

Minutes, 11/26/07, Cutters Soccer Club Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm. In attendance: Ronda Brown (92B-White); Rob Buchan (U11G); Doug Crowe (U13/14G, U12B-Red); Sue Fleener (93B-White); Roger Goetz (97B-Red; U9B); Marcy Hazen (Bookkeeper, U15B-White); Rob Hochstetler (U14G); Sharon Mayell (U16B-Red); Dan Miller; Mary Runnells (Board President); Christy Teter (96B-Red); Jane Walter (95G, 98B-Blue); David Wiegand (Administrator)

Review of 10/29/07 Minutes: Amended to say that for its participation in the Youth Soccer Challenge, the Club received a free dinner ticket to the Indiana Youth Soccer Awards Dinner. The Board approved the amended minutes.

Financial Report: Doug Crowe reviewed the bank statements. The Travel treasurer presented balance sheets for Club finances for November and the year-to-date.

Reports to the Club by IU Classes: The SPEA undergraduate group doing a fundraising study based on Club needs will give us their report in the near future. The Marketing class will present at 2:30 pm Tuesday and Thursday of this week at the old Kelly School of Business; Board members are invited.

Meeting with the Monroe County Parks Board: Mary, Doug, and Jane recently attended the regular Parks Board meeting to discuss the Club's relationship with Karst Park. Cutters and the Parks Board both expressed interest in returning to the stalled dialogue about working out a long-term agreement. A bridge agreement would be needed at first, followed by a longer-term accord. A Parks Board committee will develop a draft agreement, which will be presented at the next Parks Board meeting on Dec. 12. Once approved, Parks will send the draft to the Cutters Board for consideration. Cutters reps at this meeting indicated that the Club's financial contribution might be for drainage and maintenance of fields rather than lights if the lighted fields could be used for practice as well as games

Administrator Update: Marcy Hazen is working for the Club as the new bookkeeper. The office has been reorganized. The Academy season went very well; comments emailed to the Club about it were quite positive. It is important to have volunteers (Travel parents) out at Karst to help out on the first day of Academy each season.

Coaching Director Update: High school teams have had their team meetings, and practices have begun.

Fundraising Update-Kroger Cares: We received a check for \$679 from Kroger for the Travel account. \$255 was received from Kroger for the Academy account for about 8 months of usage; the Club gets \$230 and the U12B-White team gets \$25 (10%). Hopefully we can get more Academy families to start using Club Kroger Cares cards in the spring. Two high school teams that did not form for the spring have balances in their Kroger Cares accounts. One suggestion is giving the balance to the Club. Another idea is to use \$200 of this money over the next 10 months to offer a \$20 monthly reward to the team that has the highest \$ usage for their Club-designated Kroger Cares cards. The Board will talk more about this next month.

Fundraising Update-Sponsor/Benefit Dinner: The organizing committee is hard at work. One idea is to also have an alumni pickup soccer game on Sat. am the day after the dinner. Additional helpers are needed to work on this event.

Fundraising Update-Rebound: This physical therapy practice is looking at various Club sponsorship options.

District Meeting: Representatives from districts 8 and 16 met (Bloomington and Terre Haute). One topic discussed was the idea of having a Club player card, such that the player would be on the Club's roster and thus able to play on any Club team he/she is eligible for, with some restrictions.

Award Nominations: Indiana Youth Soccer award nominations are due on Dec. 10, for a large number of categories.

Concessions: The Cutters 91B worked concessions at the IU-Purdue football game. There was some discussion of the earnings percentage that goes to a team that works concessions at IU games.

Scholarships: Club scholarship standards need to be re-defined. Doug and Jane agreed to work on this committee.

-Minutes submitted by Jane Walter-