

Essex United Soccer Club
March 8, 2005
Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Eric Senn, Randy Darden, Carol Polakowski, Linda Elliott, Cathy Tremblay, Kay Maloney, Carolyn Rushford, Michelle Hetling, Scott Earisman, Ed DeMulder, Jay Shepard, Steve Wildermuth

The meeting was held in Room C102 at Essex High School and was called to order by Linda Elliott at 7:10 pm. The minutes from the February meeting were reviewed. Eric made a motion to accept the minutes as is, and Kay seconded this. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Michelle provided the balance sheet as of 2/28/05 and noted that the new uniforms have been fully paid for.

Registrar's Report: Carolyn reports that the VSA annual meeting will be held on March 19, 2005. There will be two coaching clinics available that day. The VSA is looking for Board members.

The applications for the State Cup are in. There will be no Division 2 teams in the State Cup...only Division 1. The Tide Cup will be held on June 11, 2005 at Dorset Park for the U8 and U10 levels. The applications are due by May 1, 2005 and the fee is \$100.

Brochures will be sent to the players concerning the British Soccer Camp to be held the first week of August.

VSL Coordinator Report: Scott reports that all teams are registered for the Jamboree. All Division 2 and 3 schedules are submitted to VSL. The final schedule will be back on March 17.

Requests have been sent to the Essex Town and Jct. schools to reserve field space for practices.

Equipment Coordinator Report: Emily submitted her information to Linda, who reports that the coaches will receive their equipment at the coaches meeting. The worn corner flags have been replaced by new ones.

Tree Farm Coordinator Report: Eric reports that the last Tree Farm meeting was held on March 1, 2005. EUSC is to use three fields per day, Monday through Friday for practice. Three fields times two halves of a field = six teams may practice per day. There will be two sessions: 5-6:30 pm and 6:30-8 pm. Fee per hour will be \$20. Estimated cost of practice at Tree Farm: \$9120 minus 33% discount = \$6073. Games will be charged separately. Fields will be assigned for practice ahead of time.

For tournament usage, the cost will be \$25 per team per day. Additional services are available upon request, such as lining, rolling, trash, etc... and would add to the tournament pricing.

Discussion was held on how to schedule extra practices and should we prepay for practices/games ahead of time. If our goals are not used at the Tree Farm, we will consider donating them to the town/village schools or recreation departments.

Tournament Coordinator Report: Ed reports that 483 applications were mailed on March 3, 2005. The website has updated tournament information. The Tournament Committee is adding three members for publicity, brochure, and volunteer. The next meeting will be held on March 30, 2005 at 7 pm.

Coach Coordinator Report: Steve announces the coaches meeting to be held on March 24, 2005 at 7 pm at Essex High School. There will be an "F" licensure class at the end of March/early April. UVM is holding a two day coaching clinic on April 30/May 1, 2005.

Uniform Coordinator Report: Linda relays the report from Beth: Jerseys, socks and shorts (except U8) are being sorted. The U8 t-shirts and shorts have been ordered. She will contact the team uniform coordinators to pass out the uniforms.

Kay reports that the next shipment of donated uniforms will be going to the Dominican Republic. She has received a picture from our previous donation to Grassroots Soccer.

Discussion was held on a possible apparel sale to be held this spring. Randy will post a "help wanted" sign on the website for someone to help Kay.

Old Business: The master calendar is still being updated.

Linda had a meeting with Nordic President Roger Prescott. They discussed: grant writing for the Tree Farm, Nordic's Tree Farm installment needing to be paid, and Nordic's recruitment of Essex United players to join Nordic. Mr. Prescott notes that Nordic values having Essex United Soccer Club utilizing the Indoor Center.

New Business: Linda has drafted a referee reimbursement policy that reads: *Essex United Soccer Club will reimburse for certification annually and recertification fees once an individual has refereed at least one match subsequent to taking the course. To qualify for reimbursement, the individual must be a current or past EUSC member, or an immediate family member of the club member, not previously affiliated with any other club.* Kay makes a motion to accept Linda's proposal for one year and then review it to see how much money is disbursed. Jay seconds the motion. The motion passes with 6 yes votes and 3 no votes.

Concerning internal controls with cash management, the Treasurer shall prepare the bank reconciliation; the President will review the bank statement and reconciliation and sign off on it. If the President does not handle the review, he/she will oversee the review or assign someone to reconcile.

The next meeting will be held on April 12, 2005 at Essex High School. Linda will not be in attendance therefore Kay Maloney will run the meeting. Ed made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and was seconded by Michelle. The motion carries. Linda Elliott adjourned the meeting at 9:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Cathy Tremblay, secretary
Subsequently approved with amendments on April 12, 2005 by the Board.