

Minutes, Monroe County Youth Soccer, Inc., 2/28/07: Cutters Soccer Club Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting called to order: 5:45 pm. In attendance: Jo Baldwin (U14 Boys Blue), Mike Baughman, Kristie Bennett (U11 Boys), Ronda Brown (U15 Boys White), Doug Crowe (U12 Girls, U11 Boys), Laddie Derenchuk (U10 boys), Marty Dickey, Beth Holbrook (U13 Boys Red), Joyce Huck (U9 Boys), Bob Labis, Sharon Mayell (U15 Boys Red), Gina Myers (U15 Boys Red), Dan Miller, Ben Oppenlander (U18 Girls), Judi Perez (U13 Boys, U15 Girls), Mary Runnells, Pat Schrems, Jane Walter (U9 Boys, U12 Girls), David Weigand

Review of Feb. 1 Minutes: Approved.

Financial Report, Academy: Cutters now banks with United Commerce, which also supports Academy through sponsorships. Total increase in Academy value since 2/28/04 is \$26,976.15 (not including encumbered expenses). Some Academy money may be moved to a certificate of deposit. Registration fees do not cover the cost of Academy programs, as fees are held down to attract participants. Sponsorships are absolutely necessary.

Financial Report, Travel: Sue was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Academy Update: 150 registered already for spring 2007.

Coaching Director Update: All U9-U14 coaches have been instructed to hold team meetings to prepare for the spring season. Olcott and Karst will both be used for spring practices, which should begin after spring break (or when the parks permit). 8 coaches recently completed their Child/Adult CPR and basic first aid certification. 8 coaches attended the National Soccer Coaches Association of America convention in Indianapolis in January. 91 White coach Nick Hanna recently completed the USSF "D" course (36 hours of coaches ed), and 95 Girls Coach Whitney Hornsby recently completed the MSCAA National Diploma (50 hours of coaching ed). All high school age spring teams have been training at least once per week since January, and have played exhibitions (friendlies) at Mellencamp Pavilion. Most HS teams have played or scheduled additional preseason friendlies. U10 boys and girls Junior Cutters will begin league play for the first time this spring. Encouraging preseason friendly results: 91 Boys Red (U16) defeated the Michigan Wolves (Disney Cup champions and MI state champs) 1-0 in February in Fort Wayne, and 92 Boys Red defeated two Midwest Regional League teams and a Michigan state premiere division team, going 3-0 in friendlies played in the Fort Wayne indoor dome in February. 7 of the Club's teams were accepted into the Indiana State Cup tournament (must be considered a top 16 team in the state for U13-U18). 91 Boys Red and 93 Boys Red received a top 4 seed (only top 4 teams are seeded).

Administrator Update: Travel players can be added up to the last day of the season. IU soccer assembly at Grandview Elementary on Tuesday will include Academy info on the back of IU info; Lakeview next, then hopefully Fairview and Templeton. Volunteer Club representatives are being identified at these and other schools.

Kroger Cares: An additional check from Kroger has not been received yet. Tricia Ghekas has set it up so Academy families can also use the gift card. With travel teams, 75% of the earnings goes to the participating team, 20% to the Club, and 5% to the U11 Boys Red & White teams for managing the program. In the case of Academy-generated Kroger Cares earnings, the Board approves 10% of the earnings to the U11 Boys teams (and 90% to the Club).

Tournament Committee Report: The committee meeting will now focus on one area at a time. The current focus is marketing. The Committee wants to get the Jamboree listed on the gotsoccer.com website for \$500 with a link to the Cutters website, so people can see the Club's other tournaments. The Board approves this \$500 expense. The committee has also purchased 24 rechargeable radios with a 14-mile range and built-in weather info capacity. Committee reps are also seeking agreements with medical staff and security (including golf carts).

Fundraising Report: Moira Wedekind is preparing a grant proposal to the Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County to support the Cutters Outreach Program in 4 elementary schools – Grandview, Lakeview,

Fairview, and Templeton – through compensation for coaches, goals, and shinguards. The proposal is due 3/26. The Board approves the submission of a grant application to the Community Foundation to support the Cutters Outreach Program.

Dinner Committee Report: Dave just sent an email asking for extra auction items. Both online and hard copy tickets will be available. Lunch with Tommy may be an auction item!

Golf Scramble Update: The committee is still working on this project.

Karst Agreement and Fundraising Update: Parks feels it can finish the 4 fields, but without irrigation, roads, drainage, and lights. The Club can use 2 fields with lights to practice for 7 more years, but not thereafter unless it can raise money to put in lights. (The Club needs the lights so the Director of Coaching can attend the practices of the different teams.) The Parks Board is leery of any more long-term commitments. It may make sense for the new fields to have the proper drainage from the start, and lights are critical to the Club. Mary will get Cutters on the agenda for the next Parks Board meeting.

Youth Soccer Month, in September: Does the Club want to do something special? Maybe something with IU at a game...

Cutters Merchandise: A parent volunteer, Greg Tucker, will head up fan apparel, with one or two vendors providing the products. It will probably not be fully available until fall.

Yard Signs: The U15 Boys Red are marketing Cutters signs to raise money, starting with 300 that say “We Support Cutters Youth Soccer!”

Next Meeting: 7:00 pm, Wed., 3/28/07, United Way
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