

Essex United Soccer Club
March 11, 2008
Meeting Minutes

Present: Garry Malle, Cindy Jones, Kim Drury, Tom Palin, Ed Demulder, Steve Wildermuth, Tammy Abajian, and Toni Finnigan.

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

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

Treasurer's Report: Kim provided and reviewed a February summary of accounts, a balance sheet as of 2/29/2008, an Income/Expense Comparison from 1/1/2007 through 2/29/2008 and a Cash Flow report for February 2008.

Tournament Report: Cheryl was not present at the meeting but did send an email summary to Steve which was reviewed with the board members. 22 teams have registered for the tournament with 5 teams on the wait-list (second team from a club). These numbers do not include any EUSC teams. We are behind where we were last year but Cheryl attributes the request for preliminary rosters as a hold up for some teams.

Equipment Coordinator Report: per Toni, most of the equipment has gone out to the teams. Steve received a note from Beth Mauer stating that the order for t-shirts, socks and shorts was delayed and they may not be available for the first game of the season.

VSL Report: Tom reported that D1 schedules have been posted but the assignments of the times and fields are still in process. Practice schedules may have to be adjusted to accommodate D1 games at the Tree Farm. D2/D3 game scheduling is complete. VSA announced that a U17 boys/girls D2 group will be available starting this spring. The fall league will also continue.

Tree Farm Representative Report: Kay was not present but did send a note to Steve stating that Tammy has been working with Tom to assign game times and fields.

Registrar's Report: Per Tammy, D1, D2 and D3 player passes are all printed. Blue Sombrero is supposed to be working out the "bugs" that were causing the name truncations on some of the passes and she will reprint those passes when fixed. The uniform report did not get to Beth until last week because of problems getting sizes from the Blue Sombrero database.

The VCIC forms (criminal background forms) must all be completed manually. Blue Sombrero will not be sending these to VSL as previously reported. Tammy will be sending the forms to the coaches and coaches' assistants in advance of next week's

coach's meeting. A notary will be available at the meeting and the forms will be collected and taken to VSL.

Coach Coordinator's Report: Ed provided a handout summarizing the coaches' education that has taken place and listed the guest clinicians. He also noted that the same 6 – 8 coaches attended most of the training. One last session taught by Ed on Goalkeeper Training is scheduled for March 30th and will be for coaches only. The NSCAA Goalkeeper Level 1 Certification scheduled for 4/5/08 has been cancelled. Ed is working on a reschedule date and location.

The Spring Coaches' Meeting will be held March 19th from 7-9 PM at Essex High School, rm C101. Assistant coaches are also invited. Ed asked the board if there were any additional topics that needed to be covered but no additional topics were provided. Ed also questioned the board on what field space will be available to use prior to the opening of The Tree Farm on May 1st. Steve noted that Kay Maloney is working on reserving some other locations.

Ed noted that the Mentoring Program where more experienced coaches mentor less experienced coaches with training sessions, meetings, etc., is off to a slow start.

Steve was asked by Carolyn Rushford if EUSC pug goals could be used for the BLC fundraiser being held at UVM. The Board agreed that she could use the 4 sets that the club has available.

Steve also mentioned that the UVM Coaches' Clinic will be held April 19th – 20th with a fee of approximately \$150. He noted that there are several coaches that would attend and asked if the board was willing to approve of reimbursing the coaches who attend. After discussing the attendance of the free clinics and noting that EUSC reimburses all members for licensing certifications and recertification, it was decided that the reimbursements would be reviewed on a requested basis.

Steve thanked Ed for his video presentation given on the Tops Program at the VSL annual meeting and for promoting Essex.

New Business: Steve noted that Steve Mosher has been selected as the coach for the Lady Voltage soccer team. He will offer EUSC members a discount for the camps they have but would like to know the best way to pass along the information. Garry recommended using the EUSC distribution from Blue Sombrero by having Scott send an email to Steve who would forward to Mike for posting on Blue Sombrero. If ok with Scott, it will also be posted on the EUSC web site.

Old Business: No board member replacements have been found. Moving the monthly meeting day from the 2nd Tuesday of every month to the 2nd Monday of every month was discussed and agreed upon by the board since it would be better for the majority of the board members. The next board meeting will be held Monday, April 7th and will be the 2nd Monday of every month starting in May. Steve will get the ok from the High school to change the day.

A motion was made by Garry to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Tom and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm by Steve.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Jones, Secretary
Subsequently approved by the board April 7, 2008