

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting

Harvard Soccer Club

April 6, 2014 7:00 PM at the Congregational Church Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 6, 2014

7:08 PM

Attendees

Allyson Hendricks, Keith Bilafer, Austin Franklin, Peter Foley, Chuck Willey, Al Allard, Mike Lawton, Carl Beckett, Rolando Lora, Andrew Thomas, Steve Stecyk, Rika Stevenson

Challenger: Tom, Niamh

Agenda

Approval of March Minutes- approved by unanimous vote

Spring 2014 -

- Travel
 - Registrar update-
 - Two in town coaches still not cleared, though paperwork is complete. Waiting on Cori. One travel coach not cleared.
 - Chuck is on business trip next week, needs coverage for postcards in the event of roster changes. Challenger will cover
 - Packages -4 teams that don't have them, two are Jeremy's. Allyson has them
 - Emergency info - Coaches have access to info via website
- In-Town
 - 173 signups, 5 over expected
 - Working on a pre-ranking session for U8s
 - Adding two teams now
 - Considering bringing kids up, a few across U7/8
 - Consider allowing them to practice up
 - Discussion of whether we should invite the U7 to jamboree
 - Rolando will reach out and invite to come to Thursday practice
 - Should be encouraged to continue with U7 teams
 - Tom has U8s, Niamh had U7s
 - U6 player approved to move up.
- Challenger Report

- Some games this weekend, BU12B, BU14D, both teams did really well, good year over year development
 - Coaches
- Player Development
 - Steve wants to talk to U6 coaches at beginning or end of morning session
 - Would like to introduce cards/game at in town level to encourage proper skill development
- Coach Development
 - Challenger did clinic earlier this week, had 30 coaches show up. 2 hour long session on structure, managing a session, etc.
 - Discussion of lack of attendance for coaches meeting, General feeling of that there was nothing new. Look at mixing up agendas so season to season there is change.
 - Expect the fall meeting will be more well-attended.
 - Need to make club more fun - have fun day, social events
 - Spring coaches meetings
 - Action item - Carl will send preschool contacts to Steve
- Equipment
 - Need to buy ball bags
 - Down to 5 cases of icepacks
- Fields
 - Need to buy more sandbags
 - Send out a note to coaches to ensure sandbags are on goals
 - All board members should take responsibility to sandbag goals.
 - Discussion of using other bags, nylon bags with handles vs. the custom bags
 - Austin can anchor bags at Park, Depot.
 - Motion to buy 8 good sandbags for Pond, and anchor Park and Depot. Seconded. Passed by majority vote.
 - Action item: Austin will talk to town of Harvard to ensure there will be no objections, and then proceed.
 - Note there are two 11v11 goals on Depot, not HSCs.
 - Action item: Austin will ask Joe @ Parks and Rec to disassemble.
 - Action item: Andrew to send note to U6 to encourage parking a Ryan Land.
 - Weather forecast looks good, likely to open Saturday. We'll keep Lancaster for practices
 - Weighting of 11 V. 11 nets - how do we do this for spring? Discussion of all board members being diligent to ensure nets are sandbagged.
 - Austin will order some new net bag weights as a pilot.
- Finances
 - No concerns
 - Draft purchasing guidelines were distributed for board review

- NVYSL Meeting - notes
 - New rules for 6v6 play -- U10
 - Goal kicks can go over half as long as it does not go into penalty area
 - Ref card still has old rule, but should go by the book
 - Announced today which teams are U18, U19
- Discipline Document discussion - vote on updated version
 - Moved to incorporate edits into USC handbook was seconded.
 - Austin suggested changes reflecting intent of club is to follow USSF due process, bylaw 701.
- Secretary vote
 - Ruth Lovett Smith is willing to join as Secretary. Accepted by unanimous vote.
- Board Goals
 - Karl - Evaluation sheet update
 - Peter -HAA fee increase
 - Gerry - website update, populate Google documents
 - Austin, Keith - Keeper evaluation process
 - Rika - Constitution handbook
 - (Rika to distribute to BOD)
- Constitution clarification
 - Rika did not get feedback, so will run with it.
- Expectations for post season participation
 - Club needs cohesive policy on players and clubs who cannot play postseason for MTOC play
 - There are sanctions against a town if it does not show up
 - Towns can change rosters up to May 24
 - Action Item - Rika and Allyson to work on a calendar where Coordinators will receive notice from MTOC coaches on rosters.
- Spring Fun Day - April 19, 2014
 - Will cancel and pick a day in the fall
 - Suggestion - extend the jamboree
- World Cup Watch Parties
 - No movement to report