

CSA BOARD MEETING MINUTES
8/12/19

NAME	TITLE	VOTING STATUS	ATTENDANCE
Christopher DeVerna	President	VP	Present
James Nigrelli	Vice President	VP	Present
Lou Ciummo	President Emeritus	VP	Present
Erin Ursillo	Secretary	VP	Present
Merelise Hitte	Treasurer	VP	Present
Brent DaBrosca	Competitive Director	VP	Present
Geoffrey St. Sauveur	Developmental Director	VP	Present
Jeremy Marcotte	Assistant Competitive Director	VP	Absent
Jonathan Rollins	Assistant Developmental Director	VP	Present
Mike Mansour	Coaches Director/Registrar	VP	Present
Lee Baldwin	Referee Director	VP	Present
Scott McDermott	Director of Facilities	VP	Present
Patrick Bailey	Fundraising Director	VP	Present
Kathy Bailey	Assistant Fundraising Director	VP	Present
Matthew Ursillo	Webmaster and Technology Director	VP	Absent
Steve Marmas	CSA Board Advisor	NVP	Absent
Cathy Hopkins	Member at Large	NVP	Absent
Ernie Lavigne	Member at Large	NVP	Absent
Justin Dugas	Member at Large	NVP	Absent
David Andre	Member at Large	NVP	Present
Staci Landry	Member at Large	NVP	Absent
Tim Cronin	Member at Large	NVP	Absent

Geoff St. Sauveur, Developmental Director

- U10, U12, U15 playoff format (Discussion/Motion, 10 min)- For u10, there has never been a playoff and the u12 and u15 groups have had a playoff that was based on record. We would like to do a playoff at the end of the regular season where record would not exclude anyone or give them a bad seed.

Motion to implement a playoff for u10, u 12 and u15 age groups this year for developmental by David Andre,

David Andre recommends that they layout the idea for all of the coaches in advance so that everyone understands. The details will be discussed in further detail soon.

Second by John Rollins

All ayes.

With this information settled, Geoff can post the schedule soon.

- Schedule (Update, 5 mins)- Schedule is ready and it will go up on the registration site. It will be listed by age group. Matt will link the schedule to the regular website so people can get there through csa site also.

- Opening day 24th- Setup Help on 23rd-I'm away on 23rd (Update, 5 Min)- Geoff is away on the night before opening day and is asking other board members to help with set up. Many members agree to help.
- Uniforms (Update, 5 min)- there was a delay in the uniforms so he hopes that by the end of this week the uniforms will be here. Chris recommends reaching out to them asap.

Patrick bailey, Fundraising Director

- Pig Roast (Update, 5min)- Kathy is hoping people can purchase their tickets in advance. \$25 adults and \$10 for kids. Many organizations are donating, plenty of events for kids.
- Golf tournament (Update, 3min)- \$5428.72 was raised this year! They would like to book it for August 2nd next year. They will need 100 golfers to rent out the whole golf course next year so this will be a goal.
- Calendar Raffle and BJ's Membership coaching handouts (Update, 5min)- Coaches will have to come pick up the raffle packets and handouts.
- BCI check for volunteers (Discussion, 8 minutes)- Jen Miller approached Kathy about Will, a parent of a CSA child who will soon be on home confinement and in need of community service, who is seeking volunteer hours at CSA which will allow him to see his child play at the field. The team discussed options and Chris asks that he bring a proposal for what he is seeking to do so the board can review it.
- Revs Night- free ticket for the coach- promoting the gam (Discussion, 5 minutes)- The revs night is 9/21, the Coventry night. We have purchased 100 tickets as part of our package. We can give each coach 1 free ticket (if they come to purchase a ticket for them and their family) vs selling every ticket like we did last year. The minimum price is \$25 so if we gave to coaches, we could raise the price to \$30 for everyone. They will be selling the tickets at the field each year as usual. The board is open to both options but want to ensure that we recoup the funds. It was agreed upon to do what we did last year and just sell the tickets.

Merelise Hitte, Treasurer

- Financial Update- Merelise reviewed the most recent financial report. She reviewed the profit and loss statements as well. David asks about the field expenses- these were clarified. David asks for explanation about dues and fees- this was reviewed.

Brent Dabrosca, Competitive Director

- Competitive fees (Discussion / possible motion for approval, 5 mins)- Brent shares that he does not know if his rate covers cost of the fields. He does not want to charge more if he does not have to but we want to make sure it covers the expense. He took the numbers for gotsoccer from the previous years. The board feels that it should be enough.

