

Eagan Wave Soccer Club Board Meeting Minutes June 21st, 2009

The meeting opened at 8:00 pm. In addition to myself, the following members were present: President Pat Oberembt, Mike Mulrooney, Bill Douglas, Mike Anderson, Colleen Carey, Kate O'Brien, Brent Elert, Ward Knutson, Dave Anderson, Terri Abbott and Mark Feil.

We started the meeting with the treasurer's report from Terri. She asked us to approve the following payments:

- 1) Locker Room = \$2400 for tournament t-shirts (400 shirts x \$6) *
- 2) General Sports = \$1790.51 for nets (some reimbursement is expected from EAA for these)
- 3) Locker Room = \$540 for coaches' shirts (18 shirts x \$30...we were given 2 shirts/team free)
- 4) Rosemount Irish Dome = \$3000 which is down payment to secure Mon/Wed 1/2 dome nights for fall/winter next year.

Terri is making monthly ref payments. She receives the numbers from Shaji on the 25th of the month. *We have excess tourney t-shirts. Bill wonders if we can use those for the fall. We would need to purchase the matching blue shirt option in order to have the two colors available. Dave would look into the sizes left and see if we could possibly pursue this option.

Bill **motioned** to pay all four items listed above. Mike M 2nd the motion and it passed with all members in agreement.

Skip Newton arrived.

We moved on to our registrar report from Kate. Fall 2009 registration was opened and will officially close on July 17th. The teams and coaches are due to MYSA on August 10th, which is the first day of tryouts. She will attempt to get data to Age-Group Directors on August 2nd. The fall rosters will be due August 20th, and practices will start on the 17th. She said that we will need the fall t-shirts before the first game date of September 12th.

The Summer 2010 registration would open on July 7th and close on August 2nd.

We will be changing the U9 – U11 tryout dates and registration this upcoming year for Summer 2010. Registration will open on December 12th and go through January 17th. Tryouts are scheduled to be held on January 25th and 26th.

Colleen gave her TD report, informing us that she and Bill Douglas just completed the National Youth Module. She has brought Craig Lange back to do some training with coaches and also some team training. She was disappointed in the spotty attendance for the coaches' training. She felt that we need to make it very clear to ALL coaches that attendance is mandatory at these sessions; they must find subs to coach their practices if there is a conflict. She and Skip would work out the details to make this work better for our program. It is felt that these trainings with Craig are too good to be wasted!

Old Business:

Dave raised concerns over the uniform problems. Several age groups are still not in, and it's still unsure when that will occur. He has asked the Locker Room to attend the July meeting to discuss.

New Business:

Pat has done some review on the PACT vs. the MN PLAYS programs for youth sports families. He feels that this is an important program to offer our families. He would look into details of how to go about implementing this program into our club.

EWSC will be hosting the U11 Girl's South District tournament. We have also been asked by Phil Walczak from Lakeville to host the U11/U12 Boy's South District tournament to be held from July 17th – 19th. We felt it would be good exposure for our club to host these tournaments so we would let Phil know that we are interested. EWSC must provide a volunteer to run the tournament, and we would need assistance from Shaji, Ajay and Ward in providing for the fields and referees.

Mark **motioned** for approval to hold the U11/U12 Boy's South District tournament here in Eagan. The motion was 2nd by Brent and passed unanimously.

EWSC received a request from the EHS Wildcat Girls Soccer teams asking us to advertise in their game programs.

Jeanne made a **motion** to order a full-size page for a \$200 fee. Mike M 2nd the motion and it passed with all members in favor.

Brent (Boy's Director), made a request for a family asking for a partial reimbursement. Discussion was held.

Mike M **moved** to deny the request, which was 2nd by Terri. The motion was passed.

Brent brought forward a request from a family asking for an excused absence, with special circumstances. This boy has for several years been playing up an age-level, but will miss tryouts. The absence had been approved, but the question remains of what to do with this boy, as this is an area that is clearly not covered by our ByLaws. There was a lengthy discussion held. We felt that this deserved some in-depth consideration and a sub-committee was formed to make a recommendation for action going forward. Colleen, Mike A, Mike M and Skip would be the members of that committee to bring their recommendation to the board.

Skip presented the board with a handout for a EWSC Mission and Vision statement:

Proposed Mission:

The purpose of the Eagan Wave Soccer Club is to provide our players with an environment that will allow them to improve all of their technical skills, become tactically aware, build physical power, become mentally strong and have superior character. We will provide every player with a disciplined learning environment to insure that they develop into first class soccer players at all levels and outstanding citizens in our community.

Proposed Vision:

To be recognized as a leading soccer club that develops fundamentally-sound players who play the game the right way.

Skip **motioned** to approve the mission statement. Bill 2nd the motion. The motion passed with one member opposed.

Mike M then **moved** to approve the vision statement. Bill 2nd the motion and all board members were in favor.

Brent presented the board with concerns about the number of boys at the lower age groups (U9-U14), and the competitiveness of those teams. He provided a handout showing the current top EWSC boy's team record at each age group. As an aggregate, these records are not high enough to avoid relegation. His biggest concern being that the current boy's teams have very low numbers to field their teams, and that we will not be able to continue to field competitive teams in the future. He feels that we need to find ways to build and retain the boy's program, to keep the club teams viable. This handout led to a long discussion on other related topics, some involved possible future changes to MYSA's promotion and relegation of teams, and changes to the state tournament format for younger teams. We were informed that Colleen is on the committee that will be looking into some of these changes. What can we do today to help these boy's teams? We realize that the economy has some impact, as we understand that numbers are down all around. It was felt that the first step would be to approach and work on recruiting the in-house players who may not be aware of the opportunities in the traveling program. Brent also wanted to consider approaching other neighboring clubs that may be in a similar situation. It was decided to form a committee to decide how best to deal with

these concerns. Bill offered to chair the committee made up also of Dave, Brent, Skip and Mark F.

Mike A spoke about the implementation of the new website. He needed only to work out issues with the club domain, which was renewed in 2006 and good through 2012. The website would be good to go when that issue got cleared.

Mark F **motioned** to adjourn at 10:37 pm. The motion was 2nd by Dave and passed with full approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Elert
EWSC Board Secretary