

**Harvard Soccer Club
11/3/13 Meeting Minutes**

Attendees:

Austin Franklin
Peter Foley
Allison Hendricks
Gerry Hall
Mike Lawton
Karl Schwiegershausen
Steve Stecyk

Todd Baker
Epiphany Vera
Tom Wiffen
Niamh Quilligan

Travel End of Season Report

BU12

- Ayer BU12 Coach used inappropriate language toward a Harvard player. Player's parent has brought issue to NVYSL directly.
- Allyson will reach out to NVYSL and HSC appropriate contacts (Rika)

BU14

- A few parent "prima donna" issues were being dealt with but nothing perceived as major

GU10

- Having two balanced teams is not working well because better players on these teams are not being served well. Challenger coaches believe that there should be only skill based teams

GU&BU12

- A teams are likely candidates for MTOC tournament in Spring.
- Coaches must communicate with parents before start of season that playoffs will likely happen after the end of the season and to try to keep their schedules available, if possible

In-Town end of season report

- No players are identified as being candidates to move up to U10
- Idea is being suggested to hold separate U7 & U8. Discussion was tabled until next meeting because there were no In Town Coordinators present

NVYSL update

- Issue about player pass cards was raised at NVYSL meeting. Apparently coaches were not aware of this. No further action.
- NVYSL meeting is next week on 11/10. Rika is looking for someone to attend with her.

Challenger report

- Tom & Niamh are preparing an end of season summary for us to review, discuss and possibly implement in the off season
- Tom thought this was one of the best seasons of soccer he has seen
- He thinks we should start teaching players a position at U12
- With U6, he thinks the format could be improved. One idea is to have a practice in addition to the game as a way of developing a sense of team.
- Niamh is not sure if she will return in the Spring. Feedback from parents and coaches was positive
- Tom is trying to decide whether or not to return. He is evaluating coaching opportunities with Challenger in other states.

Player Development

- U10 & U12 clinics were well received but sparsely attended. Steve feels as if the program is slowly growing but will continue to grow.
- Joint practices with U10 and U12 A & B teams worked well. Sessions were well attended. Challenger coaches felt that these particularly helped the B players because they were forced to play up to the A players level
- Request for more Goalkeeper training because players are afraid to play the position

Coach Development

- No dates for classes have been set at this point
- Steve is trying to have an F course of the winter

Finances

- Karl spoke with Dave Vellante. He feels that the HSC & HAA relationship has atrophied and would like it to be stronger.
- He doesn't feel that shortfall is large as we had previously discussed. Toward that end, Peter will work with Risa Tracey (HAA Treasurer) to work to resolve HSC financial picture
- Checking account balance is \$18500
- Trying to get account transfer history for HAA to have more accurate records
- Several reimbursements are coming for Coaching courses, referees,

Equipment

- No discussion was because equipment manager was not present

Fields

- Fields are very tough shape. Appears that sprinklers were not run.
- Baseball was able to get \$7000 from Park & Rec to improve the baseball using a private contractor
- Discussion was tabled but we may follow the model used by baseball

New Survey?

- No discussion Andrew was not present

Discipline document

- Keith was working on this but discussion was tabled because Keith was not present

Board member job descriptions discussion of what we have By-laws

- Discussion was tabled because there were not enough members were present

Secretary position

- This position is still open.
- General membership may be polled to see if there are any volunteers.

Fee increase

- Do we have different fees for each level: U6, U7&8, U10 & 12, U14?
- U14 coaching fee was increased from \$85 to \$90 per board

Any changes for registration sign up

- No changes per Gerry

Next meeting date

- Sunday December 1st TBD

Open action items

- Steve would like to have more Bromfield kids involved in the soccer program, perhaps helping with field maintenance or clinics