

## Minutes of the August 10, 2009 Meeting of the SYS Board

Present: Ron W., Brian S., Ken W., Roy P., Jorge D., Ann C., Mike R., David L., Heston C., Kevin R., Jimmy R., Natasha C., Lisa M., Chris W., Andrea B., Bob G.

The meeting began at 7:10 PM.

Treasurer's Report (Mike R.)—Mike gave out a hard copy of a detailed report. The net amount we have in the bank is approximately \$265,000. This is about \$13,000 more than we had at the same time last year but comparisons are not too meaningful due to the timing of when bills come in and when payments are made. Taking into account several factors, including a few bills to be paid, a more realistic sum for our assets is \$176,900. Our income for the past year is slightly up from last year but our expenses are also up. Noteworthy expenses include new traveling uniforms and repair work on fields 1 and 3 at Glavin. The field repair was necessary because of damage that was done in the spring of 2008 when large clumps of wet, cut grass were left on the Glavin fields by the company doing the lawn mowing for several weeks.

Ron W. is planning on resigning as president in January. He'd like to stay on the board in some other capacity. Kim MacDonald is also planning to resign from the board so we need to find a new person to be in charge of uniforms for the Spring.

Uniforms—644 new traveling uniforms were ordered. This includes 40 extras to make sure that everyone has a good fit this year. We have ten sponsors this year and there are still a few sponsors that have not yet paid. The traveling uniforms still need to be stenciled and the Y-L shorts are not yet in. Roy needs the sizes needed for each traveling team. Bob P. has this info. Lisa M. would like to get it directly from the parents so there will be less mix-ups about sizes. Ron said that there is an algorithm for figuring out how many a given team in a given age bracket needs of each size. Ron said we would use this but that any AGC who wants to use another approach is welcome to.

Lisa, Heston, and Kevin will pick up their in-town uniforms this week.

Fields (David L.)—Bare areas on Glavin 1 and 3 were dressed and hydro-seeded but, partly due to the cool weather, the seed does not appear to have taken well in many spots. Some of these areas need to be reseeded.

Ron told the board that Andrea Snell informed him that the town is planning to charge each sports organization \$15 @ player @ season for the use of town fields. It's not clear how much we will be charged since not all our teams use town fields. It seems that whatever added charge the town levies will have to be passed on to parents. Another problem is that we are currently taking care of mowing Floral. Will the town take this into consideration?

Ron also said that he had found out that a flag-football organization is saying on their web site that they will be playing this fall at Glavin. We assume this will be in the area where the softball field is but Ron is going to check with Glavin to be sure. There is also a question about what parking lot this organization is planning to use.

The dates for lining fields and setting up goals for the fall season are 8/29 and 8/30. David L will work with AGCs to get volunteers. We need to order about 30 cases of white paint and 6 cases of yellow paint.

Equipment Report (Natasha C.)—Natasha got in a large order of supplies and they are now in the storage shed. She also washed all the pinnies. She ordered and received medical kits and soccer balls. Natasha seems to have things well organized for distributing material to the coaches.

**Coach and Player Development Report**—The in-town-teams coaches meeting will be held on 9/2 from 7-9 PM at Sherwood MS. The traveling-team coaches meeting will be held on 9/3 from 7-9 PM at Sherwood MS.

Ken W. will hold a mini coaches clinic on 9/3 from 6:00-7:30 PM at Municipal. Ron suggested having two groups—one for first-time coaches and one for coaches with some experience.

Roy P. has been in touch with Play Soccer (PS) and Challenger about having help sessions for coaches. Challenger can't get anything together for the Fall season. PS will provide a dedicated coach to Shrewsbury only two nights a week in the Fall. Roy told PS that they have to handle the scheduling. Ron said that he thought that the D3 coaches and in town U-10 coaches should get first crack at this help. Roy needs the email addresses of these coaches.

Roy said that there will be goalie clinics again this season but that PS will not be running them. He is going to set them up himself.

