

## **Minutes for SYS Board Meeting, November 5, 2007**

Present: Ron W., Kim O., John C., Andrea B., Rachel B., Lisa M., Greg A., David L., Jay M., Jim E., Roy P., Chris D., Ken O., Mindy M-H., Jim R., Keith B., Ray O., Allen, Bob R.

**The October Minutes were approved.**

### **Board Positions:**

Greg Allen was nominated and approved for GU-12 Coordinator. Ray Orciuch will continue through spring to assist and insure a smooth transition. John Clifford was nominated and approved as the Website Designer/Manager.

### **BYLAWS:**

Ron discussed the need for BYLAWS as a guide and that they can be amended as necessary. Andrea addressed a couple of issues including the referee course reimbursement. It was also brought up that both BYLAWS and Board Meeting minutes will be put on website.

**BYLAWS were approved.**

### **FINANCIAL UPDATE:**

Current budget was distributed and addressed. Budget up for approval will allow Board members to do what they need to do within the confines of the budget. Budget amounts are based on past activity. The need for using Active.com was discussed. Currently 7.5% of registration fee goes to use of site. Ron brought up that Bob Platz is working on a system that would eliminate the need for Active.com. Andrea said she tried it and it seemed to be on the right track.

The following areas concerning the Budget were also discussed:

#### Field Update:

Keith and Ron met with Dr. B of Glavin. Discussed option to expand parking. Area considered a practice field, below drainage area is to be converted into grass parking, which should accommodate 120 cars. Keith discussed the work to be done to convert area, which included putting up wooden guardrails to make a separate entrance and exit and also the need for gravel. There was a discussion about the loss of the space as a practice field.

Roy asked if there would be a problem in the spring if the area were wet. Keith said it might require gravel sooner than later. Lisa said that from her experience the area stayed fairly dry. Keith said that we would open/close the entrance to the area by chain so that it could only be used on the weekend and if it became an issue of mud that it could be kept closed. Lisa said that if MAYS did a better job scheduling that parking would not be such a problem. The cost of the new area would be \$8000 to put up new guardrails and exit and

entrance with necessary gravel. Keith, Ron, and Roy all addressed that the increased parking would greatly reduce safety issues.

Keith then addressed the work needed on the other parking area. It would cost between \$2000-2500 to line parking area and an additional \$4000 to seal coat. Seal coating had to be done in the summer. There was a discussion about doing the lining ourselves.

Keith brought up that we could buy a storage shed and put it by the maintenance area across the street from Glavin and it would cost \$2600. The current cost of the storage is \$2500 per year. Keith was going to check into canceling the current arrangement and buying a shed.

**Other business:**

Ron asked about the necessity of the Revolution tickets and how they were used. Lisa said that they were used in different ways. 10 tickets to each home game were purchased for a total cost of \$3400. After some discussion it was decided that the purchase of Revs tickets should continue with review in the future.

Roy discussed the use of PLAY SOCCER to do player development clinics and coach's clinics. They charge by the hour and could do a pre-season coaching clinic as well as helping coaches during the season. John said that the fees seemed reasonable compared to MAYS. Ron thought there should be a coach's clinic for mini's and U10 as well. There would also be a voucher system, where vouchers would be purchased at \$65, and could be used by coaches to get help running practice. PLAY SOCCER would also offer camps in Shrewsbury and for every 25 kids a free voucher would be earned. David said that the best way to teach is to put coaches in a live situation, while the coaches have their teams.

Chris asked if there was an outline as to what to teach when. Ron said that there was a guide and it was on the website. The need for coach and player development at the mini level was discussed. Roy and Ken as the members in charge of Player Development would continue to work on this.

Ron said that there should be two changes to the budget, Rev's tickets at \$3400 and Seal-coating the parking area at \$4000.

**Vote was taken and the Budget was approved.**

**Field Closing:**

Field Closing will be Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. An email will be sent that will remind coaches that there should be no more makeup games after Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup> and also an email looking for volunteers to help with field closing.

**Spring Registration:**

To date there are 160 registered. Flyers will be going to our area pre-schools and an email blast will occur before the walk-in date and before the closing date. Walk-in date is set on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

The firm closing date is December 1<sup>st</sup>, after that the child will be placed on a wait-list.

**Equipment Return:**

Ken wants everything back. Andrea suggested that coaches that haven't committed to coaching by 11/15 need to send back equipment. Ken wants as much back as possible. It will make it easier to order in the future if he knows what we have.

**Snack Shack:**

Water will be shut off as of Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. Closing is all set.

**MAYS:**

There was a discussion about the current state of competition within MAYS and Ron suggested that in lieu of having a December Board meeting there be a meeting with MAYS and the Age Group Coordinators.

The meeting ended at 8:45.