



Stafford Area Soccer Association Board of Directors Meeting Minutes



October 15, 2014

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Board Members Present: Sean Harrigan, Randy Sparks, Renee Frey, Monty Ottwell, Krista Lenzmeier, Farrell Sullivan

Board Members Absent: Mark Bowman

Others Present: Barry Hill, Stephanie Johnson.

II. Public May Address the Board

None.

III. Other Reports

Technical Director - Barry Hill

DC United will be conducting a program for 9-12 year olds this winter in DC. It is free of charge for players selected by coaches and the Technical Director.

Winter Training will be held at Smith Lake Park again this winter. Monday will be 1 hour Footskills, Wednesday will be Technical Training for Travel players U11 and older and Goal Keeper for all levels.

The US National Training Center has asked for players' names for their development program. Barry has given them several names of boys and girls.

The coach of the month this month was a travel coach and it needs to be a Recreation coach. A recreation coach will be added to the coach of the month and it will be made clear in the future the award is for Recreation coaches.

Director of Coaching - N/A

Director of Operations - Stephanie Johnson

Stephanie presented a policy revision to the Refund Policy. An account credit option was added for the following season. The revision passed by a vote of 6-0.

Stephanie presented a change to the Play Up/Play Down policy. Instead of a six month window to play up, the child must reach the next age group by September 30th of the seasonal year. A change was made from the President making the decision to play down to the Program Director. It was noted this policy only applies to Recreation and Academy. The policy adjustments with changes passed by a vote of 6-0.

Stephanie presented a Coach Incentive Plan. Farrell and Monty are going to draft a weighted list and bring it to the next meeting.



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A date for a holiday party at Adventure Brewing for staff, board members, travel coaches and spouses was presented with several food options. The board agreed to spend \$1000 on the event by a vote of 6-0. The staff will decide on the best food option.

The Board voted to remove the online convenience fee and increase the registration fee by \$5 per person for Recreation and Academy starting in the fall of 2015 by a vote of 6-0. The \$30 online convenience will also be removed for online payments for travel players.

Stephanie made a suggestion that the Team Building section in the Operations Manual be revised. Stephanie, Monica and the staff will work on it.

The Leadership Fredericksburg and TOPS grants were both turned down.

The Embrey Mill fields are being rebid. Stephanie made sure they were aware that in order to apply for a grant from US Soccer, Hennessy Construction needed to be a company awarded the project.

Rules & Discipline Committee

Several issues were dealt with the first week Paul White took for Farrell as the chair including a coach receiving a red card for a verbal exchange with a referee after a game. Farrell is working with Paul to insure a smooth transition.

Coordinator Reports

None.

IV. Approval of the Minutes

The Board reviewed the September minutes and voted 6-0 to approve the minutes.

V. Action Items

Multi-player Discounts – Sean presented figures on the numbers of families with multiple players and the financial impact. Board members need to review the figures and get back to Sean to see if anything needs to be adjusted before the next board meeting.

Scarves/Slides

Scarves were arriving shortly and will go on sale for \$20 as soon as they arrive. The slides were not good quality the board decided to pursue Stafford Soccer logo slides.

VI. Board Reports

President - Sean Harrigan



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Sean thanked Paul White for taking the Rules and Discipline chair position and thanked Farrell for helping in the transition.

Vice President - Randy Sparks

Nothing to note

Secretary - Mark Bowman

Absent

Treasurer - Krista Lenzmeier

Chris Green from Aquia Harbour can do CPR and First Aid training for \$35 for up to 12 people in a group. Adding more than 12 people would require another trainer and increase the fee.

Recreation Program Director - Farrell Sullivan

Farrell noted that with the new age up policy everything in Recreation is going well

Revolution Academy Director - Monty Ottwell

Monty requested additional training sessions for RA coaches.

Travel Director - Renee Frey

Renee noted she and Barry are working on the next 2 year style for travel uniforms.

The Elks Lodge Shootout will be November 2nd from 2-3:30 at the Fredericksburg Field House. It is free to participants. Winners will receive a Stafford Soccer soccer ball. An email blast about the event will go out.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:46pm