

Essex United Soccer Club
February 13, 2006
Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Kay Maloney, Eric Senn, Scott Earisman, Carolyn Rushford, Emily Guziak, Cindy Jones, Garry Malle, Ed DeMulder, Randy Darden, Larry Barchett, Tom Palin, Andy Bean, Rose Bean, and Nina Warren.

The meeting was held in the Essex High School, room C102 and called to order by Kay Maloney at 7:10 pm.

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

Tournament Director's Report: Ed provided handouts of the 2005 EUSC Tournament & Shootout Coaches feedback, and the 2005 Tournament Financials. 23 teams responded in the feedback report which was 26% of the field. The results were generally positive with parking being the most negative subject. The level of play was considered Very Competitive by 100% of the respondents.

The 2006 Tournament Committee report was reviewed with the dates set for June 24th & 25th and the format remaining the same. Ed announced that this will be his last year as Tournament Director and that Cheryl Bowers will be the 2007 Tournament Director. Other committee changes include Kevin Dawson as Transportation Coordinator and Kim Drury as Concessions Coordinator.

Ed asked the board for their input on continuing the Voltage arrangement where EUSC provided the concessions for the evening games. The board agreed that keeping the Voltage games would be a good idea, but without the concessions support. It was suggested that either no concessions be provided or have concessions provided by an outside business.

The Calcutta is set for 7:00 pm at the Lincoln Inn on March 18th. A reminder was made that Cathy Tremblay still needs donations for the Silent Auction.

VSL Report: Scott reported that the Division 1 applications have been submitted and all teams have been assigned to divisions. All Division 2 and 3 teams are registered for the Jamboree. Preliminary schedules (home and away) have been sent to the coaches and Scott requested any conflicts be brought to his attention ASAP. February 24th is the deadline for submitting any changes. No U-8 teams or games can be added.

A discussion was held about U-8 team sizes and the possibility of creating smaller teams and playing 5v5. Kay and Garry agreed to set up a meeting with parents and coaches to get commitments and decide if size of teams should be reduced to 10/11 players.

Registrar's Report: Carolyn reminded the board that Division 2 applications are due on February 17th and Division 3 applications are due by the end of March. This is will be Carolyn's last year as Registrar and Nina Warren is considering taking her position for 2007.

Treasurer's Report: Michelle Hetling was not present, but provided Kay with a copy of the Balance Sheet and Income/Expense report as of 1/31/06. Kay requested that the center column on page 1 be disregarded.

Equipment Coordinator Report: Emily brought a request from one of the coaches to the attention of the board. The request was for reimbursement of an indoor Futsal ball purchased by the coach. The board agreed to reimburse the coach as long as he understands that the ball belongs to the club. A note will be sent to all of the coaches reminding them about the purchase and reimbursement procedure, specifically that coaches will be reimbursed for a goalie shirt (up to \$50) and goalie gloves (up to \$25). Coaches are asked to check with Emily before making those purchases to see what EUSC has in stock already. Any other purchases need to be approved by the board prior to the purchase.

Coach Coordinator Report: Kay reported that J.J. will have to step down and Steve Wildermuth will fill in until a replacement can be found.

Tree Farm Representative Report: Eric stated that the Finish the Dream project is doing well with Tom McKeown and Linda Elliott chairing.

The official opening of the facility is May 1st. The jamboree will be held April 29th and 30th. If the fields are too wet, thus potentially causing severe damage to the fields, the tree farm will not be used.

The new web site is www.treefarmsports.org with Randy Darden as webmaster.

The next Tree Farm Board meeting will be Tuesday, February 21st.

New Business: Kay requested that the aging up of players be tabled to the next meeting.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

Carolyn made a motion to end the meeting. Garry seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Kay Maloney adjourned the meeting at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Jones.

Subsequently approved by the board on March 14, 2006.