

Essex United Soccer Club
June 13, 2006
Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Kay Maloney, Carolyn Rushford, Cindy Jones, Garry Malle, Michelle Hetling, Emily Guziak, Scott Earisman, Nina Warren, and Randy Darden

The meeting was held in the Essex High School, room C102 and called to order by Garry Malle at 7:15 pm.

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

Treasurer's Report: Michelle provided a Balance Sheet and Income/Expense Report thru 5/31/06.

Michelle requested a new process of billing for the games at the Tree Farm be developed. Currently billing is based on USO officials lists and includes games not played.

Tournament Director's Report: Ed was not present at the meeting but sent the following information via email to Garry:

- 101 teams are scheduled for the tournament – largest number ever.
- Backup plans are being made in the event of rain.
- Team schedules and parking passes have been mailed.
- Registration will be held at the Lincoln Inn.
- Traffic plan and the Essex Police are set for the weekend.
- Once shuttle bus will run continually from the high school to the Tree Farm.
- Tree Farm parking lot repairs scheduled prior to the tournament weekend.
- Money will be given to Michelle by end of week.

Michelle raised the option of charging a fee to parents who do not complete their required volunteer hours during the tournament. This option will be forwarded to Ed Demulder and his tournament committee for discussion.

Equipment Coordinator Report: Emily stated that she would like to have all equipment given to teams returned to her by the end of the week after the tournament or an inventory of what each coach was holding be supplied. She will send an email out to all coaches with this request.

The corner flags need to be accounted for but will stay at the Tree Farm barn.

Registrar's Report: Per Carolyn, an email was received from Mike Lampren agreeing to take a position on the board and she will discuss the Registrar's position with him in more detail soon.

She also stated she will help guide whoever takes on the position of Registrar and will help in areas of that position that are still in need of volunteers.

Nina Warren also volunteered to help with some of the open responsibilities.

A discussion was held on how to get the team reps to become more active on the board and attend more of the board meetings - possibly making it part of the team rep responsibilities.

Carolyn stated that any changes in the registration policy need to be determined before August. A fee increase, player registration cut-off date (roster freeze date) and assessment of late fees are all new for this year. The refund policy also needs to be revised and agreed on before August. These all need to be finalized at the July board meeting.

Different registration processes used by other clubs were discussed and the Nordic or Far Post processes were suggested. The possibility of using parent/ player contracts which would include a requirement for volunteering 2 – 3 hours per child for the tournament or assessed a fee could be included in the contract. Carolyn will give more thought to the process suggestions and discuss with the new Registrar volunteer.

A discussion was also held about the location for indoor soccer since the Nordic and Far Post clubs have combined and space at the Nordic Center may be limited. Garry to follow up with the Williston Edge about what space they will have available.

VSL Report: Scott stated that VSL is working on a new rostering policy. Reimbursing referees for rescheduled games is still an issue and not resolved.

Coach Coordinator Report: No report provided.

Tree Farm Representative Report: No report provided.

New Business: The board discussed the request from two players that wanted their shorts and socks even though they withdrew from the club before the season and before the uniforms were handed out. They were not due to be given a refund. Although we had a situation in the past where we let a player keep the shorts and socks, in that case the season had started and the uniforms were distributed. After a short discussion, Kay made a motion not to give them shorts and socks. It was seconded by Michelle and the motion carried.

The next board meeting will be held at the Lincoln Inn at 7:00 pm on July 11, 2006. (The time of the meeting was subsequently changed to 6:00 pm)

Garry made a motion to adjourn, Kay seconded and the motion carried at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Jones, Secretary

Subsequently approved by the board July 11, 2006