

Essex United Soccer Club
December 5, 2005
Annual Meeting Minutes

Present: Linda Elliott, Kay Maloney, Ed DeMulder, Cathy Tremblay, Eric Senn, Scott Earisman, Michelle Hetling, Carolyn Rushford, and a portion of the Club members.

The meeting was held in the Essex High School cafeteria and called to order by Linda Elliott at 6:43 pm. Door prizes were given throughout the evening. Linda thanked everyone for being in attendance, and shared fundraising ideas that Essex United will utilize for helping with the Tree Farm capital campaign.

The first event was a bottle drive held on December 3, 2005. The efforts of our Essex United players, coaches, and parents resulted in \$1334 being raised. Thank you to the River Road Beverage and Redemption for their help during this fundraiser.

The second event that Essex United will sponsor is a Calcutta accompanied by a silent auction. This will be held in March at the Lincoln Inn.

The third fundraiser will be a "cow plop" held during the Essex United Tournament in June. All proceeds from these three events will be given to the Tree Farm Recreational Facility. The Tree Farm is important to our club and we will continue to support it through fundraising activities. Linda presented Cheryl Bowers, treasurer of the Tree Farm Management Group with a check for \$1334 from the bottle drive.

The current Board members had reviewed the minutes of the November meeting online. Kay made a motion to accept the minutes as is. Eric seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Linda gave thanks to the current Officers of the Board for their efforts this past year. Incoming Board members are as follows: Kay Maloney as President, Garry Malle as Vice President, Cindy Jones as Secretary, and J.J. Maloney as Coach Coordinator. All other Board members remain in their positions. Carolyn made a motion to accept the slate of proposed Officers. Ed seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The proposed by-law changes were reviewed. These can be reviewed in their entirety on our website. The first change concerned section 3.17, with "CVYSL" and "GMSL" being changed to "VSL." The second change is section 3.19, and called for the Tree Farm Management Group Representative to become a voting Officer of the Board. The third change is section 3.20 and calls for the Webmaster to also become a voting Officer of the Board. Kay made a motion to accept the proposed by-law changes. Scott seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Michelle presented the club with financial information, and made mention that the 2006 budget had been approved at our November meeting.

Registrar's Report: Carolyn provide player numbers for each team. As of today, there are 256 players in the Club, with 14 teams, plus the U8 Division. Volunteers are needed to help with special projects. If interested in being a part of the Special Projects Committee, please sign up or contact Carolyn. Carolyn is looking to train someone to take over the Registrar position next year, if interested, please let her know.

Coach Coordinator Report: Report given by Linda in Steve's absence. The Coach Roster is full and stable. Steve would like to thank all coaches for volunteering.

Tree Farm Representative Report: Eric would like to thank everyone that participated in the bottle drive on Saturday; the Tree Farm appreciates your on-going support of the facility. The total project cost of the Tree Farm project was \$600,000. It should take approximately \$45,000 per year to run the Facility. There were 85,000 visits to the Facility this past season.

The Tree Farm has begun the "Finish the Dream...." Campaign to help raise money to retire the debt. Continued support of the Tree Farm is needed. There will be a reorganizing of the Tree Farm Management Board, and the Operations Board needs volunteers. Also, help with field scheduling is needed.

Tournament Director's Report: The 14th Annual Essex United Tournament was held in June 2005. It was the 2nd largest tournament held in Vermont this year. The Tree Farm was utilized as the one tournament site, with 89 teams, and 1400 participants, to make it our largest tournament to date. Our U8 teams provide exhibition matches. This tournament is the sole fundraiser specifically for our Club and the profit this year was \$16,000. Fifteen Tournament committee members made this Tournament a great success. The committee will continue to review the lack of parking and ways to remedy this problem.

President's Award: Linda presented the President's Award to Ed DeMulder. Ed is a committed and dedicated member of Essex United Soccer Club. His tireless efforts as a Coach and Tournament Director are highly valued by the soccer community. Thank you, Ed!

The Board would like to thank Linda Elliott for her great efforts as President for the past two years.

A power point presentation of photographs from various teams throughout the 2005 season was enjoyed.

Incoming President Kay Maloney says she looks forward to working with the Board in the coming year.

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Garry Malle made a motion to end the meeting. Eric Senn seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Linda Elliott adjourned the meeting at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Cathy Tremblay, Secretary
Subsequently approved by the Board on January 10, 2006