

WSSC Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 8, 2019
7 – 9 pm, The Westy

Attendees: Chip Goss (President), Curtis Allan (Treasurer), Tom Gass (VP Coaches), Maggie Lucas (Secretary), Tim Hinthorn, Erich Wiener, Bill Fry, Jamie Foulk, Brett Conway attempted to attend by phone but the connection was insufficient.

June Minutes: Goss moves, Hinthorn seconds, minutes approved, Lucas abstains (did not attend June meeting).

Club Finances: Allan reviewed incomes and expenses. Fee income within 2% of last year. Club is paid up on expenses. Financial reports distributed and reviewed. Continued issues with play up fees and late fees; a flatter fee structure would eliminate some play up fees. No fee changes are under consideration at this time. Donations are up.

ACTION: Add a Donate button to the website.

Old Business:

SoccerOffice: SoccerOffice tasks and costs discussed, no fee changes are currently pending. SO can do refunds. There is consensus that SO provides high value with its email and phone response program. There is consensus that current levels of services and fees will continue.

ACTION: Hinthorn will continue as liaison to SO.

South Park: Allan reported on the registration event on 6/29. There was good communications with some coaches and a number of players were registered. Grant funds are available for some of these fees.

ACTION: Allan and Goss will complete all registrations and grant paperwork/billing.

SafeSport: Detailed discussion was had regarding SafeSport ideals, policies, procedures and lack thereof, coach education and a draft WSSC policy which was circulated. WSSC continues to refine the details of its participation in this program.

ACTION: Goss will revise policy and circulate for discussion.

PCA: WSSC will host a live PCA clinic at Grace Church on August 15 from 5 to 7 pm. This will be right before the U6-7 fall coaches meeting. Wiener will assist at U6-7 coaches meeting.

ACTION: Age group coordinators will encourage their coaches to attend.

MOTION: Allan moves to provide pizzas for PCA clinic attendees; general agreement, final motion to occur at August meeting when clinic rsvp numbers are available.

Fields: Goals are being left out. Locks are regularly lost and are expensive to continually replace. O'Byrne (if he is willing) is assigned as overall field steward/monitor.

ACTION: Foulk will purchase cable combination locks and they will be ziptied to fences at fields to avoid being dropped in the grass and lost.

ACTION: Warning labels may be posted on the goals.

ACTION: Foulk, Allan and O'Byrne will make a plan for goal care, including testing various alternatives to sandbags for weighing down goals.

ACTION: O'Byrne will report at August meeting on the status of WSSC field liners – do we have enough or do we need to recruit?

Fall Season: 1560 players have registered for fall. Coaches are needed at the BU14-19 and GU12 levels. There are pools of unassigned players at various ages. The work to form teams, assign players and coaches, and recruit coaches continues.

RMA clearances were reset at the end of June, requiring all coaches and volunteers to get cleared anew. Significant problems reported with Stack Sports online functionality.

ACTION: Fry will resend RMA instructions to coaches and volunteers.

One play down request was approved by WYS; player will be moved down.

New Business

Fall Coaches Meeting: Thursday July 25 at Grace Church. Set up begins at 4:30, meeting at 7. Goss will update slide deck and circulate for review by end of this week. Volunteers are needed, please ask your family and teams. Lucas and Fry will discuss uniform labels.

Sportsmanship – running up the score: In spring season and at lower ages, no scores are kept so teams should be encouraged to avoid overly lop-sided scoring. Teams which play in leagues where goal differential is a tie breaker in the standings are in a tougher spot. WSSC stands firmly for good sportsmanship at all times and coaches will be encouraged in this regard.

Scholarships: Lucas reported that 28 scholarships have been awarded to 18 families so far, an increase over last year. WSSC will consider scholarship applications received after the close of regular registration whenever possible, but some age groups fill up so a scholarship award is not a guarantee that a late registrant will be placed on a team.

ACTION: Lucas will instruct SO to advise late applicants that, while their scholarship application will be considered, a scholarship award is not a guarantee of placement on a team.

Coaches Game and Clinic: August 24. Wiener reported that the event will follow a “street soccer” format, which was described and discussed to general agreement. Wiener will lead the event and planning.

Coaches Social: Wiener suggests a standing monthly social event for coaches to meet and greet and learn from each other. While the idea was liked, the logistics of such an event for 300+ coaches requires additional study. No action on this item at this time.

Announcements: Wiener reported on the IFAB app which covers the rules, or laws, of the game. Discussion on recent rules changes was brief given time constraints.

Key Dates:

Thursday, July 25 Fall Coaches Meeting, Grace Church, set up begins 4:30 pm

Thursday, August 15 PCA Clinic and U6-7 Fall Coaches Meeting, Grace Church, set up begins ?

Saturday, August 24 Coaches Game and Clinic, location and time?