

Minutes, Monroe County Youth Soccer, Inc., 7/25/07: Cutters Soccer Club Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting called to order: 7:10 pm. In attendance: Heather Bland (U13B-Red); Rob Buchan (U11G); Doug Crowe (U13G, U12B-Red); Ed Dickey (U9-U10G); Tricia Ghekas (U12B-White); Kevin Jones (U14B-Red); Jeff Lambright (U10G); Judi Pérez (U14B-White); Pina Patel (U15B-Red); Mary Runnells (Board President); Jane Walter (U13 G, U10B-Blue); David Wiegand (Administrator)

Review of 6/27 Minutes: Approved.

Financial Report (Travel, Academy): Reports reviewed but not approved because treasurers could not attend meeting.

Coaching Director Update: Tom Parry was hired to coach U16B-Red in the spring. Erika Flanders hired as head of all U9 Travel players, boys and girls. Jeff Thomas hired as coach of U9B-Blue. Coaching Director would like to hire Sarah Kloosterman as the Head Trainer for Academy, with the job of making sure that there are trained trainers for the different age groups and that they are present as scheduled. The Board approves the hiring of Sara Kloosterman as Head Trainer of Academy. Travel practices start Aug. 6. More U9 Travel players are being sought.

Academy Update: Registrations for fall coming in, online and through the mail. Academy has been listed in the Herald-Times.

Administrator Update: Dave met with the new managers last night. He will be sending all the managers a lot of info that will then trickle down to parents.

Fundraiser Report: Heather Bland reports that the first priority is getting Academy sponsorships so team T-shirts can be prepared. Then more detailed guidelines will be developed for calls to be made to businesses. The goal is to develop a true fundraising committee of about 5 people, to talk about the entire year's activities and help identify sponsorship options for businesses. A data base of sponsors & sponsorships will be maintained.

Tournament Committee-Hackers: The tournament was fun and without major complaints. There were few U13-U18 teams, because some were at the IU Camp and others at Noblesville. The following are ideas for next year: Find out if birth certificates are really required for registration, and if so how can the photocopier be moved closer to the registration area. Have a map of the fields on the website. Make field assignments and markers clearer. The map that was available was good, and it should be enlarged so people can easily consult it. The drawings for prizes were very successful, but this was just a one-time activity as an incentive for teams to come. Concessions could generate more money with a better selection of items and better alignment of the tables. The Board decided that if a team offers a fundraising activity during Cutters tournaments (Jamboree or Hackers), that activity must be approved first by the Tournament Committee, the fundraising activity can last no longer than 2 hours, and these hours cannot be counted as volunteer hours for Club parents.

4th of July Parade: A great number of Cutters families participated, including a lot of Academy kids. The tattoos were great to hand out. The float worked well, but it was hard for Heather to find one. It was weird and potentially dangerous to have the children get off the float at 11th St. to walk to the starting area, instead of just having them stay on the float. Heather spent a lot of time getting signatures on the waivers. Some ideas for next year include: advertise to Academy about the parade before the spring program ends; send the waivers to team managers to have team parents sign; encourage Club parents/adults to wear various different Club shirts; and have parade organizer listed as a volunteer job.

Youth Soccer Month: There are many suggestions in a packet of info the Club has about how to celebrate Youth Soccer Month in September. Dave will send an email seeking a volunteer to organize how the Club observes Youth Soccer Month this year.

Monroe County Humane Association Walk for the Animals: The event this year will take place on the first Sunday in October at Karst (instead of at 3rd St. Park), 1-4 pm. The MCHA has offered to put a link on the Club's website to the MCHA website about the event, offering in return that the Club can get a booth at the Karst Farm Park event without charge. The Board approves this offer from the MCHA.

Monroe County Fair: The Marketing Committee should consider the idea of having the Club get a booth at the Monroe County Fair next year.

-Minutes submitted by Jane Walter-

Next Meeting: Aug. 22, 2007, 7 pm, United Way