

Essex United Soccer Club
August 7, 2007
Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Garry Malle, Cindy Jones, Cheryl Bowers, Carolyn Rushford, Kim Drury, Mike Lampron, Eric Senn, Tom Palin, Toni Finnigan, Ed Demulder.

The meeting was held at the Lincoln Inn, and called to order by Garry Malle at 7:10 pm. The June 2007 Meeting Minutes were reviewed by the board. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Garry, seconded by Mike and the motion carried.

Equipment Coordinator Report: Toni provided a list of 2007 equipment expenses. She will be contacting all of the coaches by email that are keeping equipment at their homes for next season and get an inventory of what they currently have in their possession.

Mike Lampron requested size 4 balls be used for the U8 program and give the size 3 balls to the U6 program

Treasurer's Report : Due to no July meeting, Kim provided reports for June and July. A discussion was held about changing the "reporting year" from calendar to fiscal Sept 1 thru August 31 to better match with the season spending. Kim will check into the tax accounting repercussions and check with Michelle Hetling about the possibility of changing the accounting software. Garry will check the By-Laws for anything that would prevent the fiscal year change.

Tournament Report: Per Cheryl, most of the bills have been given to Kim. Based on estimates, Cheryl believes the tournament netted over \$10K. Overall, the tournament was a success and Cheryl agreed to chair the tournament again for the 2008 season. Approximately 1200 items were donated to the PassBack Program. These items will be sent to the Dominican Republic.

A suggestion was offered by Garry for Essex United to do an inner-club equipment swap with left-over equipment donated to the PassBack Program for next year.

VSL Report: Nothing to report.

Tree Farm Representative Report: Per Eric, the Boy Scouts have been doing work for the Tree Farm to earn badges. They have delivered 18 benches and a kiosk is being built for use at the Tree Farm.

VPA was contacted and are interested in holding all of the High School soccer finals at the Tree Farm. (Last year, Div 1 was the only one held at the Tree Farm.)

Two major tournaments were held at the Tree Farm this year and both went very well with no complaints from the community.

During the 2006 soccer season, there were 10 days the fields had to be closed due to weather. This year, the fields were only closed on 2 days due to weather.

Cheryl asked if EUSC was still planning a fund raiser for the Tree Farm this year. Garry stated he would like another fund raiser and is open to ideas to having an annual fundraiser for the Tree Farm debt reduction.

Coach Coordinator's Report: Per Ed, he sent a survey out to all coaches and will share the results with the board at the next meeting.

Registrar's Report: Mike provided a handout summarizing the Features/Functions of the Blue Sombrero online registration program beginning with the 2008 season. Blue Sombrero has a contract with the State of VT (VSA) and 2 other clubs are confirmed to currently having contracts.

After review and discussion, Garry made a motion to adopt the Blue Sombrero software for registration beginning with the 2008 season. The motion was seconded by Eric and unanimously approved by the board.

After discussing fees for the 2008 season, Ed made a motion to keep registration fees the same as last year for the U6 program (\$60) and the U10 and up (\$125). The U8 program will be increased to \$80 for the 2008 season. Cheryl seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the board.

Carolyn has agreed to help Mike with the 2008 registration which will be held online as well as face-to-face on two separate nights in September. Ed reported that there is interest in including the U17 level this year so the age limit will be increased to include U17.

Registration dates were set for Wed., September 5th and Thursday, September 13th to be held at the Essex High School Guidance Lobby from 6:30pm – 8:00 pm. There will be a new member orientation from 6:00pm – 6:30pm prior to the registration. Electronic registration will begin September 5th and end September 14th. After September 14th, registration will only be accepted at the fields during tryouts.

Advertisements in the Essex Report and the banners will include the online registration notice. Garry will have the banners modified and Cindy will send in the ads to the Essex Reporter.

New Business: Beth Mauer sent an email to the board members notifying everyone about a Jersey sale. The board agreed to allow Beth to order amounts needed to fill inventory where numbers are lacking.

Old Business: To avoid problems with team selections, Cheryl proposed a motion that Essex United will attempt to put a non-parent evaluator at every try-out session to prevent favoritism in the selection process. Mike seconded the motion and the motion passed 6-

1 by the board. The coach coordinator will review the policy with the age group coordinators. Team rosters will not be allowed to overflow in the future to prevent players from not attending tournaments.

A motion was made by Ed to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Tom and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 pm by Garry.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Jones, Secretary
Subsequently approved by the board on September 11, 2007