

Minutes of June 6, 2010 SYS Minutes

Present: Scott B., Keith L., Heston C., Bob R., Roy P., Allen J., Dick B., Kim O., Rachel B., Mike R., Bob P., Brian S., Chris S., Jimmy R., Kevin R., Louise G., Bob G.

The meeting began at 6:08 PM.

The May minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report (Mike R.)—The IRS wrongly said that SYS had been late in its tax payments two years ago. This has been straightened out in favor of SYS.

Intel contributed \$775 to SYS via John Sooy. Thank you Intel and John!

Several invoices for field care done in 2009 were received in 2010 and had to be paid in 2010.

There appear to be two possible candidates to replace Mike as treasurer.

Registrar's Report (Bob P.)—The numbers have now improved and are comparable with past years. There are currently over 900 kids registered for the fall. There are usually a good number of minis who register late.

Bob is going to have a meeting with the AGCs and any interested board member about how to use the new registration system, Sports Manager. This meeting will be held at the library on 6/14 from 6 til 9 PM. Bring your lap tops.

There is a problem with how this new system handles players whose birthday is in August. Bob is handling these borderline situations on a case-by-case basis. He is also sending the AGCs an email about this situation. He will draft a policy statement about the program's philosophy concerning players born in August who want to play with their classmates. He will present this at the next meeting.

There is a Worcester player whose parents have asked that the player be allowed to play for Shrewsbury in the fall because the Worcester games conflict with the religious services the family attends. The board approved letting this player play for Shrewsbury in the fall.

Bob said that, in the past, refunds for a family whose son or daughter changes his or her mind about playing in a given season have been handled by giving the family credit for a future season. Right now there is a problem with how Sports Manager handles CORI checks. Bob is working on how to handle this.

Late registration will be reopened after tryouts are over.

There was a brief discussion about the fact that the new registration form does not have a separate line item for parents' saying they are interested in coaching. Bob pointed out that there is a comment line in which a parent could state his or her willingness to coach.

Fields—several board members noted that there is a serious problem with the mowing and fertilization of the fields at Glavin. Dick B. said the board needs to write out and approve what they expect of the mowing and lawn-care vendors and then David L. needs to ensure that this policy is communicated to those vendors. Scott said that he and Keith L. will arrange a meeting this coming week with David L, and the person who is supposed to be doing the mowing. Scott suggested that the parking congestion at Glavin will be reduced if we flip the locations of the full-size field and the U-5 and U-6 fields for the fall. Bob G. said we can do this but we need to do repairs on holes and depressions on the present location of the mini fields. This work needs to be done as soon as the season is over to give new grass time to take root. Volunteers will be needed to facilitate this work. Also, there are weeds and ruts on the walking path.

The field take down is scheduled for Saturday, June 26, at 9 AM at Glavin. AGCs need to get volunteers for doing this and for the field repairs referred to above.

MAYS Report (Bob R.)—SYS had no fines from MAYS this season. The last regular season games are scheduled for 6/12. Playoff schedules have not yet been finalized.

Player/Coach Development (Roy P.)—There will be clinics held for older players at Glavin every Wed. evening in July, starting July 8. Roy is having trouble getting all the paper work and details from the person who is going to run these clinics.

Also, PlaySoccer will be running a soccer camp at Glavin in the summer.

The first tryouts went very well but Play Soccer did not put the evaluations on a spread sheet.

Roy has not been able to get the owner to commit to a fee for doing this data entry. we need this data from PlaySoccer by 7/1. Dick B. said we should write down what was done this year at tryouts so it will be repeated in the future by whoever runs the tryouts.

There was very poor communication between PlaySoccer and the coaches regarding scheduling of practice sessions this season. Roy made it clear to PlaySoccer that he was not going to do all their scheduling work for them this season and they appear to have dropped the ball.

There was a lengthy discussion about what the program's philosophy is or should be concerning the placement of teams in divisions. Most but not all felt that we want a team to be placed in a division in which they will be competitive but not necessarily dominant. It was pointed out that in some years a given age group may not have a genuine Div. 1 team. Once the board formulates a policy all the AGCs need to agree to follow this policy. The AGCs also need to listen to the coaches concerning where a given team should be placed.

Two additional, related problems seem to be that, in some age groups, 1.) teams are being formed with most players on a given being the same age so there is a team of "older" players and a team of "younger" players; 2.) some teams of players are assigned to the same coach season after season. It was agreed that the present system usually works but there are occasional glitches that should be corrected.

Scott pointed out that the by-laws do address some of these issues.

Since not all the AGCs were at the meeting, no agreement was reached on these issues.

Coach Selection for the fall season—This past season there was one individual, who had email interactions with several board members in which the tone of the communications was discourteous and, even, rancorous. A motion was made that that individual not be considered for any coaching position for the coming season. After some discussion, this motion passed by a vote of 11 for, 1 against, and 3 abstaining.

There were no situations regarding coaching selection on which the board had to vote.

The BU-14 program still needs a few coaches.

Final rosters need to be submitted to MAYS by 7/20. Letters to parents about their child's team placement will go out on Friday, 7/23. This date will be posted on the website. It is important that no info be leaked before this.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 28.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Garvey