

Essex United Soccer Club
November 14, 2006
Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Garry Malle, Michelle Hetling, Nina Warren, Scott Earisman, Ed Demulder, Cindy Jones, Cheryl Bowers, Mike Lampron, Toni Finnegan, Eric Senn, Linda Elliott, Emily Guziak, Kay Maloney, Andy Bean, Justin Janaro, Joseph Ryan and Jay Sheppard

The meeting was held at Essex High School, rm C102 and called to order by Garry Malle at 7:20 pm.

The October 2006 Meeting Minutes were reviewed and a correction to the report names in the Treasurer's Report was made per Michelle's request. A motion to accept the amended minutes was made by Jay, seconded by Emily and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report : A Balance Sheet as of 10/31/2006 and Income/Expense Comparison Report (1/1/2006 through 10/30/2006) was provided by Michelle. She also provided the second draft of the 2007 Budget which was reviewed by the board.

Registrar's Report: Mike stated that there is a total of 287 players registered as of today. U8 numbers have increased and Ed will look for a third coach to cover an additional team. There will be a maximum of 36 players for U8, with 12 players per team and any additional players registered will have to be wait-listed. Cheryl made a motion to waive the late fee for U14 Girls B team players that are recruited in order to fill the team after the cut-off date of November 15th. Kay seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Coach Coordinator Report: Ed provided a handout for review. All tryouts are complete and the acceptance letters mailed with the exception of the U15 girls acceptance letters which will be mailed this week. Due to the number of U15 girls, there will have to be 3 players wait-listed.

The report also provided the 2007 coaching slate.

The Fall Coaches meeting was held October 26, 2006 and all coaches were informed that November thru June coaching was not required. The VSA Zero Tolerance policy, VSA recruiting Policy and indoor play and training were also covered. It was recommended that each team hold a team meeting to cover the above topics.

The EUSC In-house Coaches Training was also discussed and well received. The following training sessions are to be set up with VSA, held at The Soccer Center (Essex Fairgrounds) and taught by David Saward, Middlebury College Men's Soccer Coach:

- USSF "E" License – Saturday December 2nd 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM
- NSCAA Goal Keeper Level 1 Certification – Saturday, January 27, 2007 from 12:00 Noon - 5:00 PM

Equipment Coordinator Report: Toni stated that she does not have storage space in her home for the equipment. Emily to send an email requesting all coaches take their equipment by a stated date and store at their individual homes.

VSL Report: Scott and Ed will attend the VSL Div 1 meeting on November 15th. Mike will attend the VSL Div 2 meeting on Thursday, November 16th. VSL has asked all clubs to decide if they would like to keep the 2007 Jamboree the same date as previous years, move to mid-May or separate the levels and have U8/U10 play on an earlier weekend. Ed made a motion that EUSC vote to move the whole Jamboree to mid-May. Nina seconded the motion and the motion carried. Ed will also recommend that the Jamboree games be shortened in 2007.

Scott provided a job description for the VSL Representative Board position to be posted online.

Tree Farm Representative Report: Per Eric:

- The User Meeting will be held by the Tree Farm Board of Directors on November 15th.
- Fifteen fields will be used in the 2007 season.
- There will be 3 U12 fields available for the 2007 season.
- Division 1 High School soccer finals were held at the Tree Farm this year.
- The Board will be trying to increase the non-competitive sports or other venue use, such as cross-country trails.
- EUSC's fundraisers and donations were one of the prime contributors to the reduction of the Tree Farm debt.
- The Tree Farm Board will be reviewing their ability to allow discounts/priority for the 2011 thru 2020 seasons.
- Field practice and game use fees will not be increased for 2007 season. The Tournament use fees will most likely increase.

New Business: The Annual Meeting will be held December 11th, 6:30 PM at the Essex High School Cafeteria. Carolyn will send out notices to all club members. Nominations for board openings are still needed and can be done at the Annual Meeting.

Cheryl made a motion to allow a one time exception for one player that was recruited by her (before realizing the girl did not meet the U14 player age cut-off), to play up on the U14 girls B team. Joseph seconded the motion, but the board voted 5 – 4 to deny the motion and abide by the age cut-off guidelines. Playing on the U12 B team would be allowed if the player chose to accept.

Old Business: The U6 level cost estimate by Mike would be approximately \$60 per player to break even. Justin Janaro will send out an email to parents that showed an interest in U6 level to verify if parents would be willing to pay the \$60 fee and will update the Board at the Annual Meeting

Michelle requested discussions at future meetings about the U8 level costs.

A motion was made by Michelle to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Eric and the motion carried at 9:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Jones, Secretary
Subsequently approved by the board on December 11, 2006