Roy felt that PS did not give SYS any credit for helping with the 3 v 3 tournament that PS held at Glavin. Bob G. noted that PS did not get rid of the garbage from that tournament nor did they move back the large goal that they moved from its summer location. Ron said that the games had only 7-minute halves.

Roy said that, if PS handles the tryouts again, they need to inform us ahead of time how they are planning to handle them so we can add our input.

PS holds their soccer camp next week at Glavin. So far, 69 kids are signed up.

Roy said that we can hold an F-license course in November. It's an 8-hour course and is usually held in two 4-hour sessions. He thinks that a Tues. and Thurs. evening in a week in Nov. would be best. He will mention this at the coaches meeting.

Challenger said that they charge \$87.50 @ hour for a coach to do a clinic. PS charges \$65 @ hour. Challenger's fees would be \$3500 for two coaches doing one-hour clinics five days a week for four weeks.

Ken W. said photos will be taken for 6-8 PM at Sherwood for U-8s and younger on 9/29, 10/1, and 10/2. He'll do the scheduling. Trophies for minis are all set.

**Registration**—Registration is now solely up to each AGC. Ron said that mini registration should be closed by 8/25 and that rosters should be published on the web site on 8/28.

**Practice Schedules**—Lisa M. volunteered to coordinate the scheduling of practices for all the teams. Thank you, Lisa.

Times of mini games: U-5s play at 9 and 10:30 AM; U-6s play at noon and 1:30 PM; U-7s (at Foundation) at 9:00 and 10:30 AM; U-8s (at Foundation) at 1:00 and 2:30 PM. Don't want to have just two teams playing at any one time.

**Ref assignor Report (Ann C.)**—Ref meeting will be held week of 8/24. There seems to be a mix-up on the SYS website concerning email addresses since Mindy is still receiving emails intended for Ann.

The MAYS representative who was going to discuss the MAYS team division assignment procedure did not show up. Ron will discuss this issue at the next MAYS meeting.

There was a lengthy discussion about a problem that has arisen concerning the appointment of an assistant coach for a traveling team. Andrea volunteered to write down what the current policy is for the board. This particular situation involves a parent who insists that person A must not be the assistant coach on the team on which that parent's child is playing. The parent has threatened to pull his child from the team if coach A is the assistant coach. This situation is complicated, however, by an earlier discussion that took place between the coach of the team and that parent.

All this involves who is going to be the assistant coach for this particular team. The board wants the relevant AGC coordinator to send to the board a proposal for how to handle this situation and the board will vote on that proposal electronically.

In the days following this meeting, the board voted electronically (17 for, with 6 abstentions) to approve the following proposal from the AGC: *The proposal says, in effect, that the person appointed by the board as the head coach of the team involved will remain the head coach. In addition, Ron Weeden will be the assistant coach for the Fall, 2009 season.*

The board also sent, at the request of both the AGC for the team and the team's head coach the following letter:

Dear \_\_\_\_\_ - The situation has been resolved per our previous discussion regarding (the team in question.). \_\_\_\_\_ is the head coach and I am the assistant (on an as-needed basis) for the season. Please keep in mind, any coach in the system is expected to abide by board and AGC decisions. This includes coaching, scheduling, selection policies, etc. I encourage you to participate on the Board if you wish to have a voice to many of our decisions. Or at the very least, I encourage you to attend our monthly board meetings. All meeting dates and times are posted on our calendar at least one week prior to the date and are open to the public. As you well know from being a past board member, no decisions are taken lightly and great discussion and consideration is taken into account on all decisions and policies.

I hope that you have an enjoyable Fall season. I wish you the best with the \_\_\_\_\_ team and thank you for coaching and volunteering. I also wish your daughter the best on (her) team. The Board hopes that all parents involved with that team will offer only positive support to the team and to the coaches.

Thank you,

Ron

On behalf of the Board of Shrewsbury Youth Soccer

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Garvey