

Essex United Soccer Club
April 11, 2006
Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Kay Maloney, Carolyn Rushford, Cindy Jones, Garry Malle, Randy Darden, Nina Warren, Michelle Hetling, Eric Senn, Emily Guziak and Linda Elliott.

The meeting was held in the Essex High School, room C102 and called to order by Kay Maloney at 7:10 pm. No meeting agenda was provided.

The March 2006 Meeting Minutes were reviewed and a motion to accept the Minutes was made by Carolyn, seconded by Garry and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Michelle provided a Balance Sheet and Income/Expense Report thru 3/31/06. She noted that the budget included new jackets and pants for 19 head coaches.

Equipment Coordinator Report: Emily stated that the equipment has been handed out and that Tom McGuire will be given a list practice goal locations. Eric was asked about winter storage at the Tree Farm. He did not recommend winter storage there due to security reasons during the winter months. Summer storage should be available there according to Eric. He will check to find out if the Tree Farm has enough corner flags for all fields.

Registrar's Report: Per Carolyn, all teams have now been registered with VSA. Parent volunteer information has been distributed.

Notes from the VSA Annual General Meeting Report:

- Referees will be checking rosters for D2 and D3 games.
- No change in per player or per coach fees for 2007 season.
- State Cup application fee will go up to \$225.00; advancing fee \$375.00.
- DVD will be coming soon from USYS - "Code of Conduct", for coaches and parents regarding interactions with referees, coaches, players and your own child.
- Coaches Clinic available with Iroquois Soccer Club April 13, 7:00-9:00 pm at Hinesburg Community School. A similar clinic could be arranged for EUSC if we had enough participants.
- D1 U12 teams will gradually be moving toward playing 8v8 with a maximum roster size of 14. This will not affect all teams for the 2007 season. VSA was not clear about whether all divisions will follow or only D1. The board would like to see 8v8 across all divisions. Carolyn to follow up and get clarification since this may affect the try-out/team selection process for U12 teams if they might be playing D1.
- 2nd place U12 teams from State Cup will be invited to attend the 8v8 Regional Championship in Virginia this summer. (1st place teams will advance to traditional sized games to be held in Maine).
- Risk management notes for coaches:

- Check conditions of field and equipment before use.
- Do not allow players to move equipment.
- Be the last to leave following games and practices.

Carolyn sent an email to all of the coaches communicating the above requests.

- Kohl's Cup will be Saturday, June 10th at the Tree Farm for U8 and U10 teams. Application deadline due at VSA May 1st.
- The D&O insurance policy has been arranged for this season. Michelle will send the \$200.00 check directly to VSA.

The Registrar position is still open for next year. Carolyn has asked that this opening be posted on the Web site so that a replacement can be found and start in June to begin looking at the registration forms for next year. She has also created a manual describing the registration tasks throughout the year which also includes relevant forms.

A discussion was held about splitting the Registrar position into several positions including Assistant Registrar and Player Pass coordinator to help alleviate the amount of work done by the registrar. Kay requested that a coaches meeting be held in the fall to discuss some of the chores that could be done by the coaches. Kay will add this meeting to the calendar.

Carolyn stated that approximately 50 people registered late this year. The board discussed ways to alleviate this burden by possibly trying to advertise better with banners located in Essex Junction (5 corners) and the town center displaying registration dates. Late fees were also suggested. Garry made a motion that late registrations for U10 and above incur a non-refundable \$25.00 late fee for registering after November 15th. Linda seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Coach Coordinator Report: Kay reported that Ed Demulder has agreed to take the Coach Coordinator position for the 2007 season. For the remainder of this season, Tom McGuire is taking over the practice field coordinating. Tom Palin has agreed to handle field preps and Steve Wildermuth will continue to handle the coaches meetings.

Tournament Director's Report: nothing to report (Ed not present).

VSL Report: Scott was not present, but sent an email reporting that the D1 schedules are out and coaches have e-mails about where to find the official version. D2 and D3 schedules are not out yet, but should be released by the league by the end of the week. There is some confusion about reschedules in D2 and D3, and it looks like there will be a way to reschedule through the league. Scott will let the coaches know when he confirms the reschedules.

Tree Farm Representative Report: Per Eric, approximately \$16,000 in donations have been given to the Tree Farm from the EUSC and he thanked the board on behalf of the Tree Farm.

The Tree Farm will have one field set-up for everyone. A fee will be charged for any change requests.

A memorial is being worked on for Jeff Blanchard at the Tree Farm.

There are currently 6 fields available and they are working on moving up to 9.

Mark Berry agreed to pay for a grader to do the fields and this has been completed.

Randy Darden will put a link on the EUSC web page to the Tree Farm web page and update the Tree Farm web page with current financial goals of the Finish the Dream project.

New Business: Kay noted that the \$10,000 donation given to the Tree Farm allows field naming rights and suggested that the field be chosen by the board. After discussing the locations of the fields, Garry made a motion to request field 8 as the EUSC field from the Tree Farm board. Michelle seconded and the motion carried. Eric Senn abstained from the vote.

Randy Darden stated that he received a request from the Voltage to add a link for their web page to the EUSC page and they would do the same on their page for EUSC. Randy made a motion to cross link websites with the Voltage website under the Other Links section. Eric seconded and the motion carried.

Ed gave Kay a copy of the Serious Injury form used by Rice High School. Steve Wildermuth will adapt this for EUSC use and it will be kept on file with other medical forms. Garry wants the insurance company to decide if we need this form and when it needs to be used. Garry will follow up with the insurance company to obtain their guidelines.

Kay provided samples of different brands of jackets and pants to be given to all of the coaches this year. The board preferred the Hallway brand which has black pants and royal blue, white and black jackets.

Kay announced that she will be stepping down as President due to her husband's health. She will continue to attend meetings as a team rep whenever possible. Garry will be stepping up to the Presidents position which leaves the VP position open.

Randy will post the following board openings on the web: Registrar, Assistant Registrar, Player Pass Coordinator and VP.

Old Business: None

Eric made a motion to end the meeting. Carolyn seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Garry adjourned the meeting at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Jones, Secretary

Subsequently approved by the board on May 9, 2006