

## Minutes of the April 5, 2010 SYS Board Meeting

Present: Scott B., Leith L., Mike R., Jimmy R., Rachel B., Ann C., Bob P., Bob R., Ken W., Louise G., Heston C., Isaac N., Dick B., Chris S., Kevin R., Roy P., Bob G.

The secretary missed the first 8 to 20 minutes of the meeting.

The minutes of the March meeting were approved.

There was a discussion of the new policy for the distribution of new uniforms. Isaac thinks we shouldn't just give out new uniforms every year. There was a brief discussion of the history of the board's adoption of the present policy. Scott asked Isaac to write up a proposal for the new policy he favors and then the board can discuss it.

Fields—All fields are ready to go. The two asphalt parking lots have been lined. There was concern that parking may prove to be an issue at Glavin now that the minis are playing there. The board said that the mini coordinators should email coaches to ask parents to try to bring just one car per family.

Play/Coach Development—Photo Co. wants to put a link to their business on our website for ordering photos from the co. Ken will check with the co. to see what they want. If we do put a link, it will be off the front page of our site.

Keeper clinic scheduled for 4/28 from 5 to 7 PM

Practice sessions with PlaySoccer coach are being set up and should begin on 4/20. PlaySoccer apparently has not yet gotten in touch with the coaches. Roy said that the ball is now in their court.

Tryouts—Before we can set dates we need to find out the dates of the band and chorus concerts at the schools. Tryouts usually are held between the end of the season and the end of school.

AGCs need their coaches' evaluations before teams are selected. This means that AGCs need to put pressure on coaches to get in their player evaluations.

Roy said that coaches can complete their evaluations before the season is over. Dick B. said that all the AGCs understand how important these evaluations are. Each coach needs to be realistic and honest about ranking the kids on her or his team. Roy said that there is usually very little discrepancy between the coaches' evaluations of players and what PlaySoccer comes up with. Dick B. said that he thinks that it is important that we involve an outside party in the evaluation process so we have no appearance of bias. There seemed to be some agreement that it is not a good idea to keep the same six kids together in a group for the entire tryout. There was definite agreement that PlaySoccer should not do just 6 v 6 games. More variety is needed and also some rest periods are needed. Roy said he will deal with PlaySoccer and see that they have more variety in what they have the kids do at tryouts. Scott said the biggest complaints are about kids who do not go to tryouts.

Roy said that Pontiff (?) will start weekly Thursday clinics for U10+ players on 7/8 at Glavin(?).

Coaches need to push this with parents. PlaySoccer will not hold a camp this summer with SYS.

There was a request to let a small player who is in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade move down from U10 to U-8. After some discussion the board approved this but added that each such situation must be handled on a case-by-case basis.

There was also a brief discussion of a situation in which a parent agreed to coach a lower division team than his child had been assigned to and now the child is on the lower division team. There was no resolution to this.

Referee Report—20 kids were at the ref meeting. All U-7 and U-8 games will have refs.

Registrar Report—MYSA is about to adopt a new software package for registrars. Right now MAYS is using a different system but will clearly have to be compatible with the system the state selects. Bob P. is waiting to see what transpires.

MAYS—The league wants to have an end-of-the-season tournament for the D 3 teams. They need fields. Since we don't have unrestricted use of Municipal and since parking would be a problem there and since we are trying to restore the Glavin fields and parking can also be a problem at Glavin, it's not clear which fields we could offer.

The walking path at Glavin is going to be cleaned up this Saturday. We need volunteers!

Need to set dates for registration for the fall season. The registrar may open online registration for the Fall on May 1.

The meeting adjourned at about 9:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Garvey