

**Eagan Wave Soccer Club  
October 9th, 2011 Board Meeting  
Meeting Minutes**

**Board Members present:** Mike M, Andy T, Ward, Sonja, Tris, Mark L, Terri, Brent, Skip, Mike A, Mark F, Bruce, Rodney, Mary

Guests: 13 guests in attendance

Mike kicked off meeting at 7:07

Group C3 girls U15 parents and kids came to meeting to discuss concerns of C3 team that only has 7 players currently. Discussed various options on how to combine or shift teams to make sure the girls have a team. Discussed how board could communicate to parents. Discussed as girls get older how girls shift and we are just as surprised as parents at times we have less players than expected. Girls from team also discussed their views on how they were communicated to and how they felt. Board agreed we needed to communicate better and let the girls know we will have them on a team. Parents and Girls left the meeting.

Continued to discuss options combine team with girls from another club, going to MYSA for an over roster variance, and combining with U14 C3 girls team that does not have enough girls. Discussed and decided that the best option was to bring up the 11 C3 U14 girls to U15 C3 girls team that has only 7 girls to form single U15 C3 team.

Mark F discussed coaching development with parent coaches and more professional coaches to train kids. Develop academy training. At our U9 – U12 we spend too much time on tactical and winning versus touch and striking skills. Need to help parent coaches that will still be a large percent of overall coaches. We lose kids to other clubs who do academy training and then recruit our kids. Parents will also be included in the learning so they understand what and why we are doing in focusing on skill development. We would need an additional \$16K to fund this idea. Discussed ideas like 3V3 winter tournament to fund. Set up a subcommittee on getting this done. Would like to have by November meeting to have a plan and potentially be in a spot to have a tournament this December. Subcommittee is Ward, Mike, Terri, Colleen, Skip, and Mark F. Sub committee will meet Wednesday October 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 at Jakes.

Discussed that Ivan no longer can train or coach with us in his new MYSA role. Colleen and Ivan were going to co-coach the U14 C1 girls team. Board discussed if we had concerns if Colleen solely coached this team and in doing so how do we make sure she meets her other responsibilities to the club. There are concerns, agreed to table this discussion, pending next agenda item that may help us feel good on this and will come back to this topic based on next agenda item.

Discussed open board positions. Joe Miller, Tom Smith, and Chris Conroy were on hand as potential candidates for open positions. Discussed Joe coming on as Vice President with Mark

Feil moving to the potential at large position. Vice President role would evolve to work more with Coleen and holding her accountable to training. Joe talked about what his interests and his thoughts about joining the board.

Back to Coleen discussion, based on how the Vice President role would change to help focus on training and work with Coleen on making sure her responsibilities are being met. Discussion really is less about her coaching another team. It is really how we manage her time as DOC and making sure how we get everything we expect out of her role.

Chris Conroy discussed his interest in taking the open boys director position.

Discussed open equipment director position and what it is and does.

Discuss the new concussion laws and how we with EAA are making sure all our coaches go through the training. Mike will work with EAA.

Director Updates:

Mark L – To work on getting tryout subcommittee going.

Tris – Discussed winter tryout schedule, we have scheduled and published already. We have conflicting dates right now. Dates will be the 30<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion made to officially move tryout schedule to 30<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion approved. Discussed agenda items to get to secretary and get to Mike in consistent form. Discussed speed and agility sessions.

Mike A – discussed getting nets down, Mike working with Ivan on getting Portable bow nets. Still working on sizes and numbers, need to get things ordered.

Ward – Nothing

Bruce – Nothing

Brent – Discussed boys U14, did not have enough boys for three teams, we are close to have enough now as we are picking up some boys from the Rev , with that we would petition to get a C2 team. Discussed a bylaw change in appendix, we currently need 10 kids for a supplemental tryout, want to discuss a change in bylaw to not have such a high number in order to have a supplemental tryout. For this one right now we have 6 or 7 with hopes of getting additional. The number of 10 is somewhat arbitrary. Recommend adding a note to add to it, 'or at board approval'. Brent will go forward with his plans for supplemental tryout for U14 boys, expecting a total of 15 boys for this tryout. Motion made to change bylaw appendix to add 'or per board approval' moved and seconded. Motion passed. Skip will send to Rodney changes to be posted.

Terri – Discussed emailed financials. Motion made and seconded to approve financials. Discussed the \$6,000 we are spending on equipment shed. Motion was passed. Motion to approve the expense for fall t-shirts, approve expenses for dome expenses for next six months, motion made and seconded. No discussion. Motion approved. Terri discussed budget projections, boot camp is estimating 250 kids, we are only at 80 right now, and we will need to make a new push on that or we will have a budget concern. There is a concern that with flexibility and times will we actually get the numbers we need. Discussed getting the fall coach's to make a push to their teams. Mike will talk to Colleen on how she may help talk to the coach's on getting people signed up for boot camp. Discussed getting budgets from the different areas (equipment, tournament) for planning purposes. Parent Action Committee and if anything happening there, just bringing it up and that there is an opportunity for us to take better advantage that to help out the board better than what we do today. This will be agenda item for the next board meeting. Terri got a scholarship request for boot camp. We do not have a policy for boot camp scholarships. Terri thinks there should be a policy. The specific person asking is not a registered player with the Wave. We do need to create a policy. We will discuss this at next meeting this and spring and fall scholarships in general. Agenda item for next month on reimbursements for training.

Skip – Wanted to discuss bylaw change for 3.1 bylaw change that was discussed last month and sent out to the board in email after board meeting. Discussed the proposed changes again. Mark made a move for the approval that was seconded by-law change to add U9-U11 girls director position. Motion voted on and approved. Discussed potential at-large director position. Debate do we need this position? We had it before and eliminated, do we want it to be a voting position. Should it be a person that can take any open position? Also discussed that it should be a position that is voted on every year. Mark L made a motion to change bylaw to add an at large director position, that is a voting position, and that it is an annual term position. Motion was second and passed to add this position. We need to add this to be the first agenda item to Annual October 17<sup>th</sup> meeting so position can be officially added and then have position voted in at annual meeting.

Mary – Discussed ads in Soccer times. Mary is going to look attacking sponsors. Wants a subcommittee on defining what a sponsor is and how to attack. Andy and Sonja will join Mary on that subcommittee. Mary wanted to discuss a bylaw change on wearing uniforms. Mary will supply me the wording. Reason what that we had two teams in the state tournament and one team had our club uniform and the other team did not have the current club uniforms. We will add this bylaw change to our next meeting agenda.

Proposed verbiage: By registering for and being selected for an Eagan Wave soccer team, the player agrees to responsibly represent EWSC by wearing a current club supplied uniform in all MYSA competitive play which will be either a game jersey or the alternate jersey.

Andy- Mike wants Andy to discuss more about who is going to do what at the tournament next year, start talking now so we are ready. We want all board members to be available.

Rodney- Meeting minutes to be published closely after board meeting

Sonja – Discussed again a request for refund that we had already denied. Denied again.

Mike – Discussed desire to spend time on club direction. Mike will document thoughts so that we can have a plan for club direction for next year. Discussed our meeting room space for monthly meetings. With Brent leaving the board we will no longer have the Fairview space for the meetings. Discussed potentially making Al Bakers the regular spot, Mike will look into.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:15.

Minutes outside the meeting: September minutes were sent out. Motion made, seconded and September minutes were approved via email.