

Essex United Soccer Club
June 9, 2008
Meeting Minutes

Present: Garry Malle, Kim Drury, Steve Wildermuth, Tammy Abajian, Justin Janaro, Cheryl Bowers, and Kristen Lyon.

The meeting was held in room C102 at Essex High School and called to order by Steve at 7:10 pm.

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

Treasurer's Report: Kim provided and reviewed the summary of accounts for May, providing a balance sheet as of 5/31/08, an Income/Expense Comparison from 1/1/2007 through 5/31/08 and a Cash Flow report for May 2008.

Kim noted that there has been much activity within the account due increase in Spring Soccer related expenses (i.e. out-of-state tournament reimbursements, last field rental payment to the Tree Farm, and uniform expenses). Some of the cost was offset by the influx of EUSC tournament registration fees. Kim acknowledged additional projective expenses with Tree Farm rental for the Summer league. By August, account summary should reflect all expenses and inflow leading into the Fall. Kim was able to complete and submit the tax return information in a timely fashion last month.

Tournament Report: Cheryl informed the board that 92 teams have officially registered for the EUSC 2008 tournament, down 17 from last year. Cheryl noted that with the current participants the league should expect more equal play and competitive teams. Cheryl is currently working with the committee to organize Friday evening registration at the Tree Farm and is coordinating with vendors regarding tent set up and positioning. She has confirmed Essex Police and Essex Rescue to be available for emergencies.

As noted last month, there will be on-site parking available with NO shuttle service. If it rains, visitors are expected to park in the High School parking lot and walk independently.

As in years past there will be Free parking passes available (3 per team) to be used at coaches discretion.

EUSC patches will also be available to the teams to distribute at the EUSC tournament. Additional patches were distributed to some of the U10 team coaches to distribute at the Maine Tournament next weekend.

Cheryl indicated that the Passback Tent will be up and running again this year and parent volunteers have been asked, once again, to help facilitate the transfer of used equipment. Voltage Crew will also be making an appearance at the tournament and giving out tickets to some of their seasonal games.

Concession Stand committee is working hard to provide necessary goods for the tournament. Cheryl indicated that there were some complaints last year as to the food

prices. The question was raised as to whether or not to reduce the cost of food/drink. The committee decided to maintain the same costs given the increased expenses of groceries.

Equipment Coordinator Report: No report provided this month. Toni absent.

Uniform Report: On behalf of Jennie, Tammy reported that there are still roughly 45 pairs of shorts on backorder – youth large, adult medium, and adult large that are expected to be in by the end of June. Jennie is hopeful to distribute the misc. shorts to the players regardless of time of season, as players pre-paid for these items. The T-shirt order has been placed for the summer program. Jennie has organized a mass email to the uniform coordinators on each team to drop off the jerseys at her home by the end of June or first week in July.

***per update by Steve on 7/3/08 to the board, the back-ordered shorts have been delayed further. Jennie and Steve have agreed to seek a refund from the vendor and pass it along to the 40+ families that are still owed shorts. Jennie is expected to work with Kim to get reimbursements out to the families via email. Tammy has agreed to help provide contact information to the necessary families to expedite this process. Jennie is confident that this situation will be avoided next year and is aware of the order placement deadline.

VSL Report: On behalf of Tom, Steve continued to stress the importance of notifying Tom of any problems with absenteeism of officials for regularly scheduled games as it impacts the league financially and organizationally. At this point Tom is expected to notify VSA as well as Kim for any reimbursement needs. Steve has agreed to follow-up with Tom to insure that this information/data is processed in a timely manner.

Tree Farm Representative Report: There was no report provided this month as Kay not present. Board is still looking to find a representative for this position to serve as a liason between the EUSC board and Tree Farm board.

Registrar's Report: Tammy indicated that she is still awaiting registration fees for nearly 9 families in the league. She expects to contact coaches to help facilitate payment, as families have been notified in writing regarding their expenses. Steve will also be notified of what families are still in arrears. Steve indicated concern about the difficulty collecting payment by families this year as well as the anticipated costs/player in Fall with increased processing fees. Per last month, Tammy is still awaiting conversation with Blue Sombrero regarding next year service plan. She is hopeful to collaborate with Meg Munson, VSA, to advocate/resolve programmatic issues with Blue Sombrero to streamline the registration process for the Fall. Garry, Tammy, and Mike are hopeful to meet as a subcommittee in late June or early July to compile a list of questions/concerns to commensurate with Meg prior to meeting with Blue Sombrero staff. Tammy agreed to provide the board with information stemming from the meeting with Blue Sombrero for the August board meeting.

Garry continued to raise the question about increasing registration effectiveness for the Fall. Registration day will need to include access to computers with online capabilities. Steve has agreed to finding a location for Fall registration and will communicate it to the board either before or at our next board meeting in August. It is during this meeting that the board will confirm registration dates for the next EUSC Spring season.

Coach Coordinator's Report: no report

New Business: Garry indicated that EHS will be celebrating its 50th season of soccer this Fall! All families are encouraged to join in on any community celebrations that the school offers to acknowledge the history and success of the sport.

Kristen suggested the board consider getting information about access to local photographers and/or digital photographers to take still shots of players at the onset of the season and/or to participate in next years EUSC tournament as a means to increase publicity, marketing, and sales to our league. Justin indicated experience with VT Sports Images through the EYHA hockey program. Justin agreed to look into verifying information that he has been given. Cheryl indicated that she has researched some information in previous years, noting that unless vendors are able to develop pictures onsite, sales are often skewed. Steve supported the idea of gathering more information and requested that the conversation be tabled until further meetings as we do not have enough time to plan effectively for the 2008 tournament.

Old Business: Steve has agreed to coach the boys summer league program and has begun coordinating efforts. Due to time, organizational and staffing limitations, there will be no girls summer team this summer.

Steve proposed postponing July board meeting. Our next meeting will be held on Monday, August 11th at 7 p.m. at the Lincoln Inn in Essex Junction.

A motion was made by Garry to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Kim. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m. by Steve.

Respectfully submitted by Kristen Lyon, Secretary