

Essex United Soccer Club
May 10, 2005
Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Steve Wildermuth, Dave Jillson, Scott Earisman, Beth Maurer, Randy Darden, Carol Polakowski, Michelle Hetling, Kay Maloney, Linda Elliott, Eric Senn, Ed DeMulder, Emily Guziak, Carolyn Rushford.

The meeting was held in Room C102 at Essex High School and was called to order by Linda Elliott at 7:13 p.m. The minutes from the April meeting were reviewed and approved. Steve made the motion to approve; Carol seconded it and the motion carries.

Treasurer's Report: Michelle provided a copy of the balance sheet as of 4/30/2005. She asked if all uniform invoices have been submitted. Beth said they have. Michelle said reimbursements would be coming for the cancellation of the jamboree on April 30.

Uniform Coordinator's Report: Beth said all team uniforms have been distributed. Next year, parents should be told to order the yellow t-shirt a size larger than the jersey. Beth asked our policy on lost and damaged jerseys. The policy is that parents must pay \$50 to get a second jersey if the first one is lost. In the case of damage, the board will review each situation. Beth said a child wearing it as a goalie shirt, indoors, has ruined one jersey. The parent will not be charged for the jersey, but have been told the jerseys are only to be worn for games, and not as a goalie jersey. Beth will order six more adult large jerseys from New Horizons, in order to get them at the current reduced rate. The order will be placed after Kay has determined if some of the jerseys are losing the numbers on the back. If so, Kay will ask for replacement jerseys from New Horizons.

VSL Coordinator Report: Scott reported that coaches have until June 1 to register for the VSL summer league. Steve will communicate that to coaches. Scott asked for an e-mail list of all coaches so he can communicate with them directly. A port-a-let has been placed at Hiawatha Field. After discussion of the April 30 VSL jamboree, Steve said he will report to the VSL that the intent is good, but that three games in one day is too hard on the players and the fields at the beginning of the season.

Equipment Coordinator Report: Emily will ask that coaches return equipment to her house the evenings of June 28 and 29, or keep it if they plan to coach next year, and send her an inventory of what they have. Steve made a motion to increase the reimbursement amount of goalie gloves to \$30, and goalie jerseys to \$50. Carol seconded the motion and the motion carries.

Coach Coordinator Report: Steve said the goalkeepers training with Ed DeMulder went well. At the Nordic Center this winter there were eight scheduling conflicts, out of 70 training sessions. The biggest problem was double booking. Coaches' were/will be reimbursed for sessions that were double-booked. Linda asked if the VSA insurance covers our players while playing at the Nordic Center. Carolyn will check with VSA.

Kim Martin has accepted the job of non tree farm facilities rep. Linda and Eric will do an inventory of EUSC nets and figure out where to store them. Steve demonstrated one of the six portable goals purchased for the club, at a total cost of \$725. The goals will be shared among the coaches. He may decide to purchase a goal for every coach for 2006.

Tree Farm Report: Eric said he is pleased the fields are in use. He will report to the Tree Farm Board that there is too much dust on field one, and that more port-a-lets are needed at the fields. Parents should be told they should avoid accessing the fields by driving on Old Colchester Road, in order to keep traffic down on that road. A right-turn only sign is to be placed at the exit of the Tree Farm. Ed said he has been told there will be power at the fields by May 16.

Registrar's Report: Carolyn reported that the VSA distributes our mailing list to the US Youth Soccer Association, but that the VSA board approves any other distribution. The board has approved that it be given to St. Michael's and UVM for their camp brochure mailings. A parent has asked for a refund of fees as their child withdrew after the March 15 deadline. The child cannot attend EUSC practices due to a schedule conflict. Steve asked if the parents knew of the potential schedule conflict when they registered last fall, and Ed asked if there was a waiting list for this particular team, after tryouts last fall. Answers were both yes. Dave moved that the board adhere to the refund policy and not give a refund in this case; Kay seconded the motion and the motion carries. Linda will inform the parents. Another parent has asked if they may keep the uniform shorts, socks and t-shirt as their child withdrew without a refund after March 15. Linda and Kay and the involved coach had decided to let the family keep the uniform; Carolyn asked that a policy be set. Ed moved that the board handle each request on a case-by-case basis. Kay seconded and the motion carries.

Tournament Report: Ed reported that 87 of the 89 teams are confirmed for the Tournament and that there is a waiting list. The committee is finalizing parking plans. There will be parking for handicapped, the tournament committee and referees at the Tree Farm and each coach will receive two parking passes. Players may be dropped off in the circle drive at the fields; motorists can park at the Knights of Columbus and Essex High School, and walk to the fields. The committee is continuing to work on vendor set-up; location of port-a-lets; removal of trash on Sat. p.m.; storage of concession foods, and location of scoreboard. Ed will contact Essex High School by May 13 and let them know the tournament will be held at the Tree Farm.

Old Business: Linda will follow up with Jay Shepard as to whether he rewrote the fund raising letter for the Tree Farm originally written by Trevor Squirrel.

New Business: Linda reported that the Tree Farm (Operations Board) is requesting initial payment of \$3,000 to \$4,000 from EUSC for field rental. Discussion was held. Steve is to work with Kay to determine how many fields EUSC needs, so that we do not pay for more field space than is needed. Steve would like EUSC to reserve full fields for practices and give coaches the flexibility of using full or half fields. Ed asked that all coaches using the fields (from all organizations) be told that only six fields are to be in

use at a time during weeknight practice sessions, and that “closed” signs need to be placed on fields not to be used. Kay made a motion to make an advance payment of \$5,000 to the Tree Farm for field rental for the current season. Discussion followed. Several people pointed out that the same people manage Nordic and the Tree Farm, which makes the finances complicated. Linda asked Eric if there is accounting done by the Tree Farm for field usage. Eric will talk to Trevor Squirrel, head of the Tree Farm, about the handling of Tree Farm finances. Dave suggested we have a lawyer look at the situation. The motion was tabled

Discussion took place on the efforts needed to allow coaches to practice on non-tree farm fields. Steve will see if the Tree Farm can be used by mid-April for practices, thereby eliminating the need to prepare other fields for practices.

The Essex Junction Park and Rec Department has asked for a list of our players so that they can distribute experienced players evenly among the teams of the summer rec. league. We will not provide them with our player lists, but will review their list and notate Essex united players.

The next meeting will be held on June 14, 2005 at Essex High School. Eric made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Scott seconded. Motion carries. Linda adjourned the meeting at 10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Emily Guziak
Amended and subsequently approved by the Board on June 14, 2005