Lee Baldwin, Referee Director

- Referees in the assigning system (Update, 15 mins)- 50 referees are registered. There are a few 8 year olds, he will try to have a training session. There is another on Thursday and he will try for Friday as well. It starts at 6 on Thursday. Coaches will allow scrimmages to take place so they can train the refs. Lee is recruiting more senior referees to help observe the younger ones within the first couple of weeks. He has piloted the gameofficials site for the assigning of games. Geoff and Lee will get together to see how the two sites work together, stacksports and gameofficials. There are whistles in the club house and if there are not enough, Lee will let Chris know and he will order more. Lee got a few more people and some more will likely add so they will make sure there are extra shirts. They will give Lee a spot in the clubhouse for referee materials. There is one sprinkler head on the field and it came on during practice the other day.
- David brought up that the information that we promised coaches has not come out in email thus far that he has seen. United Soccer Coaches emails were supposed to come out with coaching material. James spoke to Oscar who works there and he said that we had to provide email addresses to him. James followed up again on August 6th but it

turns out Oscar is overseas and will be replying to emails this coming Wednesday. Challenger material was sent out and everyone feels it is helpful for coaches. Chris recommends that we push the Challenger one for our rec coaches since it is already established and available. James will continue to work with Oscar since they offer free certification for our competitive coaches. Dave stresses that we need to have live trainings for coaches in advance in addition to the challenger training last year since there were some concerns about that particular training last year. Chris asked Mike to work with Challenger to make sure that we are pushing coaching education to our newer coaches.

Chris DeVerna, President

- Annual Report Filed in July w/ RI Sec of State (Update, 1 min)- This was filed.
- PC Women's Training/Meet & Greet was held this weekend. CSA Night PC vs St. Johns Sat Sep 28 6pm- we will start to promote this as the season begins.
- Ernie Lavigne asking about old goals one our side in woods (Discuss, 2-3mins)- Scott has plans for these goals so it is asked that they leave them there.
- NEFA/Bill Sampaio 6 Week Futsal Academy starts Nov 7th (Update, 1 min)- Futsol is starting here at flat river.
- Parking situation, EPA/Water Authority Options (Update / Discussion, 5-10 mins)- Chris and Steve had the follow up for the parking. The marathon house is not being permitted. The board may be permitted to park on the softball side and we hope that the schedule changes will help with the parking situation. Mini-kickers is still on Sunday to help decrease parking population. We may eventually have to move the rocks to make more parking or expand on the softball side which will require proposals and potentially grant money.
- Thanks for everyone's hard work: new positions & new systems. Consideration of Members At Large positions. (Discuss, 5 mins)- Chris thanks the board for their work, especially since many are using new systems this year. We are a great deal ahead of other clubs with registration this year and Chris appreciates this. In regards to the member at large positions, we are in need of members at large who are dedicated to attending meetings so that we have interest in the club. These positions often lead to board positions so we can ensure a future for the board/organization, especially since many people have kids that are growing older in the organization. Chris asks that we talk to people who might be interested in these positions.
- Steve Marmas Status (Update / Discussion, 5-10 mins)-Steve is expecting a slow recovery but Chris has visited and reports he is in good spirits. Chris provided the board the most up to date info on his status. Jendrick from Challenger is taking U8 Boys team for fall in his absence. The board sent the family a basket. Opening Day Ideas- Consider having supplies/table to make & sign Get Well Cards to give to Steve. The board likes this idea.

Scott McDermott, Facilities Director

- Field Conditions (Update, 3 mins)- Sprinklers are having issues and there is a lot of chaos around getting all of them fixed. Many of the fields have been torn up by excessive use. Scott recommends that they lock up the goals in between use so that outsiders cannot come and use the fields. All this being said, Scott feels that the fields look good for what they are.
- Advanced Training Expansion (Update, 5 mins)- Scott provided an update on the training. This might be an issue come the winter since it is hard to run a similar set up indoors. He encourages people to come and check this out. If you are bringing your child or kids from the coach's team, you are asked to monitor your own kids and ensure they are doing the right things, correcting and disciplining if needed.

- Construction of rebounding wall (Update, 3 mins)- Scott is going to make plywood structures out of the old nets to be able to create a rebound wall. He will find a way to anchor this down. This will stay in the dirt area and they will be set up close to one another so that nobody can kick the balls from a distance and hurt someone.
- Scott is stressing that we have applied for grant money for coach training. There is a national convention again this year in Baltimore (that a few did attend last year at a different location) that he encourages the board to consider using some of these funds for.

James Nigrelli, Vice President

- Challenger replacement update (discussion, 10 minutes)- A few people met with Liverpool reps where they reviewed what they have to offer. They provide an a la carte type service for both sides; developmental and recreational. He plans to meet with two other organizations (Revolution and Bayside), and then they will present everything all at once to the board. James asks if we should have Challenger come back in and present what they offer.
- James provided Merelise a check from squad locker
- Challenge up restrictions (discussions, 10 minutes)- James wants to revisit the challenge up rule to include safety as primary and also suggests we consider skill on a case by case basis. The bylaws state that you have to have a coach's feedback on the player. We will look the language of the current bylaws to help us be more consistent. Chris suggests that we look at bylaws of other clubs that comment on challenge up to see if there are other ways of handling this.

Motion to end tonight's meeting by Scott McDermott at 8:16 pm

Second by Patrick Bailey

All ayes