

AYSO Region 418
Meeting of Board of Directors,
September 6,2011

Rob Randolph called the meeting to order at approximately 7:45 PM when a quorum was ascertained.
Minutes of previous meeting were approved unanimously.

Rob opened the meeting by summarizing the pre season arrangements which have been completed.: Permits, PortaPotties etc. As a group we decided to also arrange for porta potty service at Clarendon Park.

Rob shared that he had not previously realized how involved the team creation can be.

He thanked everyone for all their hard work.

He did not share details of his ideas but in general he sees the need to develop a better coach recruitment process for next Membership Year so that we have sufficient registered coaches so we can have the needed number of teams to accommodate our registered players. We need to find a way to convince parents they can coach.

Shutterfly is now operative for our coaches.

Rob offered tickets for the Fire game on 9/17 asked interested board members to contact him.

Jeric Johnson reported on the coach training events and arrangements with our coach trainers. He is pleased that a number of our coaching courses were very well attended, as many as thirty coaches. Better attendance from lower division coaches than older but overall he is pleased. Jeric referred to Matt Levine a "Rock Star" for handling so many coaching classes. Mark and Elsie have been diligent checking hat

Team coaches will be encouraged to take advantage of the training provided by the Elite trainers. We want more coaches to take advantage of what the trainers offer. We are suggesting to coaches that they combine practices to work with the trainers.

U14 has unique issues; players who can use more training to learn to adjust to the full size field, regulation size field. But the coaches are not eager to participate and the U14 players do not show up

Division Administrators, those present, reported on their divisions. No problems were reported.

Elsie and Aaron Lindgren have created for their coaches a one minute video illustrating how to assemble goals.

U14 teams each have one bye but some have two so we discussed the possibility of working something out with Peterson Park which has two teams and we understood the commissioner wanted to arrange interplay with our region. Steve Shatto is helping Cy organize U12

Rich Costello was not present. Board members expressed concern that we have not heard of details of the High School program. We have not been able to reach Rich.

Les Boros offered to contact him at work. The one plan to have the girls participate in the IR program (Area Inter Regional) seems unworkable as too many of the high school girls registered are Northwind players. IR games are played on Sunday but so are Northwind games. We do not have sufficient number of non Northwind players to constitute an IR team. So we will offer training with trainers and a scrimmage game each week

Rich Lettiere briefly reported. We are ok financially. Player registration money is available for our expenses.

Les reported that equipment and fields are ready. He has a truck ready to pick up from our storage facility on Friday. He asked for assistance. Barbara stated she would try to recruit some volunteers. Clarendon is lined for U12- U14
Question arose if we lose all of our fields on October 1 (Ron Santos event) or only the U10 fields. Ray Groble stated we only lose the U10 fields. Two park District managers have given contradictory information.

Dave Schlensker reported that we have held two referee classes with two more scheduled. He summarized the mentoring program for new referees, the plan for advanced tutoring to be offered by several of our highly experienced referees.

Paul Li was not present but has told Rob that he is exploring some additional options for our new web site.

Barbara reported on player and volunteer registration numbers and explained the waitlist..

Brad Webster reported that Northwind teams are practicing and had no issues for the board..

Renee Haber spoke to the national games and tryouts. The process for selecting teams participating in National Games was briefly reviewed for the benefit of the new board members..

Although we have not guarantee, we should look to assemble a team for each division. Renee also asked that we hold tryouts sooner than later. She asked for

assistance from Division Administrator. She is a good administrator but is not a coach with no coaching back ground

Suggestion made the tryouts be held on an upcoming Saturday afternoon and on that day the high school girls program be shifted to Clarendon.