

WSSC Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 13, 2020

7 pm to 8:55 pm via Zoom

Attendees: Goss (Pres.), Allan (Treas.), Oltyan (VP Admin.), Weiner (VP Coaches), Persson (VP Players), Lucas (Sec.), Larsen, O'Byrne, Conway, Hinthorn, Foulk (arrives 8 pm, excused).

June 2020 Minutes: Goss moves, Larsen seconds minutes approval; unanimous approval.

Club Finances: Allan reports that there is a hold-up moving our registration dollars from Soccer Connect to our account which he will fix promptly. Locker fees are paid up and now paid quarterly. CD rates are below 1% so expired CDs have not been replaced; next CDs to expire are Apr. 2021.

New Website: Goss reports briefly on the new website.

United Soccer Coaches: Weiner reports this membership will begin Aug. 1. Weiner reminds us of some of the benefits of this membership including an e-version of their magazine, coaching courses online and the ability to display the United Soccer Coaches logo on our website. There was a check box to sign up in the registration process but it did not result in a smooth creation of a participant list so Weiner will email coaches from spring and fall last year, and new coaches, for sign up. One of our coaches will receive a free full membership; Stefan and Tim H will recommend a long-time coach.

New Registration System: Goss walks through the functions of player and coach assignment and team formation. Age group coordinators share status, experiences and tips for the new system. It is noted that this system appears to lack some useful functionalities of the prior system. The Email blast function did not operate, not all data transferred resulting in some families not receiving messages about fall registration.

Affinity and Sports Connect are not showing the same RMA clearance list. Automatic uploads between WSSC registration, Affinity and WYS are not functioning smoothly.

ACTION ITEM: Foulk will follow up to check on this issue.

Fall Registration: Registered player numbers are down significantly from last year, in part we believe because the announcements of registration are not reaching all families. We will extend registration by a week and Goss will use the old system to send two email blasts to families. We will highlight the availability of scholarships.

Practices and Fields: It is unclear whether the Parks department will open fields under the current reopening phase in King County. WSSC will have no practices at this time due to Covid restrictions. We will make a decision on field reservations and practice fields when we have more information about the fall season. Significant discussion was had about trying to craft some type of soccer experience for our members for fall even under Covid restrictions, but current uncertainties are an impediment to this.

Coaches' Meeting: Will be via video as previously discussed. Age group coordinators will also have videos, written information and/or online meetings as they feel is appropriate.

ACTION ITEM: Lucas will coordinate meeting planning.

ACTION ITEM: Weiner will complete slide deck, Goss will complete video by July 29.

Uniforms: Oltyan (?) reports we need 2-3 weeks lead time to get uniforms. Discussion was had about what to do if we order but the season has to be cancelled; considering shirts only which could be stored until next year.

SYSA vs SSUL: Due to the limited number of teams this year, rather than deciding on a formal alliance with one league over the other, we will use team preference to assign to leagues team by team. There will be no formal intertie with SYSA at this time; we will continue to gather and assess information on the costs of SYSA for future seasons.

Important Dates:

Monday, August 10: WSSC Board Meeting

TBD: Coaches Meeting via video

TBD: Age Group break out sessions

TBD: Co-ed Coaches' Meeting

TBD: Fall kit distribution

TBD: Fall season begins