

Essex United Soccer Club
June 12, 2007
Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Garry Malle, Cindy Jones, Cheryl Bowers, Carolyn Rushford, Kim Drury, Randy Darden, Tomi Tanghe, Steve Tanghe.

The meeting was held at Essex High School, rm C102 and called to order by Garry Malle at 7:12 pm.

The May 2007 Meeting Minutes were reviewed by the board. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Kim, seconded by Randy and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report : A Balance Sheet as of 5/31/2007, Income/Expense Comparison Report (1/1/2007 through 5/31/2007) and a Cash Flow Report for 5/1/2007 thru 5/31/2007 were provided by Kim and reviewed by the board.

Registrar's Report: No report

Tournament Report: Per Cheryl, the schedules are out for this years' tournament. There are 104 teams in U10 – U16 bracket, 6 U8 teams and U6 teams will play exhibition games among themselves. Three teams have withdrawn from the tournament.

Equipment Coordinator Report: Garry received an email from Toni reiterating her concern for equipment storage after the season has ended. She does not have the space to store all of it at her house. Storage will be addressed at the next meeting when enough board members are present for a quorum.

VSL Report: No report

Tree Farm Representative Report: Eric was not present, but Cheryl reported that the Nordic Tournament will take place this weekend at the Tree Farm. Next weekend will be the Essex United Tournament. Gravel has been placed for additional parking area behind fields 1, 2 and 3.

Coach Coordinator's Report: No report

New Business: Tomi Tanghe had questions about hotel costs for coaches at the Coastal Tournament and was informed that the board does not cover hotel expenses. Tomi also voiced concerns about the U10 Coastal Tournament rostering problem. There are 15 girls on the U10 A team this year with only 1 not attending the tournament. The coaches were informed by the tournament director that only 13 players were allowed to attend and the Tanghe's were informed last week via email that their daughter would not be included in the roster for that tournament based on attendance. They had been told at the start of the season, that attendance would not affect playing time and also questioned the validity of only being allowed to bring 13 players. After discussions, the board

determined that to prevent problems such as this in the future, a policy about tournament attendance should be in place at the start of the season to cover situations where the team roster is larger than allowed for tournaments.

Tomi also voiced concerns about favoritism at try-outs when the coaches making team selections have children playing at that level. It was suggested that at the next board meeting when enough members were present for a quorum, a policy to determine roster overflows for tournaments and how to avoid favoritism at try-outs be created and put in place for future seasons.

Old Business: Per Garry, there are still no takers for the board openings. Help is needed in finding participants.

The Summer League status was given based on an email from Steve Wildermuth: 28 applications were received and all players will be accepted with 8 players splitting the season.

The registration fee covers the cost of the session and VSL has been paid. VSA will be paid very soon. There will be no jerseys purchased and Carolyn will work out getting the team their jerseys for game play.

Garry has reviewed the End of Year Survey questions and would like to have the survey posted on the web for use this year. He will request participation from members via the Fall News Letter.

Traditionally, the July board meeting is skipped unless registration changes are needed. Because of the possible move to the Blue Sombrero registration software which the State will be using for next season, the board agreed that a meeting was necessary and it will take place on July 10th at the Lincoln Inn (Essex High School will not be available).

A motion was made by Kim to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Cheryl and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm by Garry.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Jones, Secretary
Subsequently approved by the board August 7, 2007.