

Essex United Soccer Club
January 10, 2006
Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Kay Maloney, Cathy Tremblay, Eric Senn, Scott Earisman, Michelle Hetling, Carolyn Rushford, Emily Guziak, Cindy Jones, Julie Singleton, Linda Elliott, Garry Malle, and Ed DeMulder.

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

Treasurer's Report: Michelle provided copies of the 2005 balance sheet with minor changes made to actuals of the 2005 budget to incorporate referee refunds in the Other Income category.

Tree Farm Representative Report: Eric provided information about the Tree Farm finances and changes in the Tree Farm Management Board. The "Finish the Dream" document to be used for raising capital was reviewed. Carolyn made a motion for Essex United to donate \$10,000 to the Tree Farm. Scott seconded the motion. Linda amended the motion to include field naming rights and Kay amended the motion for the \$10,000 to come from reserves. An amendment was also made to make the donation in 2 installments, \$5000 for January and \$5000 for February. A vote was held, with Eric abstaining, and the motion carried.

The 12/03/05 meeting minutes were reviewed with Cathy as her last submission. A request was made by Eric to amend the Tree Farm Representative Report, "Finish the Dream" section, to state the campaign is to help "raise money to retire the debt". A motion to accept the minutes as amended was made by Garry, seconded by Carolyn and the motion carried.

Cathy challenged all board members to provide 3 items to be offered at the Silent Auction during the Calcutta at the Lincoln Inn on March 18, 2006. All donations should be given to Cathy to organize.

Cathy also reported that she sent a thank you note on behalf of the club to the River Road Beverage and Redemption for their help during the fundraiser.

The Board thanked Cathy for her great efforts as secretary, wonderful power point presentations of photographs at the annual meetings and her continued support. Great job Cathy!

Registrar's Report: Carolyn reported that Division 1 teams (4) are now registered with VSA. Division 2 registration materials are due to Carolyn by February 18th and Division 3 materials are due by March 30th. All teams have been rostered and Carolyn provided the team numbers with a total of 260 players, down from 295 last year. A discussion was

held about the large U8 team sizes, 2 teams with 15 – 16 players. A wait list will have to be started for U8.

The deadline for 100% refunds of fees was January 10th and any refunds after this date will be reduced by 50% until March 15th.

Carolyn has a list of 13 people who have indicated an interest in the “Special Project’s Committee”.

The VSA Annual Meeting is scheduled for March 18th at the Nordic Center and Carolyn requested we send at least one representative. The meetings usually last about 3 hours per Ed. Garry and Kay stated that they could possibly attend.

Each board member verified their information provided by Carolyn to be submitted to the VSA for the Directors and Officers (Board) Insurance.

Coach contact information is currently being updated by Carolyn and the information will be given to Randy for posting on the website.

Coach Coordinator Report: Nothing to report per Kay in J.J.’s absence

Tournament Director’s Report: Per Ed, the Tournament Committee’s 2006 meeting / 2005 celebration will be held at Ed’s house on Saturday, January 14th at 7:00 pm. The 2006 tournament date is set for Saturday and Sunday, June 24th and 25th with an expected 85 – 90 teams. Possibilities for 2006 are a U8 competition (no fees) instead of just the exhibition that was held in 2005, outside concessions help, and transportation from the Essex High School parking lot to the Tree Farm. There will also be a fundraiser (Cow Plop) during the tournament.

VSL Report: Scott provided a report of notes from the VSL meeting in November, 2005:

- No other club was interested in having D2 teams eligible for State Cup.
- Once schedule is posted, rescheduled games will not be provided with refs, and can only be played as friendly. Anyone rostered with any team can fill in as ref, including coaches, older sibs, older players and they need not be rostered on the teams playing.
- All cancellations go thru VSL Rep (Scott) with coaches notifying him directly. Coaches also need to notify the opposing coach and a 48 hour notice is requested. Scott requested this procedure be added to the website.
- Refs are being trained to accept no harassment from coaches or fans/parents. They have the authority to ask either (including players) to leave the area of the field and coaches are expected to help with enforcing.
- Jamboree deadline is February 1st. Jamboree is April 29/30 at the Tree Farm (weather and fields permitting.)
- State Cup prelims are May 20th/21st with the State Cup being held June 3rd/4th.
- Kohl’s Cup is scheduled for June 10th.
- VSL board: Ernest Manning (President), Ken Torino (VP), Tom Stames (Treasurer), Jerry Frank (D1 Coordinator and scheduler), Joe Delaney (D2/3 scheduler) and John Stokes (Treasurer).
- VSL board extended \$10,000 loan to the Tree Farm for 18 months.

The Div 2/3 survey was sent in by December 15th deadline. Div 1 applications are due January 16th.

Jamboree registration is due Feb 1st. Any Div 2/3 team NOT going needs to notify Scott.

Equipment Coordinator Report: Report given by Kay due to Emily's earlier departure. The girls' shorts will no longer be made by Diadora and a new selection needs to be made. The board agreed to allow the decision for the new selection to be made by Beth Maurer.

New Business: Linda deferred new business to the next meeting because of time.

Old Business: The March 18th Calcutta was discussed briefly by Ed. There will be a St. Patrick's Day theme, cash bar, stereo system, silent auction and dinner. There is a possibility of a \$2500 cash prize and all funds will go to Essex United to be donated to the Tree Farm.

Michelle Hetling made a motion to end the meeting. Linda Elliot seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Kay Maloney adjourned the meeting at 9:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Jones, Secretary

Subsequently approved by the board on February 13, 2006