

## Minutes of the August 11, 2008 SYS Board Meeting

Present: Ron W., Dave L., Bob P., Ken O., John C., Kevin R., Rachel B., Mike R., Keith B., Roy P., Mindy H., Chris W., Bob R., Andrea B., Ann C., Allen J., Lisa M., Bob G.

The meeting began at 7:15 PM.

The minutes of the July meeting were approved.

Ref. Assigning: Mindy announced that she was resigning as Referee assigning but that she is continuing working for MAYS. She nominated Ann Carter as her replacement. Ann has two sons who ref and has taken the grade 8 course. She has also done some coaching at the U-10 level. Anne will deal with the in-town teams. The board approved Ann's appointment. The board offers Mindy a huge and sincere thanks for all the hard and effective work she has done to make the ref assigning such a smooth and efficient process.

Mindy said that the first meeting with the town refs has already been set up for Aug. 20.

Treasurers Report: Mike R. went over the past two years of SYS budgets. No big issues or discrepancies. The number of players is down some from last year. There were 1021 players in the spring of 2008 vs. 1037 in spring of 2007 and there were 1264 in the fall of 2008 vs. 1348 in the fall of 2007.

MAYS Report: Bob R. said the season starts on Sept. 6. He needs all signed rosters by the coming Wed. At the MAYS meeting on 8/24 the signed pass cards will be given to coaches.

Fall fields: The in-town U-10s will play on Sunday, 9/7, at Glavin since the Lake St. fields will be unavailable on Sat., 9/6. Keith B. said that the town plans to enlarge the softball infield at the Foundation fields this coming spring. There will be only 2 mini fields on the left at the Foundation to avoid parking problems.

Lisa said that she has only 6 coaches but has enough players for 9 or 10 teams. There was some discussion about how to recruit more U-10 coaches but no solution that everyone agreed to. Ron said he would send out an email to try to get some more volunteers.

Uniforms and equipment Report: Ken O. is all set with shorts, shirts are being printed and socks have been ordered. Ken needs to know how many coaches need equipment for the fall. The AGCs will let him know. Ken has ordered 10 sets of flags. He needs to get some nets for the 8 v 8 fields. All first-aid kits will be distributed at the coaches meetings. Ken will attend both coaches meetings.

Ken Ward is staying with Captive Images for the photos.

Glavin Report: Keith said that the grass mower says he can only cut the Glavin fields on Wed. It would be better to have them cut on Thursday or Friday. There has been a problem the past three weeks because the mower has left a lot of dead grass on the Glavin fields.

The walking path at Glavin needs work done on it. Lisa and Brenda will try to get some volunteers to weed the path and the plant island that is in the path.

Keith will arrange a meeting with the director of Glavin which Ron will also attend.

Player/Coach Development Report: Roy said that the number of sign ups for the camps is down from expectations. He has set up a clinic for the mini coaches. There will be 3 keeper clinics on 9/10, 9/17, and 9/24 for U-10s and older. Player Soccer vouchers are still available for the fall but only one per team.

Northboro is interested in having their 3 v 3 one-day tournament in July of 2009 at Glavin. We need to think about this and be sure to clear it with Glavin.

Ron said that it is important that all mini players be informed at the same time about their team assignments.

Ron announced that Jim Egan has had to resign as U-7 coordinator due to health issues. Ron proposed moving Kevin to U-7 coordinator and appointing Brenda as the U-5 coordinator. The board approved both.

Ron said we need to be sure we have enough volunteers of setting up the fields. The days for field set up are 8/23 and 8/24. We'll start at 9 AM.

Ron said we need a way to get emails out to all families of players. John C. will look into this.

New Business: Roy P. raised some questions about the policy on players who did not register for the fall but will play in the spring. The policy now is that if a player is not registered for the fall at the evaluations, that player can't play on a Div 1 travel team in the fall, even if the player changes his or her mind. A related problem is that a player who was highly rated at the evaluations but who elected not to play in the fall but wants to play in the spring will not get on a Div. 1 team unless the coach has left an opening on the roster in the fall. This poses a problem if several players are in this situation. The policy is that the coach can decide how many players to put on the roster in the fall, with the option of leaving one or two openings, but shouldn't demote a player in the spring to make room for one of these one-season players in the spring. Lisa pointed out that there is an imbalance in how we treat one-season players who play just in the fall versus how we treat one-season players who play just in the spring. Roy said that he thought that players who did not register for the fall season should not be allowed to attend the evaluations.

The meeting ended around 9:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Garvey