

HSC Minutes

March 3, 2014 meeting

Attendees: Rika Stevenson, Peter Foley, Karl Schwiegerhausen, Chuck Wilkey, Mike Lawton, Allyson Hendriks, Andrew Thomas, Gerry Hall, Todd Baker, Al Allard, Rolando Lora, Carl Beckett, Steve Stecyk, Austin Franklin

The meeting convened at 7:05 pm in the Congregational Church

Action Items (repeated in notes below)

- Peter W: (Rika/Allyson follow up) For GU10, use jamboree and coaches rankings, and have a meeting with coaches to rank players.
- Peter W: (Rika/Allyson follow up) Suggestion to ask for volunteers to move down from the A team to the B team
- All: Send ideas/requests for additions to coaches meeting agenda to Steve
- Steve: Cover concussion policy with coaches at coaches meeting, also weighting of goals
- Allyson: Send coaches list to Austin
- Steve and Austin: Coordinate and send out a proposed Challenger schedule before coaches meeting. 2-3 days after coaches meeting, open field sign up to coaches
- Austin: Request that fields are fertilized
- Austin: Pass around goal safety document to board
- All: Keep reminding coaches to sandbag nets/goals
- All: Review draft calendar that Steve distributed (including tryout dates etc)
- Rika: will find out how much Oak Meadow time available and what it will cost, starting 3/24
- Andrew: Follow up with Rolando regarding having U8 coaches input 4/4 record in player evaluation. Rolando to request rankings earlier on so rankings can be reviewed in advance, make sure that boys and girls are appropriately distributed.
- Andrew: Follow up with Rolando to hold a U8 only coaches meeting to review rankings of U8 kids towards the end of the season, in advance of the U8/U10 meeting. Group of attendees: U8 coaches, U10 coordinator, U8 coordinator, In town director.

General Minutes

- **Spring 2014**
- **Travel**
- **BU10**
 - BU10A – team coach has F license. 10 players, one dropped to play club. Need a coach. REC 1.

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- BU10B – one coach not coming back (still 2). 10 players (one dropped). REC 3.
- BU10C – Head coach is an E. Two other coaches. Number of changes—2 players not coming back for certain, one player may be moving—uncertain right now. 2 new players. REC 4.
- BUC10D – No roster changes. 11 players, same coaches. Ruth is now F license. REC4.
- Austin - scheduling change – only first 4 games scheduled – new director, is going to use metrics/records to set schedules and place teams.
- **GU12**
 - GU12A – 12 players, almost same team, lost one added one MTOC 1
 - GU12B – 12 players, no changes, MTOC 2
 - GU12C – 11 players, added one
 - GU12D – 12 players, added one
 - Coaches all returning
 - Discussion of whether to move one player up to A. Decided to leave as-is, given club's general tendency to avoid making switch from Fall to Spring, and given the player remains engaged in B
- **GU10**
 - Summary of issue with GU10 numbers and placements
 - Proceeded with 3 skill based teams with initial registration numbers
 - Girls kept registering, all teams would need league waivers due to size (+11)
 - Decided to go with 4 smaller teams, skills based rosters
 - Had slated REC 1,3,4 teams
 - Now, with larger group, slated to REC 1,2,3,3
 - Board decision: must have two skilled teams, two balanced teams
 - Action item – Peter to use jamboree and coaches rankings, and to have a meeting with coaches to rank.
 - Action item – Peter to ask for volunteers to move down. B team is now skilled vs. balanced before, in REC 2.
- **BU12**
 - Moving from 4 teams to 3.
 - BU12A – MTOC one. Same 3 coaches, lost a player. 12 players.
 - New player in town, evaluated as a B player.
 - One player indentified as top player by the team coach is moving up to A team.
 - Board discussed need for evals between Fall and Spring, to cover for situations such as this and in the case of players not returning in Spring due to baseball.
 - BU12B. REC1. New coach. 13 kids.
 - BU12C. Combination of C and D team from Fall. 14 kids.
- **GU14**

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- One team, MTOC 2, 16 players, 2.5 coaches (Nieve, Tanya, one Alfieri or Stu)
- **BU14**
 - 34 players signed up.
 - Discussion on whether to give refunds for players who change their mind in advance of the season. Board agreed that we have to keep the policy of no refunds.
 - 3 teams.
 - Tryouts went well. 24 kids out of 34.
 - Coaches all set
 - Generally don't have evals for U14 and up, since there is middle school soccer
- **BU16**
 - Roster is full (over). Some players trying for U18. 18 kids on roster.
- **BU18**
 - 14 native U18 players 3 of which are keepers.
 - Had 7 U16 kids tryout for U18.
- **GU18**
 - 18 players, MTOC. Guest keeper from Clinton. No coach yet.
- **In-Town**
 - 145 registrations. 33 short of what we had in the Fall.
 - Reminders went out today, meeting Wednesday with coordinators.
 - Now there is a separate tab on the web page for In town.
- **Challenger Report**
 - Confirmed Tom and Nieve are returning.
 - Requested them to be here March 24
 - Distributing camp information. Have not gotten mini-kickers program info yet for U2-U5.
- **Player Development**
 - No updated
 - No confirmation yet on World Cup party – library usage
- **Coach Development/Coaches meeting**
 - Steve is putting together an agenda now for coaches meeting March 13
 - Action item for all: Send ideas/requests for additions to coaches meeting agenda to Steve
 - In town
 - U6 – KINS will be discussed
 - New concussion policy: if someone gets a concussion, Rika needs to know, and needs to see a doctor's letter to permit player to play again
 - Action item: Steve to cover concussion policy with coaches at coaches meeting

- **Equipment**
 - Nothing
- **Fields - when can we open things for coaches - let's talk about a hard date?**
 - Process for fields selection
 - Steve needs to schedule Challenger coaches
 - At coaches meeting, coaches will be given rosters
 - Then email goes out for field enrollment after coaches meeting
 - Austin needs 2 days from last event to release signup – either Steve coordinating with Challenger
 - General consensus that the club needs to strive to get fields assigned so teams can coordinate practices
 - Austin: Request that fields are fertilized
 - Austin: Will pass around goal safety document
- **Finances**
 - No update
- **Review of Minutes**
- No edits beyond Allyson's earlier suggestions
- **Jamboree at Oak Meadow -**
 - Proposed: Games against other HSC teams of similar caliber including boys vs. girls if needed, for example BU12-A vs. GU12-A, and Austin could do the referees as they have them set up for real futsal. It could be spread over several days.
 - There was discussion of using the space for indoor practice, given the current snow cover on the Harvard fields.
 - Rika: to find out how much is available and what it will cost.
- **Fun day in Spring**
 - It was suggested that we get the “seams” groups together (U8 and incumbent U10, U10 4th graders and incumbent U12s to get a gauge on kids moving around.
- **Spring Contract**
 - Signed. Pricing is good.
- **Player Rating Form**
 - Agreed to narrow tolerance of coaches ranking vs ETA.
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