CSA BOARD MEETING AGENDA

7/13/2020

Attendance:

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| **NAME** | **TITLE** | **VOTING OR NON-VOTING POSITION** | **ATTENDANCE** |
| Chris DeVerna | President | VP (Voting Position) | Present |
| James Nigrelli | Vice President | VP | Present |
| Meghan Marshall | Secretary | VP | Present |
| Merelise Hitte | Treasurer | VP | Present |
| Brent Dabrosca | Competitive Director | VP | Present |
| Geoffrey St. Sauveur | Developmental Director | VP | Present |
| Lee Baldwin | Referee Director | VP | Present |
| Mike Mansour | Coaches Director; Registrar | VP | Present |
| Lou Ciummo | President Emeritus | VP | Present |
| Patrick Bailey | Fundraising Director | VP | Present |
| Scott McDermott | Director of Facilities | VP |  |
| Vacant Position | Assistant Competitive Director | VP | N/A |
| Jonathan Rollins | Assistant Developmental Director | VP | Present |
| Kathy Bailey | Assistant Fundraising Director | VP | Present |
| Matthew Ursillo | Webmaster and Technology Director | VP |  |
| Steve Marmas | CSA Board Advisor | NVP (Non-Voting Position) | Present |
| David Andre | Member at Large | NVP | Present |
| John Coen | Member at Large | NVP | Present |
| Ernie Lavigne | Member at Large | NVP |  |
| Missy Mansour | Member at Large | NVP |  |
| Kyle Zambrano | Member at Large | NVP |  |

Meeting called to order by Chris Deverna at 6:30pm

Chris Deverna- President

* Approval of previous minutes
* Motion set by James
* 2nd Lee

Merelise Hitte- Treasurer

* Finances haven’t changed much since last month. There has been some money coming in from competitive and rec soccer registrations already as the parents chose the pay now option. Merelise wants to connect with Chris regarding the 990. Chris said the 990 info was submitted to the accounting firm recently and they are putting us on extension until November 15th. They have the information they will need to file.

Geoff St. Sauveur- Recreational Director

* Update-Registration is at about 350 as of this afternoon and 400 short of our goal. He expected higher numbers. Share the facebook post, get the lawn signs out. Everything is contingent on what we are going to do. SRI sent an email today and we will have to make modifications to our games as we know it. It will take a lot of work to train the coaches and this will be plan a. Group training and scrimmages to call it practice as a workaround. We still have to be careful. Lou sent information earlier about how to keep the crowds low and safe. Co-ed is most likely going to happen. If there is no Super Liga, we can get the older girls into the rec program to practice/train as a group. Geoff is worried about losing families and wants to get another 200 players or more registered. There are no bad ideas out there because it may be a good idea or even turn into another good idea. Brent said at least 30 families are waiting to see if Super Liga going to play and will CSA force my U12 or younger player play both. Covid aside, we need to steer as many kids as possible. We need to work on advertising in order to sell quality. If both leagues are not playing games, do we put it on the competitive coaches to run two practices-one of which will be for rec. Time frame is essential and Brent/Geoff need to solidify plans. Lou explained it that with one age group, you have 45 kids and several coaches, then those kids can scrimmage each other every weekend. If no competitive program, everyone signs up with rec so the players are all insured. CSA would pool the competitive kids together as a team. Steve mentioned that if the players are registered as rec players, CSA would save money on that. Brent has a shorter deadline than Geoff does. Geoff is still advertising his deadline even though he will keep it open for the stragglers. Brent has to submit team rosters this week. Lou said we need to make a decision and stop talking. Geoff, Lou, Jonathan and Brent will form a small committee. Dave said the only way to play games is to train together, the same group, get together on Saturdays and play together. There is something satisfying to parents and kids about playing games. Dave thinks the advertising of the games is the way to go and likes the hybrid model. Mike will have to pair up coaches. Most teams will be small and Scott will make the fields based on that. Geoff will send the Board his email to the families.

Brent Dabrosca - Competitive Director

* Update- Competitive. Fall competitive 90-95% it is not happening. He is concerned about the fields and Scott is trying to get them back to life. Brent has teams wanting to practice and they have been on the softball side. Juventis has us on a tight rope and we may lose it to Westerly since their field is in better condition. Lou said Scott told him to tell us to do what we want to the fields and he will deal with them. Patrick asked about Futsal in gyms since the fields are in such poor condition. Lou said the well pump can only pump so much and can only handle a certain amount. Mike said a box is missing so they cannot fix a certain zone, the sprinklers cant keep up with the drought and heat we are having. Brent had a call with the CPD after kids from another town broke locks the other night and had a party. 160 players are signed up, 6-8 teams set and he will not chase the kids. He doesn’t think school sports will happen this year. He likes the idea of a hybrid. Challengers is asking for more uniforms and it costs us money withy a 60 day turn around. He does not want to make a commitment to Wide World and focus on the training. Dave asked where we will be training if the fields aren’t ready and we will work on field space. Recap and recommendation the board makes a decision on competitive on how CSA is handling the crisis. All the towns are in the same boat. Market CSA is looking to build and train competitive, small stable groups. Chris has been speaking with others to discuss modifications and he cannot see them allowing it. Lee wants us to market something we are comfortable with and then build from there. The program needs to find the people who want to play so they don’t disappear next year. Kathy said to advertise exercise and activity since the schools will only be going a few days a week. Brent puts out a motion to hold fall super liga under today’s circumstances. Steve second. All ayes. Brent would like to transition at some point as competitive director- please send anyone who may be interested his way.

Lee Baldwin- Referee Director

* Update- Referees he can put enough people together if needed. Free certification for next year. Lee will look at his list to see what he has. If we know anyone who is interested, have them contact Lee to get them in the system. Chris asked Lee to get a referee registration open and send the link and information to him and Matt for the website and Facebook.

Patrick and Kathy Bailey- Fundraising Directors

* Update- Golf tournament is on Aug 2nd- we need everyone to sign up for a 4-some. Food, prizes, fun. They are looking for donations. Steve asked for a flyer so he pass out to his golf buddies. They are looking for sponsors. Amanda Bagley made masks and donated to CSA. Pasta dinners at the clubhouse on Fridays- they are thinking about ways to keep the families together and raise money.

Unfinished Business

* Donation acknowledgment letters- they will be sending them out. Chris said Geoff and Challenger should connect to have a conversation about mini-kickers soon. Chris thinks the opportunities to play futsal are through higher premier clubs, they are trying to move to a non-profit and asked him to serve on a board to create a non-profit futsal academy. Chris wants to create greater exposure for futsal. Chris is not around after July 29th, James will be taking over for awhile until he returns. Brent asked if non profit can go for covid relief to help fix the fields since we do not have the income coming in. Champlin is a great we wanted to research grants. Steve said we have been approved for Champlin before, we have a better chance of getting it again. Chris suggested info about grants should be forwarded to the Bailey’s to explore as a replacement to projected lost fundraising and sponsorship revenues this year.

Motion to end meeting: Steve

Second: Lou

Meeting adjourned 8:13 PM