

Minutes for the July 7, 2008 Meeting of the SYS Board

Present: Ron W., Jay McQ., Kevin R., Bob P., Ken O., Kim O, Mindy H., Lisa M., Allen J., Ken W., Roy P., Rachel B., John C., Jim R., Bob R., Dave L., Andrea B., Ann Carter, Brian Smith., Chris Walton, Brenda Buckley, Bob G.

The meeting began at 7 PM at Ron's home.

Chris Walton was elected the new GU-12 AGC.

Ann Carter was elected to take care of referee assigning for the in-town teams.

Brian Smith and Brenda Buckley have volunteered to be on the board. The role of each is still being worked out.

The board offers a sincere "thank you" to all four for agreeing to serve on the board..

The minutes of the June, 2008 meeting were approved.

Ron reported that 8 teams participated in the Jamboree. After some discussion, the board agreed not to charge these teams for participating.

The ACGs reported that most teams in MAYS were competitive. Three teams made MTOC and all three of them advanced to the semi-finals. Jim Mckinley's team and Roy Pederson's team were two of the three teams. Unfortunately, the secretary did not catch the name of the third team's coach.

There were no league fines and no problems with the league this spring. The MAYS season will start on 9/6. Bob R. needs rosters from the AGCs by the end of the first week in August.

All new coaches need to fill out a CORI form.. Bob P. will not give them a pass card until they have filled out the CORI form. This form can be accessed via the SYS website. Bob P. pointed out that these CORI forms only apply for soccer.

Bob P. and Bob R. need to know the number of MAYS teams by mid-July. Bob P's electronic signature is available on-line but coaches must also sign their rosters. We need to know the number of in-town U-10 teams by 7/15 and Mindy needs to know the in-town schedule by 7/22.

Bob P. said the total number of players registered for the fall is about 1300, which is down some from previous years. The largest declines are in the minis and among HS girls.

Ken O. will pick up 6 sets of new flags shortly before season begins. We need to order some new U-10 nets.

One of the large goal frames at Glavin needs to be repaired—the cross piece is no longer connected to the vertical piece. There are two large bare spots on the mini fields at Glavin that need to be taken care of—David L. and Bob G. will take care of that.

Ken O. needs info about the # of players for ordering uniforms. There will be a uniform night at Sherwood on Wed., 9/3 from 7—9 PM. Info about ordering uniforms should be in letters that go out about placement on teams. Cost for uniforms is \$35 for a pair of shorts and \$25 for a shirt.

Coaches meetings were scheduled. The mini coaches will meet at Sherwood on 8/29 and the U-10+ will meet at Sherwood on 8/28. Both meetings will be from 7—9 PM. Mindy said she would see to reserving the rooms at Sherwood for those dates. AGCs should tell their coaches about these dates.

The mini season will run from 9/6 to 11/8, the same dates as MAYS. There will be no mini games over the Columbus-Day weekend.

There is a problem at Municipal on 9/20. There will be some trucks in that area for kids to sit in. Could pose a parking problem. Perhaps the mini schedule for that weekend could be split between Sat. and Sun.

Mini schedule should be done by 8/7.

We need to examine the area at Hebert's that might be available for some mini games. Part of the area is fairly steeply sloped. All the big rocks have been removed but some large, bare patches were left. There's no irrigation to take care of any sod we might plant. Roy P. and Bob G. will look over the area and get back to Ron.

Player/Coach Development—Roy has been looking into arranging for some licensing courses to be given in Shrewsbury. The key to successful scheduling seems to be dates and locations. The G-lic. is a 4-hour course. The F-lic. is an 8-hour course and the E-lic. is a 16-hour course. No field is needed for the F-lic. course. Might want to start there since one can't get an F-lic. without first getting a G-lic. The question is when and where to schedule such a course. Perhaps the end of the fall season might be good.

Ken W. said that Play Soccer will hold a clinic for the mini coaches at Municipal on Aug. 27.

Roy P. said we need to help coaches plan practices so they are not doing the same thing at every practice.

Camps—So far 49 have signed up for the Shrewsbury summer camp and only 4 have signed up for the Clark camp. The trend this summer seems to be for a lot of last-minute sign-ups.

Roy said there will be 3 keeper clinics on three Wednesdays in a row (9/10, 9/17, and 9/24.) for U-10+. These will be held at Glavin from 5:30—7:00 PM. Any team can send more than one player to a given clinic. Roy needs at least ½ a full-size field for a keeper clinic.

Vouchers for Play Soccer coaches to help with a team practice will still be available in the fall.

The deck on the snack shack is finished. Kim and Rachel will write and send thank-you's to the scout (Jeff), to Dave from Shrewsbury Lumber, and to the Jeff's scout master.

Income from the snack shack for the spring was \$445. Kim said getting parents to run the shack was a huge problem. There was a discussion about how things might be improved. Kim and Brenda will try to come up with a scheme to improve the running of the shack.

Ken W. is still negotiating the photo contract.

Spirit of Shrewsbury Parade—SYS had a booth last year for selling t-shirts. Kim and Brenda will look into this. The festival itself is on 9/26—9/28.

The schedule for setting up the fields for the fall is 8/10 at noon at Glavin. Lake St. at 9 AM on 8/23, then on to Municipal. Foundation at noon on 8/24. Need 4 or 5 per location for lining and several more for putting nets on goals, etc.

Lisa reviewed what has been done at past Kyle Johnson tournaments. Special Olympic kids were involved and teams did ball touches for "kick for cancer." She said that we should put the Kyle Johnson Columbus weekend tournament on the U-8s and U-10s schedules if we are going to the tournament.

There was an extended discussion about the content and form of the letters or e-mails that will go out to players informing them of the team assignments. The AGCs then met in executive session to hammer out a standardized form of the letter and to ensure that all kids get informed at the same time.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert H. Garvey