

Minutes of the 1/07/08 SYS Board Meeting

Present: Ron Weeden, Andrea Burns, Mindy Hebert, Bob Reichheld, Rachel Baldino, Ken Ouellette, Kim Orszak, Keith Baldinger, Allen Jarrell, Bob Platz, Bob Birney, Ken Ward, Kevin Ray, Jay McQuade, Greg Allen, Lisa Morgera, Jim Egan, Mike Rezuke, Roy Pedersen, Bob Garvey

The meeting began at 6:50 PM.

Fundraising (Kim O.)—Kim would like to schedule a “fun day” at SAC in the Spring. There are questions though about the best date. A Sunday seems best but there are worries about Sunday lacrosse games on the back fields and their impact on parking. Kim is considering either the Sunday of the Memorial Day weekend or a Sunday early in May. There was no consensus about which date was best. Ron suggested that Kim work with Roy P. to determine when SAC is available and what the parking situation there is like on Sundays and then she should pick a date. Ron also suggested that she get in touch with John Clifford about using corporate sponsorship via ads on our website.

Fields(Keith B.)—The parking fence on the new grass parking lot at Glavin is about 90% done. Keith will approach the lawn care/lawn mowing people in Feb. about the contract for the coming season. SYS is going to maintain and operate the sprinklers at Floral. We’ll pay for the water. Not sure yet what this will cost. We have volunteered to do the same at Municipal but those fields are in fairly good shape so things are not so pressing there.

Finances (Mike R.)—Mike passed around the treasurer’s report. The main difference between this year’s financial situation and that of last year is that registrations are down for the spring for the U-5s (down 92 from last year) and also for the U-6s (down about 20). Comparison of the two years is complicated because there were more Glavin field expenses in 2006 and more uniform and equipment expenses in 2006. The secretary believes that Mike mentioned using some other budget form or service next year.

Coach & Player Development (Ken W. and Roy P.)—Ken wants to schedule a mini coaches’ clinic at Teamworks on 3/18 (Tues.) if a field there is available. Ron said to let coaches know about this as soon as date is confirmed. Ken will use one of the middle school gyms if Teamworks is not available. Play Soccer will run a camp for minis on 8/11-8/15. Two-hour sessions seem the best for this age group. Ken will check on exactly what ages will be included. Ken is thinking about purchasing coaching DVDs for mini coaches. Only \$3 @ disk. Maybe one per team. Ron said it’s up to Ken to determine how he spends his budget. Ron also urged Ken to get flyers about the summer camp from Play Soccer as soon as possible. Play Soccer suggested this camp should be in the evenings but several board members felt that during the day would work out better for parents.

Roy has a meeting scheduled with Play Soccer to finalize dates for the summer camp for the older players. He is also planning a clinic for coaches of these older players early in the spring season. Maybe in the second week.—he wants to hold it outside with Play Soccer and himself involved. Roy said that Play Soccer, I believe, has offered SYS coaches’ vouchers for training sessions. A coach can request a specialized sessions on one aspect of training. Roy and Play soccer are also working on putting together three intermediate and three advanced goalie clinics (1 per week for 3 weeks) for the Spring. He also wants to hold a 4-day camp in the summer in the evening run by either Clark U. or Play Soccer at Glavin. This would mean we’d have to line the Glavin fields early as we did last summer. Roy felt that the boys and girls at this camp should not practice together.

Roy said that we need a minimum of 16 people signing up for any license course we hold. He needs to see if there is enough interest. If we were to hold an E-license course we could have it over 4 nights with each session lasting 4 hours. Lastly, Roy wants to get an informal, adult fun game going, perhaps on Sundays, in the spring.

MAYS (Bob R.)—We have 38 teams in MAYS for the Spring with the possibility of adding a BU-18 team. Except for the latter team, all the rosters are in place. There are five U-14 girls on a waiting list for a Div 3 team. Other team is full and can't get a volunteer to coach.

All passcards need to be in by Feb. 3. All MAYS coaches need passcards.

The MAYS coaches meeting is scheduled for 3/16. time and place TBA.

Registrar (Bob P.)—Total number of players registering for the spring is 913. Last spring, 1068 registered. Biggest drop is in the U-5s (-92) and the U-6s (-20). Not sure why this happened.

Uniforms/Equipment (Ken O.)—Will hold a uniform night on 3/27 (Thurs.) at Sherwood M S from 7—9 PM. We may need two large goals at Oak St. but the field schedule still needs to be worked out.

Important Dates:

MAYS season starts on 4/5.

Mini season will start on 4/12 (one week after MAYS starts) and will end on 6/14 (one week after MAYS ends). Minis will play 8 games with no games over the Memorial Day weekend.

Coaches' meeting for U-10+ coaches will be held on 3/25 (Tues.) at Sherwood from 6:30—9:00 PM.

Mini coaches; meeting on 4/1 (Tues.) at Sherwood from 6:30—9:00 PM.

the meeting ended around 8:40 PM.

Next meeting is scheduled for Mon, Feb. 4, at 6:45 PM at the library.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Garvey