



Crystal Lake Soccer Federation

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Winter 2006 Edition

CLSF CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 20	CLSF Monthly Board Meeting
February 23	Annual Meeting/Winter Coaches Meeting
March 4	CLSF/MCSRA Referee Training Class
March 20	CLSF Monthly Board Meeting



NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING, WINTER COACHES MEETING & RATIFICATION OF NEW BY LAWS

Greg Cole - Administrator

The 2006 CLSF Annual Meeting and Winter Coaches Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 23, 2006, at 7:00 P.M. The meeting will be held at the Coventry Elementary School (muti-purpose room) located at 820 Darlington Lane, Crystal Lake, IL. The school is located in the Coventry Subdivision.

The terms of four CLSF Board members are expiring this year: Bernadine Hansen, Joe Kerstiens, Dan Meihls, and Diane VanGoethem. Current Board Members Bernadine Hansen and Joe Kerstiens, have announced they will seek re-election. The following individuals have also indicated their desire to run for the 4 open Board positions: Bob Barnes, current CLSF Rec League coach; Tim Van Goethem, the current Force Competitive Team Coordinator; Dan Quinn current CLSF Supervisor of Training; Don Mueller current CLSF Force coach; and Kevin Kinahan current CLSF Force coach.

CLSF Board members serve a three-year term. Each board member is expected to attend monthly Board

meetings, work his/her assigned shift at Soccerhouse during each season, and take on one of the specific director roles. Each year the Board elects its officers and specific directorships from the fourteen board members. Being a board member is an excellent way for you to help make CLSF the best organization for your children.

If you are interested in running for one of the four open positions, please contact CLSF Administrator Greg Cole at 815-477-2573 or at info@clsf.org.

This year the CLSF membership will also be asked to ratify new By Laws for the CLSF. The Board of Directors has undertaken the task of reviewing and updating the old set of By Laws which date back to 1993. The proposed new By Laws have been updated in the following areas:

- Limits "Class B" membership to those volunteering as coach, assistant coach, committee member or Board member.
- Permits a member to resign via email.
- Simplifies the method of sending notice of meetings of members.
- Increases the number constituting a quorum for the annual meeting of members to 100.
- Grants the Board the flexibility to set the number of Board Members between 9 and 15.
- Sets date limit to hold first Board meeting following annual meeting of members.
- Permits a director to resign without giving actual written notice.
- Permits Board to remove a director for cause.
- Permits informal action by Board without a meeting to be done via email.
- Clarifies powers, duties and obligations of the Board.
- Precludes CLSF employees from serving as officers of the Board.

- Permits committee members to serve until removed or replaced by the Board.

Copies of the new By Laws will be available at the Annual Meeting. To view or obtain a copy of the proposed new By Laws prior to the Annual Meeting contact CLSF Administrator Greg Cole at info@clsf.org or 477-2573.

The purpose of the coaches' portion of the evening is to provide information for the upcoming Spring Season. **The head coach, an assistant coach, or other team representative is required to attend this meeting.** This meeting will be the only opportunity for coaches to submit special scheduling requests. No requests will be accepted after this meeting. We will also be soliciting input and feedback from the coaches regarding any and all aspects of the program.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Margie Johansson – President

Looking at the calendar today, I realized that spring is less than 50 days away. Although, it may seem a ways off, in reality, it is less than two months down the road. There are a couple of things that have yet to be accomplished during this "off season".

Our Annual Meeting which will take place at 7:00 PM on February 23, 2006 at Coventry Elementary School. At this meeting we will ask you to help us vote in new policy and board members. The Board of Directors has been working to update the By Laws that govern our organization. In order for them to become ratified, we need our Members (YOU) to vote them in. You can obtain a copy to read beforehand if you wish, by emailing or calling Soccerhouse at info@clsf.org or 477-2573. Members will also elect 4 new of Board Members to fill the open seats. If you are interesting in running to serve on the Crystal Lake Soccer Federation Board of Directors, contact me at 815-477-7150.

Each spring the Board appoints the coaches for the Force Competitive Team Program. All coaches must submit a letter of intent by March 15. Included should be a resume stating their experiences and skills that would make them a value to one of our Force teams. The Force program has been growing strong for 10 years now. The experiences the players, coaches and families have being part of an organization that allows them to train and compete at an admirable competitive level for a reasonable price go beyond words. If you are interested in coaching a CLSF Competitive team, contact Tim Van Goethem at 815-459-3006. Force tryouts will be held in early June. If

you are interested in trying out to be on a Force team, check the website periodically for the tryout schedule.

Lastly, we need all of our Members to look at their personal schedules and see where they can donate a few hours to our program. Concessions is the one area we always seem to be lacking, although there are numerous other opportunities for you to share you time and talent with us. Contact Greg at Soccerhouse – he'll lead you to the Director best suited to your volunteer wishes.

We hope to see many of you at the Annual Meeting ... for those that can't make that, we'll see you soon enough on the beautiful soccer fields at Lippold Park.

