

## Minutes of the 11/02/09 SYS Board Meeting

Present: Ron W., Dick B., Isaac N., Mike R., Chris S., Scott B., David L., Heston C., Keith L., Jimmie R., Ann C., Jorge DeL., Kim O., Kevin R., Louise G., Chris W., Natasha C., Bob R., Roy P., Bob P., Allen J., Bob G., David Rocco

Treasurer's Report (Mike R.)—Mike presented and discussed a detailed report. Our cash balance is up about \$25,000 compared to the same time last year. Expenses are up about \$24,000 over last year. This increase is due mainly to new uniforms (\$11,000), repair of fields at Glavin (\$7,200), and new goals at the Foundation (\$2,900.) Mike said we need to check the lease on the Glavin fields to see to whom we need to make out the check for the coming year.

David L. said that the Glavin, the Foundation, and Lake St. fields should be aerated and over-seeded now. Also, any holes in these fields need to be marked for repair in the early spring.

Ron gave out next year's proposed budget for study by the board members.

Ron proposed that we lower the sponsorship fees for the coming year to \$400 for one season and \$700 for both seasons. He said that he felt that we could get a few more sponsors with this change. After brief discussion, this proposal was approved unanimously.

David L. said that the bill for having the two new large goals at the Foundation that were apparently broken by SHS students several weeks earlier was \$480. the board decided to send the bill for this work to the high school but agreed to pay the welder now.

There was a discussion about whether or not to separate the boys and girls at the U-8 level. Dick B. pointed out that there would not be enough all girl teams at that age to have a separate schedule for them. One coach had polled the mothers of the girls on his UY-8 team about this and none of them wanted the girls separated from the boys. After some more discussion, the idea was dropped.

Ron wondered if it could be possible to get a long-term lease from the state for the Glavin fields.

Dick B. suggested that we form a committee to meet with the Glavin people and Karen Polito to discuss this. Dick B. and Ron said they would be interested in pursuing this. It was pointed out that there are playing fields at the Shrewsbury Y.

Registration Report (Bob P.)—Registration seems to have started ok. Bob and Ron informed all the schools about registration and there will be a video shown several times on Ch. 28 on cable.

Walk-in registration will be held on Thursday, 11/06.

MAYS will hold a meeting on 11/15 in Auburn. MYAS may need some new board members but it's not clear exactly which positions will be open.

Two proposals are up for vote at the coming MAYS meeting. The first is to fine a town program for any game in which the town's team wins by more than six goals. The second is a proposal that no D-3 player be suspended for a game after being called for a hand ball in the penalty area.

Dick B. said he thought the board should vote on both of these. He felt that the first proposal could end up putting an onus on a player who happened to score a goal that made the goal differential in a game go over six. Others thought it was up to the leading coach to see that the goal differential never got to six so that no player would ever score a goal that put the differential above six. A vote was taken on each proposal and the majority was in favor of both proposals.

Ron said that coaches should tell parents that the board is looking for people with ideas about how to improve player evaluations and the try-out process.

**Ron reiterated that he is resigning as president on Jan.1, 2010.**

Player-and Coach-Development Report (Roy P.)--Roy said that he was concerned that there will not be enough coaches taking the upcoming F course. Ron said that we should pay MYSA now the fee to run the course and open it up to coached from other towns. He was confident that there would be enough coaches signing up.

Roy said that the *Play Soccer* sessions at team practices had to be shut down because of budgetary concerns. *Play Soccer* did not seem that interested in doing the work to set up these sessions. The coaches who held the sessions seemed to do a good job. Ron said that we need to emphasize to *Play Soccer* that there should be no scrimmages held at these sessions.