

Essex United Soccer Club
April 7, 2008
Meeting Minutes

Present: Garry Malle, Cindy Jones, Kim Drury, Tom Palin, Steve Wildermuth, Tammy Abajian, Toni Finnigan, Emily Danis, Justin Janaro, Randy Darden, Cheryl Bowers and Kay Maloney

The meeting was held in room C102 at Essex High School and called to order by Steve at 7:07 pm.

The March 2008 Meeting Minutes were reviewed by the board. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Garry, seconded by Tom and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Kim provided and reviewed a March summary of accounts, a balance sheet as of 3/31/2008, an Income/Expense Comparison from 1/1/2007 through 3/31/2008 and a Cash Flow report for March 2008.

Mary Ann Sjoblom will be conducting a second clothing sale and info is on the web.

The second of 3 payments is due April 30th for the Tree Farm field rentals (\$5300 total - this also includes game charges). The remainder is due May 20th.

Kim reminded the board that the tax return is due May 15th and she has some questions.

A motion was made by Garry to appropriate \$250 for consulting assistance in preparing the 2007 tax return. The motion was seconded by Kay and the motion passed.

Jody Goliber will be contacted for assistance.

Tournament Report: Cheryl reported that the number of clubs signed up for the tournament this year is still slightly behind this point last year. Three Canadian teams have contacted her about applying for the tournament but the rules were originally set up for USA teams only. Cheryl will look into possibly changing the set-up to allow Canadian teams.

Equipment Coordinator Report: Toni distributed some of the game balls to the coaches present at the meeting.

Steve provided a uniform update – no new news from Beth. The order is in and the items ordered may or may not be here in time for the first game. The back-up plan, in case the order does not come in, is to contact Carolyn Rushford to borrow back some of the items donated until the new items arrive.

VSL Report: Tom reported that the US Officials has the D1 schedule posted and it is considered official. Per Tammy, there are still conflicts that have not been cleared up by VSL with the Tree Farm and the schedules.

Tom said the D2/D3 schedules are not official yet. He also reported that the VSA pushed the roster freeze for the State Cup back to April.

Tree Farm Representative Report: Kay reports that the Tree Farm is financially sound. She has asked the board to emphasize to all of the club parents to try and carpool to the Tree Farm to help minimize dust. Opening day is still targeted for May 1, 2008. The fields available for practice prior to the Tree Farm opening are the field next to EMS, the field inside the EMS track and Hiawatha.

Registrar's Report: Tammy needs final changes to rosters and all players passes ready to go to VSL by Friday. She has put together a spread sheet based on Blue Sombrero reports and our own club records to determine if all refunds have been reimbursed. VCIC forms (criminal background checks) are still needed from Ed so Tammy can get them to VSA.

Coach Coordinator's Report: no report

New Business: Steve has requested input for the Spring newsletter from the Board. The deadline to submit articles is April 13th.

Steve requested that the Board clarify the policy for referee certification reimbursements. Currently, indoor reimbursements are not included in our policy. Only outdoor games are eligible for EUSC family members.

A motion was made by Kay that EUSC only reimburse for referee certificates and re-certifications for outdoor games only. We do not include indoor certification or re-certification. The motion was seconded by Garry and was passed by the Board. Justin asked the Board if CPR training was something that EUSC should provide for coaches. Garry will talk to John Rowell about what can be provided and at what costs.

Old Business: No new candidates yet for the open board positions per Steve. Garry has agreed to look into taking on the Tree Farm rep. position. Steve requested the volunteer list submitted to Blue Sombrero from Tammy.

Tom questioned the board about getting our money's worth from the Blue Sombrero program. It was agreed that the functionality of the software and the billing process need to be reviewed.

A motion was made by Cheryl to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Kay and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm by Steve.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Jones, Secretary
Subsequently approved by the board May 12, 2008.