

WSSC Meeting Minutes
Monday, Feb. 10, 2020
7 pm, The Westy

Attendees: Goss (Pres.), Fry (VP Admin), Lucas (Sec.), Conway, Wiener, O'Byrne (arrived 8 pm), Foulk (arrived 8:20 pm).

Excused: Persson (VP Players), Gass (VP Coaches), Allan (Treas.), Hinthorn.

January Board Retreat Minutes: With a correction to the recitation of historical league alignment, Fry moves, Conway seconds approval of the minutes at 8:10 pm; motion passed unanimously.

Club Finances: Report deferred to March upon Allan's return.

OLD BUSINESS:

Spring Season: 478 players have registered so far; 1200 are expected. General discussion was had regarding play up requests, team formation, and player and coach assignments. Players returning to a team have first priority on that team, followed by returning WSSC players from other teams, followed by new players. Fry gave a tutorial on system-wide communications. Age group coordinators were confirmed:

U6-7 Clydene and Fry

U8 Wiener

U9-10 Goss

U11-12 Conway

ACTION ITEM: After assigning registered coaches, age group coordinators will reach out to past coaches to see if they are returning or have recruited their replacements.

ACTION ITEM: We will do more to support and thank our coaches, including acknowledgement and a modest gift card award for the first coach registrations, to be awarded at the Annual General Meeting.

Safesport: Goss drafted FAQs for board review before posting on our website; these were distributed to the group.

ACTION ITEM: All board members will send Goss comments on the Safesport FAQ before the March meeting.

ACTION ITEM: We will make changes to the website so that SafeSport information is easier to find.

Annual General Meeting and Coaches' Meeting: Will be held April 9, 2020; notice of the meeting is on the calendar on our website; once a location is confirmed additional notice will be sent. Lucas has tentatively reserved Madison Middle School Commons.

ACTION ITEM: Lucas will complete the reservation process for the AGM venue.

ACTION ITEM: Wiener will circulate the coaches' packet in approximately one week for board review and comment.

ACTION ITEM: Goss will use the packet to prepare the slide deck for the AGM presentation and will circulate for comment.

ACTION ITEM: Fry will clarify WSSC insurance coverage for Madison Middle School.

Board Recruiting and Nominees: Potential board candidates have been identified and contacted. Foulk agrees to run for a commissioner position. Fry will step back but provide mentoring support. The ballot will be approved at the March meeting.

ACTION ITEM: All board members will recruit potential candidates and coordinate vetting through Goss.

ACTION ITEM: Lucas will draft and Fry will publish a board recruiting message to all club members.

ACTION ITEM: Separately and later, a similar recruiting message for referees and team managers will be sent.

Fields: O'Byrne reported that over the coming President's Day holiday he will inventory our store of nets. Spring fields are listed on the website. O'Byrne and Foulk will handle spring field set up. Field liners appear to be returning for spring.

ACTION ITEM: O'Byrne will confirm all field liners.

ACTION ITEM: Arrange a net party – recruit volunteers to sign up to replace all our nets.

Admin Calendar: The club's admin calendar was attached to the agenda, items were reviewed and assignments confirmed.

ACTION ITEM: Goss will put out a message to all coaches regarding RMA clearance, which must be re-submitted.

ACTION ITEM: Fry will put out the general reminder email re spring season.

ACTION ITEM: All board members will renew their clearances.

NEW BUSINESS:

New registration system: Tim McMonigle is forming a work group of representatives of all the HSA leagues to implement the new system. Goss will represent WSSC. Discussion was had regarding possible website changes and combinations to accompany the registration system changes.

Committee for New Player Support: This committee, formed at the board retreat, met before the Feb. board meeting; Wiener provided a summary and recommendations for the board. Priority actions are a skills clinic for new players, providing soccer balls for new players, and creating additional coach networking mechanisms such as coach mentors and partners. Fry suggested our UK coaches might be a good resource in this effort.

ACTION ITEM: Wiener will lead efforts to implement the committee's recommendations.

Coach Support: Feedback at the Coaches' Social was positive regarding the support WSSC provides to our coaches; by consensus it was agreed that we will endeavor to do more. Foulk reported that HSA puts on an end-of-season coaches' dinner event to thank the coaches.

Vendor solicitations: It was reported that various board members receive vendor solicitations from time to time, for example, from photographers. These are reviewed, but generally we value continuing relationships with our vendors and benefit from working with a vendor that knows our systems and practices, so unless there is significant savings or a problem with a current vendor we will not make a change.

LEGACY TRANSITION:

Foulk will run for a commissioner position and continue to support fields, U11-12 age group coordinator, scholarships and other areas as needed. Goss will review legacy considerations with Tim McMonigle. Fry will continue mentoring and supporting the club as his time allows.

Important Dates:

Tuesday, March 3, from 7-9 pm Coaches' Social at The Westy

Monday, March 9, from 7-9 pm, Board Meeting at The Westy

Thursday, April 9 Spring Coaches' Meeting

Saturday, April 18 Spring Season begins

Thursday, April 30 All RMA clearances expire (except those obtained between Feb. 1 and Apr. 30)

Sunday, June 14 Last games of spring season