

SYS Board Meeting
February 4, 2008
Meeting Minutes

Present: Mindy, John, Ron, Roy, Ken W., Bob R., Ken O. Kevin, Bob P., David, Greg, Rachel

Absent: Bob G., Allen, Andrea, Lisa, Jim E., Kim O., Bob B., Mike R., Keith B., Jim R., Jay, Jim M.

Minutes from the previous meeting could not be approved because a quorum was not present. Only 10 voting members out of 22 were in attendance.

Field Update: Ron reported that the Eagle Scouts may volunteer to help out with signs and snack shack.

Minis: Mini participation is still significantly lower than last year's level. More flyers will be distributed to the preschools and Ron will run another Shrewsbury cable television spot. Minis have until 2/28 to register.

There was a discussion about Division 1 and Division 2 assignments, and how MAYS determines which teams are assigned to which divisions.

Financial Update: No financial update was given because Mike R was not in attendance. Mike and Bob R need to confirm that MAYS payment was sent.

PASS CARDS

(*Please note that this section includes extensive post board meeting input from Andrea Burns, who is very familiar with the pass card process.)

1. Bob P. distributes the pass card materials to the AGCs.
2. Andrea explained that each AGC is then responsible for assembling the pass cards for their age group. (Whether they do the glue sticking themselves or they distribute the work to their coaches is up to them.) Andrea has done it both ways, depending on the teams and the logistics involved in a given season. Andrea points out that neither Bob R. nor Bob P. should be responsible for assembling hundreds of cards themselves.
3. Regarding the collection of the players' photos and signatures for the cards, the AGCs (or, at the discretion of the AGCs, the individual coaches) need to collect the pictures and signatures electronically or in person, depending on their preference, and then assemble the cards themselves.
4. The AGCs should then give back their completed packets containing the fully assembled pass cards and the accompanying rosters to Bob P. and/or Bob R., who will then give the assembled cards to MAYS to be laminated.

5. Please note: All U10+ coaches and assistants must have pass cards. Only U10+ division 1 and 2 players need pass cards (Question from Ron: Is this correct or is it U12+?) If a coach has a pass card from the fall, this pass card will suffice for the spring, but it **MUST** be included in the material provided to the AGC.

Two additional post meeting clarifications regarding pass cards:

From Lisa: Regarding the pass cards for U10 players: only the U10 coaches need pass cards, not the players. Lisa confirmed this with Andy Page when he attended our meeting in December.

From Andrea: If individual coaches for multiple teams require pass cards, they only need one card, not a separate one for each team. They should notify the appropriate AGC's if they are in this situation so that it can be coordinated. I think Bob P. just prints the card with the first team submitted.

Also, if you already have a laminated card from the fall, you are all set. (Andrea has never resubmitted a finished fall card in the spring, so if this is a new requirement, we need clarification from MAYS.)

The Coaches meetings and referee meetings were then discussed, and Ron went through the upcoming calendar of events.

The uniforms are now in. An email will go out to the AGCs asking how much and what kinds of equipment their coaches need.

All players will need to pick up or purchase their uniforms on uniform night.

A refs meeting will be scheduled by Mindy very soon.

Sunday coaches pickup games were mentioned as a good training opportunity for the refs. All coaches of all playing levels are welcome. It's for fun.

The first SYS annual 3 v 3 Tournament (a fundraising program) was discussed. It will be held at Municipal and run by the staff of Play Soccer. The details, such as possibly splitting up the times into morning and afternoon games, are still being worked out. It will be a fun day and for SYS participants only.

The summer camp Play Soccer Clinics are in place for the week of 8/18 – 8/22, daytime for the younger players, and evenings (4:30 – 8:00) for the older players. This is the week before tryouts and the start of the school year.

Next was a discussion about ways to modify the current tryout process. Board members felt that tryouts need to be more uniform and consistent, with more specific guidelines put in place. The Board will continue to examine the evaluation process and the process of how teams are assembled from season to season at the next board meeting.

A discussion was held about whether or not to include players' first names and last initials on the SYS website. The topic will be revisited at future meetings.

Finally, a brief discussion was held about whether to use email or "snail mail" to distribute information to coaches, players, etc. It was determined that not everyone has email as of yet, so the snail mailings will remain in place for now.

Meeting was adjourned.