

Minutes, Monroe County Youth Soccer, Inc., 5/40/07: Cutters Soccer Club Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting called to order: 7:10 pm. In attendance: JoEllen Baldwin (U14B Blue), Heather Bland (U12B Red), Doug Crowe (U12G), Laddie Derenchuk (U10B Red & White), Susan Fleener (U14B White), Tricia Ghekas, Marcy Hazen (U14B White), Joyce Huck (U9B), Kevin Jones, Dan Matthews, Dan Miller, Judi Pérez (U12B, U15G), Mary Runnells, Pat Schrems, Jane Walter (U9B, U12G), David Weigand.

Review of 4/25 Minutes: Approved.

Financial Report: Judi reviewed the bank statement. Laddie reported that Academy is not really breaking even but is hooking kids on soccer. More Academy sponsors are needed for fall; sponsorships cost \$350 per season, \$600 per 2 seasons. Six of the teams were sponsored by parents through registration. Half of the Administrator's time is spent on Academy, although this portion of his salary is not taken out of the Academy budget.

Elections for Board: Elected to the Board were Heather Bland (VP for Recreation), Sue Fleener (Treasurer,-Travel), Laddie Derenchuk (Treasurer,-Academy), Pat Schrems, Roger Goetze (At-Large), and Dan Matthews (At-Large).

Budget and Fees for 2007-08: The switch to online registration for Travel through League 1 will signify an increased cost to the Club of about \$6-\$12 per player. This is based on a League 1 charge of 2.5% (or .025) x (last season's fee) + \$2, and rounded up or down as appropriate. The Board approves this increase in Travel player fees. Academy fees will stay the same. For the time being, tournament mileage reimbursement to coaches will remain the same. U9 Travel players will go to an Academy-style format, with 8 games, referees, and additional league fees. Thus, U9 fees will increase from \$155 to \$189. Judi Pérez has volunteered to help do data input to register teams. The duties of paid and non-paid office personnel need to be identified more clearly. Discussion will continue on the rest of the proposed budget.

Academy Update: The season went well. More training is needed of volunteers explaining travel team soccer to Academy parents.

Strategic Planning Meeting Report: 25 people attended this meeting held on 5/11, 6:30-10:30 pm. The focus was on 3 main areas of concern for the Club's growth and financial stability: facilities, coaching, and administration. A team will come up with an action plan for each of these areas. More information is expected on these plans in mid-August.

Coaching Director Update: The Travel teams are doing well. Tournament results: U15G, 2nd at the Queen City Classic, Cincinnati; U11B Red, 1st at Murray Cup, Carmel; U12B Red, 2nd, Murray Cup; U15B Red, semi-finalists, Dayton Warrior Classic; U16B Red, 2nd, Murray Cup. State Cup finalists for 6/2 and 6/3: U14B Red and U16B Red. Challenge Cup finalists for 6/2 and 6/3: U12B Red.

Kroger Cares Update: Tricia reported that Kroger sends a check to the Club every 4 weeks. The cards fail occasionally; a cardholder can check the website or phone number listed on the card to check his/her balance. It may be that if the card is not used for 30 days, it becomes dissociated from the Club. The Board decided that the Travel high school teams can keep using Kroger Cares cards in the fall to build up their accounts for the spring. Team managers should contact Tricia about changes in their rosters to make sure that Kroger Cares card earnings will be credited to the right team.

Rob Perdue Golf Classic, sponsored by Indiana Youth Soccer: The money raised supports IYS programs to get soccer out to kids who wouldn't be participating otherwise. The Board approved the expenditure of \$200 for the Club to buy a hole at the event.

Tournament Committee Report: Tricia reported that Mike Baughman did a great job for the State Cup event at Karst; State Cup representatives were very happy. In the future, the Club needs to keep more than 5 Cutters teams to participate in State Cup here in town. The new date for Hackers is July 21 (Carmel has a 3v3 on the previous date). The fees are higher but no charge for parking. Parents who haven't completed their volunteer hours for the Club will be invoiced before Hackers. Hackers volunteer hours can be used for last year or the coming year of soccer.

Travel Agency: This is a fundraising idea, through Export Travel. There was much discussion of this again. Mary R. will evaluate whether the Club can be a travel agent, given its non-profit status. Give Mary names of anyone interested in working on this.

Referees: The Board asked that Kevin schedule a meeting with Josh and Dale before next season to review and improve the referee assignment process.

4th of July Parade: Heather Bland has agreed to be in charge of organizing the Club's participation in this parade., and the Board approved the expenditure of up to \$500 for this. Younger kids will ride on a float, older kids will walk/dribble. Temporary tattoos with the Club logo will be passed out to spectators. The Club will supply T-shirts to adults who march. Travel players will wear their uniforms, and Academy players will wear their team shirts.

Next Meeting: 7:00 pm, Wed., June 27, United Way.

~Minutes submitted by Jane Walter~