

CSA BOARD MEETING MINUTES
1/14/19

Christopher DeVerna	President	Present
James Nigrelli	Vice President	Present
Lou Ciummo	President Emeritus	Present
Erin Ursillo	Secretary	Present
James Kenney	Treasurer	Absent
Brent DaBrosca	Competitive Director	Present
Geoffrey St. Sauveur	Developmental Director	Present
Jeremy Marcotte	Assistant Competitive Director	Absent
Cathy Hopkins	Assistant Developmental Director	Present
Steve Marmas	Coaches Director	Absent
Lee Baldwin	Referee Director	Present
Scott McDermott	Facilities Director	Present
Patrick Bailey	Fundraising Director	Present
Mike Mansour	Registrar	Present
Kathy Bailey	Assistant Fundraising Director	Present
Ernie Lavigne	Member at Large	Present
Justin Dugas	Member at Large	Present
Alicia Simas	Member at Large	Absent
Shane Martin	Member at Large	Absent

Meeting called to order by Chris DeVerna by 6:30 pm

- Approval of previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve by Lou Ciummo,

Second by Justin Dugas,

All ayes

- Unfinished Business
 - Lou's update on financial tracking for concession stand- deferred until next month's meeting.
- Lee Baldwin, Referee Director
 - Referee Program- Lee is looking to see if ay refs 12 and older are interested in becoming certified. He is also looking to get parents more involved this year in the trainings. He hopes to hold study sessions for grade 9 people interested in moving up to grade 8. He will try to find a place where these can be held depending on size of the group interested. Chris recommends the rec center due to free rooms during the week. We could possibly sponsor one of the field trainings required if our fields are in order on time. Certified refs have liability insurance...if they are players, they are covered by CSA and anyone doing Super Liga who is not a player, we believe have to go through the referee association. Steve and Lee will check on this and report back. Consider registering them as a player to have them covered.

- Community Service- many high schoolers are interested in refereeing for free as a way to fulfill community service. Chris will give some forms to Lee so he can take care of this as it comes up.
- Chris DeVerna, President
 - Complete 2019 Board Positions Form- Chris sent an email for everyone to fill out if they are interested in positions on the board for the upcoming year. He asks that these be filled out and sent to him this evening. With the AGM coming up on Feb 1, he asks that you invite as many people as you can to this event and we will continue to post about it to make people aware.
 - High Level/ brief AGM Reports to Chris by Monday, 1/21- Chris asks that everyone prepare a brief report and get them to him by Monday so he can prep those for the meeting. Ernie will get anything we need printed for the AGM.
 - Lacrosse- Chris was asked by someone from Coventry Lacrosse if we would share the Coventry soccer email list with the person who organizes Lacrosse but Chris declined. Chris relayed Lacrosse's follow up request that he ask the board at the meeting if CSA would consider sending Lacrosse info to our CSA members via email on their behalf. The board declines this request.
 - Spring Soccer - logistics & Opening Registration (Gotsoccer or new platform)- This will not be opened up until February so it will not be able to be used for Spring. Chris will change the dates/days of the week and copy forward the registration info and then send to Dave. He will talk to Charlotte about opening up registration and get this information to her.
 - Tobin family- a past young player Brynn Tobin, has had a relapse to cancer and prognosis at this time is not good. It was discussed how CSA could be a greater support for the family during this difficult time. They have a go fund me page that we will advertise on CSA's website. Kyle at the Revs will offer a Revs experience for the family. Chris asks that you send him any thoughts and ideas you have to further support the family. We will continue to discuss this each month.
- Erin Ursillo, Secretary
 - Posting of Meeting Minutes- Steve will post the meeting minutes that are not yet on the website asap.
- Brent DaBrosca, Competitive Director
 - Competitive Update- there were two teams u5/6 that dropped for the next session. There is a coach but not enough players at this time. There is a group who attends at futsal in that age group so Brent will put together a flyer to be distributed to parents during that practice this week.
 - Wide World Roster/Rules- Higher level players in the premier clubs are being rostered on lower teams and this caused issues during playoffs. Brent had several phone calls of concerned parents and coaches so he has been talking to Wide World about this. There are no official regulation or rules about this at Wide World.
 - COV FC – Conflicts- There are pics of children on social media playing for Coventry FC with CSA's competitive uniform on. There are no rules or regulations at Wide World for this either.
 - Chris recommends talking with other clubs about the last two bullet points to determine if other clubs feel similarly. If so, this can be brought as a larger group to Wide World for further discussion. We

should also educate our coaches that they can question rosters when they are uncertain if opponents are actually on the roster.

