Essex Fall Recreation soccer sign-ups with information about Essex United. Linda, Cathy and Carolyn will be working on an informational brochure. Cathy will advertise the registration dates in the Essex Reporter for the two Thursdays prior to registration, and will also look into placing an article about the club in the Reporter in July.

Discussion was held on forming a smaller committee to review the refund policy and to set the registration fees for next season. Kay, Eric, Carolyn, Michelle, and Linda will hold a meeting concerning these topics and present their findings to the board at a future meeting.

**CVYSL/GMSL Report:** Howard is looking for feedback from the Jamboree that was held May 1 & 2. Howard believes that the Essex venues worked well although the event was planned late. Kay thought the event was well received, but teams should play at their home venue. Jay thought the scheduling allowed too much time between games. Eric stated that the ADL fields received a beating, and it was early in the season to have that much use on the fields. It may be possible to host the 2005 Jamboree at the Tree Farm. Michelle reports great parent feedback. Carolyn believes that more organization is needed for such an event, with more bathrooms, food and parking available. Howard

thought that a 6 pm game on a Sunday was unnecessarily late. Perhaps the halves could be shortened, as full-length games are unnecessary.

Howard has heard from Ed that the S1 field at Fort Ethan Allen is unsuitable for five GMSL games for Saturday, May 15. Maple St. Park will be used for the games instead.. ADL is a back-up field for Friday night CVYSL games if the Fort is unusable.

The Tide Cup deadline has been extended to May 14, 2004. CVYSL will hold a summer session for 16 and up. Discussion was held, and decided that EUSC is not interested in the summer session.

**Coach Coordinator Report:** Linda received an email from Steve with his report. He would like to move try-outs and registration dates so that our club is not competing with Nordic and Far Post. Earlier in this meeting, we had already set the registration dates for the fall. Discussion was held on plans to avoid conflicts. The Club will put flyers out in the schools; Carolyn will be at the Rec. Fall soccer sign-ups, and a possible reminder out at the EU Tournament in June. The Club could use a publicity coordinator.

**Facilities Report:** Eric reports that all fields are laid out and playable. ADL field has some damage due to the CVYSL jamboree; this will be watched and corrected as needed. Eric would like to have the players involved in helping to maintain the fields. Eric will be stepping down as the Facilities Coordinator after this year's EU tournament in order to focus more on the Tree Farm and coaching. Kay notes that the Club would like to thank Eric for all of his efforts.

**Tree Farm Report:** Eric reports that the Tree Farm has a donor to help fund the completion of the project. Robert Miller has stepped forward with a loan, with details of payback still be worked out. Eric would like to bring ideas to the next Tree Farm Management Group meeting to showcase the site with an event in the fall. Howard noted that our Club would show volunteer support of a fall event.

**Tournament Report:** Ed has given information to Linda concerning the tournament: 81 of 88 slots and 6 of 8 divisions have been filled. Four U-10 boys slots and three U-12 boys slots are available. Ed recommends that the 2004 Essex High School Athletic Dept. donation be \$1700 for use of the facility during the Tournament. Kay motions to accept Ed's proposal, Eric seconds it, and the motion carries.

**Equipment Coordinator:** Emily has supplied the Board with both the 2003 and 2004 EUSC equipment expenses (See report). If coaches need supplies, they should be getting them from Emily. The ball bags are ripping and need replacing. Emily will look into this. Kay will help to gather the corner flags for Emily after the EU Tournament. Eric states that there will be storage available for our equipment at the Tree Farm.

**Uniform Coordinator:** Kay will be selling the remaining shorts and socks. The coaches' shirts and warm-ups have been distributed. There will be a special meeting on

Tuesday, May 25 at 7 pm at the High School to review choices for new uniforms. Nancy Johnson from New Horizons and Jim Marrier from Mills & Greer will present.

**Boosters Club:** Linda reports that the event planning for a June 11<sup>th</sup> club wide event has been halted. Next year the Club hopes to organize another event.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

A motion to close the meeting was made by Eric Senn. Carolyn Rushford seconded the motion and the motion passed. Linda Elliott adjourned the meeting at 9:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Cathy Tremblay, Secretary.

Subsequently approved by the EU Board on June 8, 2004