

Minutes for April 7, 2008 Meeting of the SYS Board

Present: Ron W., Andrea B., Ken W., Bob B., Kevin R., Greg A., Roy P., John C., Bob R., Jimmy R., Rachel B., Ken O., Jay M., Keith B., Lisa M., David L., Mindy H., Allen J., Bob P., Bob G
Meeting began at 7:10 PM.

Treasurer's Report—Ron distributed a report with a comparison of expenses and income for the past two years. Net amount went from \$145K to \$191 K. There area bout \$8K in outstanding equipment fees. There was a question about ref fees paid in winter. This money goes to MAYS. There was a vote on whether to continue purchasing Revolution tickets since it's above \$500. The vote was 18 for purchasing them and 1 abstention.

Fields Glavin grass parking lot is still closed due to wet conditions. Town fields are closed until Angela gives her ok. Roy P. said he was against the idea of allowing practice only if no cleats are worn. He thinks it's too dangerous. Ron Agreed and will not put that condition on wet field use anymore. All fields are lined except for the two 8 v 8 fields at Glavin. Ron will handle advertising to get a few volunteers to help keep fields lined during season. Keith is trying to find the best way to address the geese problem at Glavin In 2 to 2 and 1/2 years, the town is going to tear up the Lake St. fields and put in leeching fields and then replant grass. Fields won't be usable for two years after work begins. Need to have contingency plan for additional fields.

Player development—Roy P. has scheduled keeper clinics for U-12s and U-14s. Could use a few more players. Only one keeper per team per clinic. Clinics will be rescheduled after fields dry out.

Vouchers: Roy has arranged for Play Soccer coaches to run some practices for interested coaches. There are a limited number of vouchers that can be used for this service. Roy needs coach contact info from the AGCs and they said they'd get it to him.

Camp flyers and flyers for the 3 v3 jamboree are out. The success of the 3 v 3 jamboree depends on cooperation of coaches and on coaches realizing that this is not a tournament.

Fall registration for 2008—Bob P. will set up registration and will use PenPal. Registration will stay open for about one month. Kids need to be registered before attending tryouts. The late registration procedure will be the same as was used last year. There will be no cut-off date for the Minis.

There was a problem with CORI forms but it only affected Mini coaches. Bob P. will clear it up once the state gets back to him.

The number of registrants for the spring was about 1100. Ron said that he thought the registration system was working pretty well and the web site is really working well.

Fundraiser—Paper work is completed but we need to advertise the event. We need to get volunteers to run the snack shack at Municipal. A local eagle scout has volunteered to fix up the porch of the snack shack.

Spring Season—5/23 is the date to finalize rosters for traveling teams who are eligible for playoffs. If one has trouble with another coach in arriving at a date for a make-up game, go through the appropriate AGC, who should contact MAYS.

Rachel B. needs to know the practice schedules. When a make-up game is scheduled, Rachel needs to inform the AGC, who will inform the relevant coaches.

Equipment(Ken O.)—Most uniforms have been distributed and things seem under control. A few players want uniforms exchanged. Ken wants to get rid of a green carpet that's in the storage shed. We left the carpet's fate up to Ken. Ken said he will take care of the placing of team benches.

Referees (Mindy H.)—There are 15 new refs but not as many returnees as she would like. Overall, things are going well.

Bob R. said we need to improve our system for getting pass cards and getting rosters together. He said we need a check list of due dates for the AGCs. The AGCs need to inform coaches that rescheduled games have priority over practices.

Ron W. said we need a manual for new AGCs. We may need an extra meeting or two to better coordinate things. We need a working group to meet to figure this out. Ron also said we need to be ready for crunch time at the end of the spring. All AGCs need to get together. Perhaps they could meet right after the regular board meetings. Andrea said she would try to find a time a date when the AGCs can get together.

Ron thanked Keith for getting rid of the old goals that were in the weeds at Lake St. Lisa said that Thursdays are way overbooked for practices.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

The next board meeting will be held at the Library on Monday, 5/5/08, at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert H. Garvey