- Parent/Ref incident-There was an incident at Wide World where NK police and Wide World got involved. There was an argument between a ref and a CSA parent. The parent is banned from Wide World property until further notice.
- Player Drops- There are several players dropping for competitive sessions. Brent has reached out to all of the parents and the main response he has gotten has to do with scheduling conflicts. He asks that people forward to him any other responses that are heard so we can respond properly.
- Uniforms- Uniforms are distributed. There has been good feedback thus far on the change. The uniform cost of \$95 gives one pair of shorts, one pair of socks, two shirts. SCORE will be able to make uniforms in batch form and they will make extra so if there are issues with any uniforms, they can send them out quickly as a replacement. They will offer two pair of shorts, two pairs of socks and two jersey shorts for \$85 instead. The shirts would be lighter because of how they are made. Steve has seen some in person and feels they are of good quality. Steve will get a sample for the board to see so we can decide if we want to make a switch.
- Brent reviewed the spring division list of when each team will play with the group
- Brent confirmed we will participate in Revs night again this year. This will be the 10th year they have been doing this event so it will be a big event.
- James Nigrelli, Vice President
 - Checks from Squad Locker- Steve will take the checks to Jim Kenney. He has lists of items sold and he stresses that the gear is totally worth the cost.
 - New link for spring competitive sign up- Parents are asking James if there is a new link for competitive payments because the link they have to pay isn't working. Brent clarified that he and James Kenney need the name of the child and James will charge the card that was used for the first session payment. He will send an email to the parents so they know to take this route instead.
 - James announces that his term is up this year for VP but he would like to continue. It is his 4th year and he enjoys helping as much as he can.
- Patrick Bailey, Fundraising Director
 - Patrick would like to Institute a physical training day on Fridays like Scott has done thus far. Patrick would like to start this outdoor on April 5 and he would like to charge \$20-\$25 per child and use the softball side of the fields. Results from Scott and Lou's pilot program are proving successful. Chris states that we will need to get a permit for the softball side for spring in order to use this field. The permit email will be coming out soon from Parks and Rec and we can determine at that time what we will need.
 - CSA Scholarship- Patrick proposes that we offer a scholarship for a CSA player who played with us through the years upon graduation from high school. You can do this through a trust or directly through CSA (where we can control the child selected). There is a third option of a book money award that we can also look into.
 - Concert Bus Trips- shelf this discussion this evening.

- Rev's Packet approval- Kyle is more than willing to come and discuss with us the package they can offer 100 tickets for \$2100 vs upgrading to a higher package. The board would like to stay with the same package as last year.
- Mike Mansour
 - Reviewed a specific example of problematic rostering at Wide World during playoffs. It was reiterated that we can as a board enforce the rules we have in place for double roster in age group, modify the rules to address these issues within CSA or we can discuss with other clubs and bring this to Wide World as a group for them to enforce in their facility.
- Steve Marmas, Coaches Director
 - Update on fees from a national level- US youth soccer is increasing their player fees by \$1.25. US soccer federation will also increase but they have not notified anyone the amount yet. At the federal AGM for SRI, they asked the president of US soccer to come and explain to the other presidents why they have made this change when everyone voted against it. For 2019, US soccer will absorb the cost from their reserves but in 2020, the fee will change. Steve predicts it could be an increase of \$6 per player up to \$15 per player.

CONTINUED UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Steve Marmas will check on insurance coverage for referees and report back.

Lou Ciummo will report back on financial system for the concession stand

Steve Marmas will update about seeing a sample jersey from SCORE

Discussion about rostering issues for next year

Motion to adjourn this meeting at 8:21 pm by Lou Ciummo

Second by Brent DaBrosca

All ayes.