Illinois Fusion - Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 3-9-2016, 7:00 PM

Present: Matt Frank, Jackie O'Brien, Shane Cisco, Julie Hinman, Kris Nutt, Kevin Byrd, Myron King, Teresa Dubravec, Tim Koch, Brenda Seger, Nikki Himmel, Alicia O'Malley Chaon, Chrissy Mora, Sarah Cisco

Absent:

The meeting started at 7:02 pm and concluded at 8:58 pm at the Fusion Offices. The Executive Board then went into closed session.

General Discussion Topics:

President's Update (Brenda S)

- Bi-annual President's Letter (March Rolling Calendar) - sent
- Meeting with GTG – has not occurred yet – will target June
- Meeting with Bloomington Public Library – addressed

Club Administrator Update (Chrissy M/Sarah C)

- Administrative Update – Just need some basic supplies. Otherwise, everything is going well.
- Payments in Office – Paypal will be pursued.
- Register teams for tournaments – Started this process
- Call for teams for CIYSL – Done
- Calculate referee fees for Spring – Jackie/Matt will work with Sarah and Chrissy on this
- Request player cards for new players (Spring, High School Boys) – Most are handed out; one more team left
- Return player cards to team managers – still adding players so have not completed yet

DOC Update (Myron K)

- General Update – 14 new coaches, 40 new players, things are going well. Technical training will be moved to Community Fields in April.
- Super Y League – Target audience is one U18 Girls team for the first summer. Cost would be around $300 per player for 6-12 games. It would be self-funded. Myron will fill out the New Program Form, so we can give that a test run.
- May 25 – Club Meeting at Normal Library
- College ID Camp – Potential for one at Community Fields in latter part of July
- Summer Camps – These have all been planned
- Intern – Sarah from ISU – 90 hours for us

Vice President/Sponsorship Director Update (Tim K)

- Update – Pre-reading in regards to potential sponsorship opportunities. Overall, very positive feedback. Will focus on Tournament Sponsorship first.
- Opportunities to Streamline Website – Working to slim down website and that will help provide room for sponsorship opportunities. Also has parent coming in next month to provide mobile opportunities. In addition, working on texting opportunity for tournament weekend.

Treasurer Update (Jackie O/Matt F)

- Cross-Training Status – Moving along. Still need to get through Quick Books. Following up on delinquent payments.
- Updates – Need to follow up with the Cornbelters – Julie H will follow up
- Audit – Auditor came back with a few questions. Once these are answered, taxes will be filed.
- Taxes – Due May 15
- Insurance for Coaches – If they are carded thru IYSA, they have coverage provided there. Myron will follow up to determine exactly what that coverage is.
- Add half season rate to enrollment – It is something that could be offered to those players who are approved.
- Chicago Fire Game – Tickets are being purchased. Kris will resend communication.

Secretary/Policy/Communications Update (Kris N)

- Several communications sent out – Heading, Soccer in College, Tournament Committee, Futsal Cancellation, Dick's Sporting Goods, President's Message, etc.
- Parent Handbook – Added separate drop date for High School Boys

Tournament Director Update (Teresa D)

- Hotels – Working with local hotels to get contracts established. Working with the Visitors and Convention Bureau.
- Solicit Teams – We are getting teams at a record pace!
- Tournament Committee – Working on pulling it together.
- Establish team schedules (April Rolling Calendar)
- Confirm food vendors (April Rolling Calendar)

Volunteer Director Update (Kevin B)

- Volunteer Update – Started detailing tasks for the volunteer leads. Plan to meet with them to make sure everything is covered.
- Hold initial committee meeting – Communication sent out to solicit members; had 10 respond to communication. Have confirmed the following people in lead roles: Grounds – Mike Fields;
  Concessions – Dayna Brown and Addie Ince; Awards – Jamie Sennett; Off-site Supervision - Pete Kowall. Still need a Parking and Field Marshall lead. Dan Seger, Tim Hinman, and Teresa Ryan still need to be assigned.
- Order Tournament Tents – Field Marshall tents/tables/chairs have been secured thru Normal Parks & Rec. They will drop off and pick up. Bloomington Tent and Awning quoted $690 for (3) 10x10 with sides and (1) 20x20 with sides. Do we need to get a permit to use these? Once confirmed we have a 10x10 Nike tent in the shed, will ask vendor to adjust quote.
- Reserve tournament traffic police – Bloomington Police are all set. Same hours as last year.
  Sat 7a-4p and Sun 7a-1p. Discussed potential later hours.

Technology/Web Update (Shane C)

- Technology Update – Working with PayPal to set up account as a non-profit entity; working on streamlining registration by updating questions.
- Add Scholarship Donation Options for Try Outs – Will be able to implement by June. Discussed the potential use of a separate account for donations.

Uniform Updates (Nikki H)

- Uniform Update – Still partnering with Tim
- New Kit Communication – Draft completed and will send to Kris; Kit ends in December; New kit will have both jerseys offered in women's cut
- Training Shirts – Working with European Sports to update with new Kit

Marketing Director Update (Julie H)

- Fundraising Update – Dine to Donate will be March 28. Julie will work with Avanti's to set this up.
- Tournament T-shirts Contest – 60 entries! Julie will do some initial screening to narrow entries.
- Soccer in the Community Communication with Special Olympics – Julie will work with Shane and Kris to get it added to our website. PCSL would like to participate.

Operations Director Update (Alicia C)

- Administrative Update – Looking at a booking agency that Myron forwarded to her. Looking at Spring Team Manager meeting.

2016 Meetings at Fusion Offices unless otherwise noted:

April 13 – FS II
May 11
June – No Meeting (Try Outs)
July 13
August 10
September 14
October 12
November 9
December 14