

Minutes of the Oct. 5, 2009 Meeting of the SYS Board

Present: Ron W., Isaac N., Chris I., Keith L., Jorge D., Jimmie R., Bob P., Kevin R., Heston C., Ken W., David L., Chris W., Bob R., Roy P., Louise Garone, Bob G.

The meeting started at 7:05 PM. The minutes of the August 31 meeting were approved.

Mike R. emailed to all board members his treasurer's report. There were no questions except it was noticed that the cost of paint had gone up markedly from the cost last year. Bob G. noted that it used to take 9 to 10 cans of paint to do a full-sized field but it now takes 13 cans to do one. This probably can account for only some of the increase.

Registration—Registration for the Spring season begins on-line on 10/17 and closes on 12/01. We will hold a walk-in registration night at Sherwood M S on 11/11 from 7:00-8:30 PM. Roy P. said he would set this up with Sherwood. Ron will take care of seeing that a video gets on the cable channel and Bob P. will take care of getting flyers to the pre-schoolers and will also handle the list serve for the schools.

Ron said that we can make no absolute commitment to late registrants. He discussed one situation in which a player's parent tried repeatedly to register the player after registration was closed. There were serious extenuating circumstances involved but all the teams in the players age group were already set and at their maximum limits. The board agreed that there was unfortunately nothing that could be done for this season. Ron said that he would inform the parent when registration for the spring season begins.

Starting on Jan. 1, 2010, the town is planning on charging every player in every sports organization in Shrewsbury \$15 per player per season for each player that uses town fields for practices and/or games. There followed a discussion about how we could use the Glavin fields most efficiently in light of this new policy. Ron suggested that we distribute the fields in the Spring as follows:

Glavin - two 6v6 (G3 and G6), eight 3v3 (G1), one 11v11 (G2), and six 4v4 (G4)

Municipal - one 11v11

Foundation - one 11v11 and one or two 6v6

Lake - one 8v8, two 6v6

Floral - one 6v6

This would maximize the number of kids playing at Glavin. This seemed to get the approval of the board. There then followed a discussion of how this town charge should be passed on to the players' families. It was agreed that all players should be charged the same regardless of what field they actually use. After some discussion, Roy P. moved that we raise the registration field by \$7.50 per player for all players for the Spring 2010 season to cover this town field fee. This proposal passed by a vote of 12 for and 1 against.

Ron said that Isaac is willing to take over as uniform coordinator. Kevin moved that we elect Isaac to the position of uniform coordinator and Isaac was unanimously elected.

Ron said that Louise is willing to replace Lisa Morgera as Boys U-10 coordinator. Lisa is stepping down after many years of "yeowoman" service to SYS. She will be missed. Later in the meeting, after hearing by phone from Lisa that she would help Louise with the transition, Ron said we should vote on Louise for the position of BU-10 age-group coordinator. She was

unanimously elected to that position. The board thanks both Isaac and Louise for stepping forward to be on the board.

Fields (David L.)—The fields are in pretty good shape. The grass and dirt parking lot has been temporarily chained off until it dries out.

David said we need to check to see if the sprinklers at Floral need to be cleared.

David said he is interested in having the board take care of lawn care and maintenance directly.

Ron said he doesn't think that cutting the grass is a job for a volunteer. There are serious liability issues and we have to be able to rely on the grass being cut every week during the season.

Ron said that any problems a coach has with a ref should be addressed to Minday and Ann, not directly to the ref.

There was then a discussion about MAYS. Ron said that MAYS has addressed the problem of lopsided scores by sending around an email that outlined ways of keeping the score from becoming too lopsided. The issue of some towns assigning teams to too low a division remains but it is a rather complicated issue. There was a discussion about whether or not it is a good idea for SYS to field more than one Div. 1 team in a given age group. No final decision was arrived at but the consensus seemed to be that each year presents a different situation and that it is up to the coaches involved and the AGC to make the call on how many teams SYS will field in a given division. One thing that was agreed on is that all coaches have to realize that a given group of players will not stay together from year to year.

There was a discussion about a very few younger players who are overly aggressive at practices and games. Their aggression is sometimes directed towards players on their own teams. It was agreed that this issue has to be discussed by the coach with the parents of the aggressive players and one parent of each child involved has to agree to be at practices and games to step in, if needed. The board seemed to agree that we should have a 3-strikes-and-you're-out policy or, as Louise suggested, a 3-yellow-cards-and-you're-out policy for really serious situations. The coach should not have the sole responsibility for handling this kind of situation in which the child appears occasionally to be out of control.

There will be an SYS night at the SHS varsity boys soccer match on Oct. 17. Any SYS player who wears a uniform will get in free to the game.

The volunteers for the snack shack have been doing a great job.

Five SYS players and Chris I. walked in the rain in the Shrewsbury parade. Thank you to Chris and the players.

Roy P. said that about 35 kids showed up for the keeper clinic and it seemed to go well. He plans to hold another one in the spring.

The F-license course has been moved to the first full week of Nov, Tuesday (11/10) and Thurs. (11/12). Roy has not gotten a school reserved yet

Ken has ordered the trophies (without points) and medals.

The meeting ended around 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Garvey