

## November 2014 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order 7:34 pm.

Motion to approve October's minutes. Mike Koval motioned; Jay Dills second.

Amy Watkins (President)

Introduced Jason Dunaja into new role as Fundraising Coordinator and Amy Urffer as Secretary. There was a request for motion to approve new members. Shawn Watkins motioned, Jay Dills second. All in favor 11-0.

Amy W. ordered new soccer balls, getting a great deal at Dick's Sporting Goods for \$11 each. The balls are all labeled. It will be stressed to coaches the importance of returning the equipment at season's end.

The work at Whethersfield has been completed. The fields were aerated, seeded, and weed treatments applied. We were advised another weed treatment may be needed in the spring.

Chik-Fil-A night was very successful. \$193.81 was raised.

Duncan is no longer with Xara (uniform distributor). Our two year contract expires at the end of this year. We may look into other options.

There has been some interest in the Uniform Coordinator position. Nothing official, but there have been inquiries.

A reminder that some positions are up for election in January. Nominations will take place in December; elections will follow in January.

Bill Hall (Fields Coordinator)

The reminder to parents to clean up trash after games was effective. There were no further complaints to finish the season.

There were some questions from parents about use of the elementary school fields for practices/games. Bill will speak with Cheikh and they will discuss. It was brought up that scheduling may be difficult because the fields are heavily used by some of the spring sports leagues.

James Smiley (4th-12th Intramural Coordinator)

Fall season concluded. Minimal complaints to James, many were fielded by Amy and Shawn Watkins. Holland teams for both 5-7 and 8-12 seemed to be very strong with great players. Also, it was noted that many players did not regularly attend practice and teams hurt for that reason. Surveys are in the process of being sent to coaches to rate the players in order to help balance the power on the teams for next season.

There have been a couple of inquiries into winter indoor sign-ups. MDSL voted to eliminate that several months ago.

Shawn Watkins (Games Commissioner)

The IM Season concluded and tournaments proceeded without major incident. Congratulations to the age group champions:

8-12 Holland  
5-7 Holland  
3-4 Ireland

Also, referee check totals were submitted for payment.

Jay Dills (K-3 Coordinator)

Season went well. Looking for someone to take the position since her kids are getting older.

Jay Dill (Special Events)

Team pictures weren't held this fall because parent volunteers didn't step up in time. By the time they came forward, it was getting dark too early. Hopefully parents will be willing to take on some tasks at earlier times so kids won't miss out. There was discussion of different ways to have photos taken by parents instead of M & S Photo (Neal). James Smiley suggested using dropbox, which they did with his team. Fundraising was brought into question. Traditionally, photos have not been a huge moneymaker so that is not too much of a concern.

Amy Urffer (Secretary) No report

Cheikh Ndaiye (Spring Soccer Coordinator) Absent, no report

Mike Koval (Travel Coordinator) Attended York USA meeting last night. Our club still owes \$13 and this needs to be paid asap to keep the club in good standing with the league. In the future, any unpaid fees will result in the withholding of

paperwork, rosters, coaches' passes, etc., under fees are paid. We cannot get medals for winning teams until that \$13 is paid.

All green cards are due. Coaches have been contacted and cards will be collected.

York USA is looking to develop a premier league for next fall in hopes to keep top teams playing with York USA throughout the year and draw in some other strong clubs around South Central USA.

League's lightning policy has been changed to a minimum of 30 minutes after witnessing lightning, with a maximum of 45 minutes. Games scheduled after these games will wait 30 minutes.

Games that complete at least a half will be judged as a complete game. Games with less than a half will be picked up at the point and score it was put on hold.

Also, prospective York USA clubs will not be considered for memberships if they are within a district that already offers a member York USA club. This is to protect clubs from splintering off with coaches and players. Voting will take place at the December York USA Meeting.

Chris Barrett (Travel Registrar)

There was one addition to U14 Girls. There were inquiries about spring additions. It is a goal to send out an email to coaches in hopes to get all additions done at once.

Brian Wentz (Treasurer) Absent

2014 Financials will be emailed to all board members along with a draft of 2015 budget so it can be reviewed in time for the December meeting. Budget will be proposed in same way with no fee increase and a break-even goal. Any concerns about methodology must be brought up by the end of November.

Uniform Coordinator- Open

Nathan Murray (Public Relations) No report

Amy Koval (Website Administrator)

No access changes yet as previously discussed at prior meetings. Might be better to let new web admin handle changing that. There is some interest in the position but nothing concrete yet.

Krissa Pecunes (Equipment Coordinator) Absent, no report

Jason Dunaja (Fundraising Coordinator)

No report, but will seek some info regarding the position from Cristin Murray.

Soccer Clinician- Open

Open Business- None

New Business

Bill Hall asked about coach evaluations. They have not gone out yet.

Amy Urffer asked how team parents are chosen. It appears as if one must volunteer for a position during registration even though it can be skipped. Some people are being selected as team parent when they really don't want to do the job.

Motion to adjourn by Shawn Watkins. Jay Dills second. All in favor 11-0.

Meeting adjourned 8:00 pm.