

American Youth Soccer Organization
Region 418, The Lakefront Region of Chicago

Minutes of Board of Directors meeting, May 2, 2011

Ray Groble called the meeting to order at 7:20pm and minutes of April meeting approved by Jeric Johnson and Anna Ringo.

Commissioners Report:

Ray spoke about the VIP program. We have 40 kids in the program but need older kids to help scrimmage on Saturdays from 3-4 field 5. Anyone interested in doing so must fill out a buddy application (EAYSO-online) and the trainers will walk them through the process.

Last weekend the tent blew away and landed on (and scratched) a car. Les replaced new tents and Ray will follow up with the person who owns the scratched car.

Treasurers Report:

Rich reported that final revenue numbers shouldn't change. He will transfer fiscal year (50k) over.

Registrar:

The current year ended up with 3110 players. 1777 boys and 1333 girls. U5:290, U6:360, U8:951, U10:740, U12:468, U14:247, VIP:40. In ALL divisions' boys exceeded girls. Ray will get names of wait list people and send email to let Rich know if they want a refund or to move it to this year.

Registration: Last Fall the ratings were what held us up. The coaches were supposed to enter the ratings (it takes 5 minutes). We have a 3-5 rating system and will go back to our old rate system. No ratings-no play.

We did not have a registration date this year at LPHS. We will have registration here in the office May 15 from 1-4.

This Saturday is photo day with make-up day on May 21st (form on website) Paul Li wants to also do Chicago Fire stuff that day.

Fields and Equipment:

Clarendon Park is out of commission for a full year (Spring-Fall). Chicago Park district is re-doing it. The two U8's at a time are playing on field 3. Fields 9/10 look great and will be back this Fall. Field 3 will also be back to the upper ages in the Fall. The current plan is to move on to field 4. We will need to fill in the low spots and it will need to be out for two growing seasons. Costs are about 20-25K per field. Jeff commented that we may want to switch the direction of the fields or switch the ages of who plays on what field. Les: wanted to make sure all the goals were returned.

Referee:

We trained 25 refs but not one has refereed a game yet. We currently have 40 active refs but it seems the newer people are uncomfortable. We have a 3hr. course and 1.5 hrs at home. We will send out a sample email.

Regional Coach Administrator:

Jeric said the first round of coach gifts went well. Turf Park is having security problems. Steve suggested to have them removed by Park District Security.

Northwind:

Steve called a motion to approve NW budget and to charge from \$750 per player to \$775 per player. HS girls U 16 team—(Applied for National) will be charged \$400. We had an estimated 160 kids for both seasons and gross was 124K. Steve says everyone is thrilled. U9 will have two teams and U10 will have two teams. Some teams are having girls play 3 games each Saturday. Ray wants the coaches to be reminded that they can't play guest players if you already have enough players from your original team. The guest players must also play in a penny, not a team jersey.

Marketing:

Paul gave a handout for website design and spoke about costs and maintenance. There is a website strategy fee and an estimated 8-12K fee for everything to be completed by Fall season. Ongoing maintenance of about 12 hours per month works out to 17-19K annually. Motion to approve: Barb and Steve.

Indoor:

Matt will give a wrap-up next month.

Tournament weekend:

We need a group of people to work the tent. There is a girls on the run race so Simmonds Drive will be closed on Saturday morning until about 10am. (Ray and Jeric will talk offline). Barb will do trophies and pictures. Ray K, John and Ella will help with scoring and see about organizing. We need to collect volunteers to do brackets. Ray will distribute the tournament rules.

National Games:

National Games are in Tennessee July 3-8 2012 and Renae said her goal is to get support from the region. Teams are selected in a complex lottery. We will find out on 5/29 what teams got in and it's a tiered system after that. Rules are simple and clear cut: Must play 50% of games in primary program, teams will be cut in the fall, there's a deep waitlist, have coaches: 2 fully qualified in the appropriate level and certified by next March. U16 girls need an advance coach to take this on. We will have a HS girls program this Fall so the girls can qualify.

Ray announced he has Fire tickets available for Saturdays game.

Motion to adjourn, 9:20pm.