



www.litchfieldsoccerclub.org

Board of Directors

Subject: LSC Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Location: Saltwater Grille

Date: October 25, 2016

Time: 7:30 PM

1. Attendance: Mark Spellman, Dave Shannon, Carol Lamond, Sam Olmstead, Margherita Luzzi, Kelly Bozzuto, Terry Mahar, Shawn Sepples
2. Old Business
 - i. Minutes of April 26, 2016 were approved with no changes
 - ii. Summer Camps
 1. The club hosted a Soccer Xtreme summer camp in July. Estimated 15-20 kids attended. The club should receive \$20 per attendee. Sam to follow up.
 2. Taft used fields for pre-season camp, club received \$250
 - iii. Reimbursements
 1. Dave confirmed that Rovers has reimbursed the club for referee fees paid through our account
 - iv. Fields
 1. Mark had no luck on finding a contractor to roll the fields. He will follow up with Chris Dunn
3. District/State –
 - i. No Reports
4. Financial Report – Kelly
 - a. Balances
 - i. Checking: \$15,853.49
 - ii. Savings: \$2,002.72
 - b. Sam turned over \$410 cash and \$400 checks from late uniform and magnet sales as well as one late registration received at the field
5. Fall 2016
 - a. Travel



www.litchfieldsoccerclub.org

- i. Sportsmen's to sponsor coach gifts. In the past the club buys one and Sportsmen's provides one free. Seems reasonable – ask that coaches who already have gray coach sweatshirt do not take another to keep cost reasonable.
 - ii. Fall seasons are underway and going reasonably well – all teams are in B-division and have had at least some success
 - b. Recreational
 - i. Mike Bates will take over as coordinator starting with the Spring season
 - ii. We have a full-year contract with Soccer Xtreme for professional trainers – this has worked well this fall
- 6. Fields
 - a. Line painting has been by coaches/parent volunteers and has worked out OK
 - b. Dave has started evaluating layout changes needed for new US Soccer formats starting Fall 2017 – looks like we can fit the fields we will need; may require “field-in-field” with two colors of lines
 - c. The regulation goals will need new nets for spring
 - d. Goal mouths will need to be re-sodded at the end of the season, weather-permitting. Dave to follow up with Chris Dunn.
 - e. Mark will handle field closing after last week of games
 - f. Sam will verify the field and goal size changes for Fall 2017
- 7. Coaching
 - a. No updates
- 8. Referee
 - a. One girl from Litchfield was recently added to the referee roster, giving us a total of six referees from within town
 - b. Board members who also coach all agreed that it has been great having 3 referees for almost every game, and that the quality of officiating has been good
- 9. Fundraising –
 - a. Sam to provide Dick's Sporting Goods salesman contact info to Mark to look into uniform/spirit wear fundraising integrated with registration
 - b. Sam to provide Carol with contact information for Susan at Seherr-Toss Foundation. Carol will pursue grant funding for new goals.



www.litchfieldsoccerclub.org

10. New Business

a. Coordinator Positions

- i. Recreational – Mike Bates taking over
- ii. Travel – Dave will stay on

b. Officer/Board Positions

- i. Treasurer – Mark will take on. Margherita will help with Quickbooks as she has some experience with it. Kelly will start transitioning duties following fall season.
 1. Scott is still signatory on credit/debit cards and for banking; this will need to get changed at some point along with adding Mark
- ii. Two board terms expiring Sam Olmstead and Chris Savage
 1. Chris is done
 2. Sam is also Secretary so this board seat can also be opened if someone wants it
 3. At least two candidates identified
 4. Dave to verify the John Barnes wants to continue on
 5. Elections at November Annual Meeting
- iii. Spring Registration
 1. LIH will NOT include 2008 birthdays for spring as this caused headaches with people signing up for the wrong program in fall. Parent requests can be handled case-by-case.
 2. A separate jersey ordering system will be put in place for U16/19 teams as their fee is the same as regular travel, which does not include uniform cost
 3. Pay by check will be eliminated
 4. A refund policy will need to be developed as all money will be collected up front.
 5. We should work with schools and park and rec departments, especially in Region 6 towns to better advertise programs
- iv. Premier Issues/Affiliation
 1. There was a spirited discussion of the impact of local premier clubs on classic travel teams
 2. One suggestion was to affiliate with a premier club with some sort of agreement that players would play on both teams



www.litchfieldsoccerclub.org

3. Also suggested that LSC could offer a higher-level travel experience starting at U13 or so – potentially at lower cost
4. No consensus reached although all agreed this is an issue that requires further discussion and action

11. Next Meeting – November 29, 2016. This will be the annual meeting.

Respectfully Submitted, Sam Olmstead, Secretary, November 29, 2016