

Essex United Soccer Club  
February 15, 2005  
Board Meeting Minutes

**Present:** Scott Earisman, Ed DeMulder, Cathy Tremblay, Linda Elliott, Randy Darden, Eric Senn, Michelle Hetling, Emily Guziak, Nina Warren, Steve Wildermuth, Jay Shepard.

The meeting was held in Room C102 at Essex High School and was called to order by Linda Elliott at 7:09 pm. The minutes from the January meeting were reviewed. Michele made a motion to accept the minutes, and was seconded by Emily. The motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Michelle provide copies of the current balance sheet. Discussion was held on the payment of the new uniforms. Half of the balance is still to be paid.

**Registrar's Report:** Linda gave the report that she received from Carolyn. Division 1 player/coach passes are due to VSA February 28. All registration materials are due by March 15. VSA annual meeting is March 19 and will be attended by both Linda and Carolyn. Division 2 player/coach fees are due April 1 to VSA. Division 1 referee fees are due to VSL on April 15. Discussion was held on reimbursement of referee fees/uniform fees.

**VSL Coordinator Report:** Scott has received a draft of the Division 2 & 3 schedule. Coaches will look for conflicts and report back to Scott by the end of the month for necessary rescheduling. Eric invited Scott to attend the Tree Farm meeting on February 23. Scott mentioned that he is unable to access the schedules correctly on his computer, as he does not have Excel to view the spreadsheets. Emily made a motion to allocate funds for upgrading Scott's computer to use Excel for Essex United scheduling purposes. Ed seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The Division 1 schedule will be announced mid-March. Ed asked Scott to contact Rik Dayvie to ask if the schedule will be available for review prior to that.

There has not been a lot of interest in the VSL for including the U-8's in the Jamboree, so this will not be pursued.

**Equipment Coordinator Report:** Emily provided some sample ball bags for inspection. Ed made a motion to purchase two different types of ball bags to use this year, and test which one is better, for next year's purchases, at Emily's discretion. Eric seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Emily will need to order game balls by the end of the week to receive last year's prices. The Brine was \$14.95 per ball last year. Emily will purchase 30 balls, with each team receiving 2. Ed introduced soccer balls with the Essex United logo, done by Sterling.

**Tree Farm Report:** Eric reports that the fee schedule will soon be set for 1 ½ hour practice slots, utilizing 5-6:30 pm and 6:30-8 pm. Ed questioned Eric concerning fees for the usage of the Tree Farm for tournaments. Ed would like the fees in writing. Eric will take any questions the Board has, to the next Tree Farm meeting.

**Tournament Director Report:** Ed has reviewed the coaches' feedback from the 2004 Tournament. There was a decrease in the number of reviews, but the results were similar to the previous year. The Tournament will be held June 24-26. The applications are complete, ready for the website, and will be mailed the first week of March. An outside vendor may handle the t-shirt sales this year. Ed will go to the next VSL meeting to promote the Tournament. The next Tournament Committee meeting will be held on March 2.

**Coach Coordinator Report:** Steve reports that nine of our coaches have completed their USSF "E" license: Pete Sandon, Wayne Elliott, Chris Maritato, Andy Bean, Tom Maguire, Tom Palin, Kay Maloney, Dan Gratton, and Tim Guziak. Congratulations to all! The "F" license may be offered in late March, and goalkeeper training by Ed DeMulder is being scheduled. Many coaches have utilized Player training at the Nordic Center. Thirteen teams are training with more than 65 hours of training. A March coach meeting is being planned.

The New England Revolution soccer team is offering discounted tickets for Essex United players with certain requirements. This was discussed and it was decided not to pursue as a club wide event.

**Uniform Coordinator Report:** none

**Old Business:** Kay is not in attendance for review of the Master Calendar. Linda's meeting with the Nordic Club president was postponed.

**New Business:** The next meeting will be held on March 8.

Eric made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Emily seconded this, and the motion carried. Linda adjourned the meeting at 9:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Cathy Tremblay, secretary.  
Subsequently approved by the Board on March 8, 2005