

Essex United Soccer Club
September 12, 2006
Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Carolyn Rushford, Garry Malle, Michelle Hetling, Nina Warren, Randy Darden, Scott Earisman, Eric Senn, Ed Demulder, Cindy Jones, Toni Finnegan, Linda Elliott, Justin Janaro, and Emily Guziak,

The meeting was held at Essex High School, rm C102 and called to order by Garry Malle at 7:13 pm.

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

Treasurer's Report : A Balance Sheet and Expense Report was provided by Michelle.

Registrar's Report: Per Carolyn, 92 players have been registered as of the first registration date (September 7th). In the past, the second registration night typically has a higher number of players registered. September 13th will be the second date for registration.

A discussion initiated by Justin Janaro was held about providing a learning level (non-competitive) for younger children that would like to play in Essex United but do not meet the U8 eligibility. The board agreed to find out the interest level with a sign at the second registration night as well as a posting on the club web site. Parents will be directed to Garry Malle who will determine if there is sufficient interest to pursue a learning level for U6. What will be offered will be based on the numbers interested and the U6 age guidelines will be used (8/1/2000 thru 7/31/2001) to determine the ages allowed.

Coach Coordinator Report: Ed Demulder provided a handout detailing the current coaching line up. B level coaches will be assigned after players have been assigned to teams to make sure there are enough head coaches. The U10 thru U16 age group coordinators are in place for the fall tryouts. The Tree Farm has been secured for the EUSC tryouts. Tryout guidelines have been sent to the age group coordinators.

Ed attended the State meeting on 9/11/06. Starting in the 2007 season, U12 boys/girls playing 8v8 for Division 1 was discussed. The State Cup tournament will be 8v8. VSL will hold a vote with all clubs involved in 2 weeks and it will most likely pass since only 2 clubs were against the change for 2007. It will be up to the coaches to decide if they want to play Division 1 or Division 2. Wayne Elliott (U12 Boys A team) will announce to his team's parents that they will be playing 8v8 in Division 1.

Equipment Coordinator Report: Emily announced and introduced Toni Finnegan as the new Equipment coordinator for the 2007 season. Corner flags are still located at the

Tree Farm. Ed and Michelle also have 4 flags each. Emily has the list of all coaches that will be keeping their team equipment until the 2007 season.

VSL Report: Scott provided a handout that also contained the VSL Fall Meeting Agenda for the meeting to be held September 21, 2008 at the Camels Hump Middle School in Richmond at 7pm. Scott will be attending that meeting and welcomes anyone else from the club that could also attend. It is an opportunity to meet the VSL board and for Essex United to have influence in the development of youth soccer in Vermont.

The EUSC board offers the following to be conveyed to the VSL board:

- Financial help for clubs get new goals for 8v8.
- The possibility of the Jamboree being scheduled after May 1st because of the conflict of the schools spring break and the Tree Farm's official opening is not until May 1st. Pushing the start of the season out by one week and scheduling the Jamboree for later in the season could be an option.
- EUSC would like scheduling and billing for home games addressed.
- Michelle requested that Scott follow up on refunds for referees for games that are cancelled or rescheduled. There are 4 referees that were not paid for games that were rescheduled by coaches.
- Clarification for the guidelines of cancellations and reschedules.

Ed made a motion to reimburse the 4 unpaid referees with EU funds and pay for their certifications. It was seconded by Scott and the motion carried.

Tree Farm Representative Report: Eric reported the following:

- The Weston Lawsuit has been closed.
- The Jeff Blanchard memorial was dedicated.
- Tree Farm debts are reducing nicely.
- Work has been done on the fields to help level low spots.
- The Capital Campaign meter at the Tree Farm will be updated to reflect the current dollar amounts raised.
- The Tree Farm's last board meeting was dedicated to reviewing the past year's issues. A future meeting (possibly early to mid October) will be scheduled with the users to discuss how to improve for the next season.

A concern was raised about the EHS freshman soccer team playing at the Tree Farm without paying for field time. Per Eric, the Tree Farm is working on requesting payment from the High School.

New Business: Garry has 4 requests for financial aid and requested some direction on how these requests are handled. Linda stated that in past years, the requests were made in writing and are approved by the club president.

Old Business: Nina requested an update on where the winter playing space will be scheduled. Garry was not sure and will follow up on that scheduling for Essex United players.

The next board meeting will be held at the Essex High School, rm C102 on October 10th at 7:00 pm.

A motion was made by Eric to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Michelle and the motion carried at 9:35.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Jones, Secretary
Subsequently approved by the board on October 10, 2006.