REFEREE TRAINING

Bob Hansen – Referee Administrator

Prior to the start of each outdoor season, the McHenry County Soccer Referee Association holds a referee training class. This class is **MANDATORY** for anyone wishing to referee in the CLSF, but is also open to anyone (including coaches, assistant coaches and parents) who would like to know more about the laws of the game and how they are applied. The only stipulation for attending these classes is that you must be at least 12 years old before the start of the season. The class will be conducted by Bob Hansen, who is the referee assignor for the CLSF, as well as president and founder of the McHenry County Soccer Referee Association

The 2006 spring season training class will be held on Saturday, March 4, 2006, from 8:00 AM to 4:30 P.M., at Hannah Beardsley Middle School, 515 E. Crystal Lake Ave., in Crystal Lake. Anyone wishing to attend this class **must** email Bob Hansen at: refbob@sbcglobal.net to request a registration form.

Each attendee should bring pen and paper, and should wear gym shoes. In addition everyone should either bring a lunch or make arrangements to go out for lunch. The schedule for the training class is as follows:

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| 8:00 A.M. – | Check-in please be prompt |
| 8:15 A.M. – | Welcome & Introductions |
| 8:30 A.M. – | Training Sessions |
| 12:00 P.M. – | Lunch - on your own please bring a lunch or make arrangements for a ride. |
| 1:00 P.M. – | Training Sessions |
| 4:15 P.M. – | Question and Answer |

If you know of someone who would like to attend this class be sure to pass along this information. For additional information email Bob Hansen at: refbob@sbcglobal.net.

BOYS' REC HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER LEAGUE REGISTRATION

Bob Hansen – Boys' H.S. Rec Coordinator

The boys' High School Soccer League (HSSL) begins play on Sunday, April 23, 2006. The season runs through June 4 (including Memorial Day weekend). Game times on Sunday range from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM depending on the number of teams. Due to the late start this spring, in order to accommodate the 8-game schedule, each team will play one Saturday afternoon game. All games are played at Lippold Park.

This part of our program is entering its 9th year. The CLSF HSSL is popular because it allows players the opportunity to participate in organized soccer games even though they are unable to practice due to other school or personal commitments. Teams are made up of players from different schools and different ages. This keeps the teams balanced, friendly, and competitive.

The registration fee will be only \$100.00 if you register before February 5, 2006. Thereafter, the registration fee will be \$120.00. To register fill out a registration form and mail it with a check payable to "CLSF" (\$100.00 before 2/5/06, \$120.00 2/5/06 or later) to our HSSL Coordinator Bob Hansen at 4605 Daniel Drive, Crystal Lake, IL 60014 A registration form is enclosed with this newsletter.

If you have any questions email Bob Hansen at Referees@clsf.org.

WAITING LIST FOR SPRING 2005 SEASON

Jim Woeste - Registrar

For those players who were unable to register last spring for our 2005-2006 soccer season, the waiting list for the Spring 2006 season is now open. To place a child on the waiting list, go to our website www.clsf.org and click the "Waiting List" link located in the home page. We will begin placing children from the Waiting List about mid-March as openings occur.

The Fall 2005 Waiting List has been cleared. If you were unable to register your child in time for the Fall 2005 Season and wish for your child to play in the

Spring 2006 Season, you must place your child on the Spring 2006 Waiting List.

PLEASE NOTE: If your child was registered and participated in our Fall 2005 season, s/he is already registered for the Spring 2006 Season. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO RE-REGISTER FOR THE SPRING 2006 SEASON.

CLSF Force Celebrates 10 Year Anniversary

Eric Johansson – Director of Competitive Teams

This year the Crystal Lake Force is celebrating 10 years of growth and success. The Force Competitive Team Program was founded in the fall of 1995 with the formation of U11 and U12 Girls teams. Since that time the program has expanded to over 15 teams per season, making it one of the biggest and best in the area.

The Girls program currently consists of 13 teams, many of which compete in the highest divisions of the Illinois Women's Soccer League. Our Boys program which has recently suffered from competition with the growing number of clubs within the area, is now on the rebound. This year we have Boys teams at the U10, U11, & U12 levels, and will also house 2 high school teams which will compete in the spring.

Ten years of dedicated volunteers, players, and supportive families have made the continued success of the Force Competitive Team Program possible.

All of our teams deserve accolades for their dedication and commitment, and I would like to congratulate many of our teams for a great finish to the fall season. The following Force teams finished the fall season with no losses: U10 Girls, U11 Girls, U12 Girls Blue, U13 Girls White, U16 Girls Blue. We had nine Force teams finish in the top three in the standings of their divisions. A majority of the remaining teams were not far behind.

If you have interest in joining the Force family as a coach, player or volunteer, call Eric Johansson at 815-477-7150 or Tim Van Goethem at 815-459-3006. The Force is always looking for committed soccer enthusiasts who are committed to helping young athletes aspire to their full potential both in skill and sportsmanship.