

WSSC Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 9, 2020
7 pm, The Westy

Attendees: Goss (Pres.), Fry (VP Admin), Allan (Treas.), Lucas (Sec.), Foulk, Hinthorn, Conway, Wiener.

Absent: Gass (VP Coaches), Persson (VP Players)

Excused: O'Byrne

Guests: Pushpa Larsen, Joel Oltyan, Lily Del Toro

February 2020 Board Minutes: Fry moves, Conway seconds approval of the minutes as submitted; unanimous approval.

Club Finances: Allan reviewed revenue, which is almost all in for spring, and expenses. A large invoice for balls was paid thus balls are purchased through fall. Fry reported that 1124 players are registered for spring and 1162 were registered at this time last year; it is anticipated that we will match last year's numbers.

Allan reported that one of the club's CDs is expiring. Goss moves, Hinthorn seconds that the club directs Allan to renew the expiring CD for one year, and further directs Allan to move \$25,000 from the club savings account into another CD expiring in 18 months. The motion was approved unanimously.

ACTION ITEM: Allan will renew the expiring CD for one year, and will purchase an 18 month CD for \$25,000.00 using funds currently in the club's savings account.

ACTION ITEM: Allan will prepare and file the club's tax return for 2019.

Review of Action Items from February Minutes:

Age group coordinators are recruiting coaches as needed.

Goss did send out a message to all coaches regarding the need to renew RMA clearances; Wiener will walk through the process at the next Coaches' Social.

Fry did put out general reminder email messages regarding spring season.

The remaining Action Items are discussed within their respective topics on the agenda.

Admin Calendar: Spring messaging is complete. HSA items will be removed from the WSSC Admin Calendar.

OLD BUSINESS:

Board Nominees: The board was very pleased to welcome our guests. Pushpa Larsen has agreed to stand for election to a Commissioner's seat on our board, and Joel Oltyan has agreed to run for VP of Administration. Both candidates introduced themselves briefly: Joel is a longtime soccer coach and WSSC parent; Pushpa is also a longtime WSSC parent whose daughter is now pursuing coaching as a profession. Both remarked upon how much WSSC has positively impacted their families and that they welcome a chance to give back to the organization.

Annual General Meeting: Lucas reported that she had completed the Action Item of booking a venue for the AGM/Coaches' Meeting (Madison Middle School) but that the venue had since canceled the reservation due to the coronavirus. Wiener and Goss reported that the packet and slide deck are under construction and will be distributed for board review this week. Lucas wrote and Fry will publish a short ad recruiting potential board members in advance of the AGM. Fry has prepared a ballot for 2020 board elections.

After discussion, it was agreed that the 2020 Annual General Meeting will be held online rather than in person due to concerns about the coronavirus. The presentations usually made at the meeting will be videotaped and posted on the club website. Voting for board members will be done online, likely in a Survey Monkey tool. The survey will include a few questions designed to ensure that coaches/voters watched the meeting presentations. The Coaches' Packet (and slide deck? – duplicative? Or good shorthand for reference?) will be distributed online.

The previously announced meeting date, Thursday April 9, from 6 to 8 pm, will be used for gear distribution. Coaches, or their designee, will have a two hour window in which to pick up their uniforms (and balls as needed). If coaches cannot attend this window, they must send someone else to pick up their gear. We may use the Sealth parking lot for this event as it has lights and plenty of space.

ACTION ITEM: Fry will publish recruiting ad for board members.

ACTION ITEM: Weiner and Goss will complete the Coaches' Packet and slide deck and distribute to the board for review.

ACTION ITEM: The board will publish notice to the members of the changes regarding the Annual General Meeting.

ACTION ITEM: Age group coordinators will remind coaches about the meeting changes and emphasize that kits must be picked up in the designated 2-hour window on April 9.

Uniform orders: March 21 is the deadline to submit uniform orders; teams need to be formed by this date so the correct number of uniforms can be ordered for each team. Age group coordinators will continue to message coaches regarding uniform ordering and pick up.

US Soccer Connect: Discussion was had regarding the options for new registration systems. Goss moves, Fry seconds that WSSC will proceed with the transition to US Soccer Connect. Motion passes unanimously. WSSC will try this system and reevaluate at a later date.

Discussion was also held regarding the option to combine our website with HSA/US Soccer Connect; we will not exercise that option at this time.

Spring Season: Fry reported that the U6-7 registration is on track, led by age group coordinator Clydene. Wiener (U8), Goss (U9-10) and Conway (U11-12) reported on registered numbers of players and coaches. Discussion was had regarding extra players, pros and cons of an uneven number of teams/byes vs over rostering teams. Over roster for U12 teams may be beneficial as those teams will need more players when they are promoted in fall. All age group coordinators will

continue to assign players and coaches, and form teams in advance of the deadline for ordering uniforms.

Fields: O’Byrne was unable to attend in person but sent a report to the board via email in advance of the meeting. The goal and net inventory has been completed. A “net party” is still planned to replace all the nets; date TBD.

Soccer Office: Our request that SO do the player age verification process has been a success; only 189 players are non-verified at this time and that number continues to decrease. This will also make fall registration much smoother. Discussion was had about possibly asking SO to handle the RMA clearance process for fall. Fry will ask the registrar to run a weekly sync for RMA clearances.

SafeSport: Goss drafted and circulated an FAQ re SafeSport for the club website. He has received some feedback.

ACTION ITEM: Anyone who has not yet reviewed the draft SafeSport FAQ will do so and send any comments or suggestions to Goss.

Coaches’ Social: The board expressed general acclaim and thanks to Wiener for initiating and leading this event. Wiener submitted a report via email in advance of the meeting, which is summarized below. He reports there is a lot of interest in coaching partnerships. The Coaches’ Social is held on the first Tuesday of the month 7 pm at the Westy.

Fall Season Planning: Goss will meet with Tim McMonigle about the fall registration event. Goss reported that a local league made the transition to US Soccer Connect and their data did not transfer; age group coordinators should plan for this possibility. Fry, Goss and Hinthorn will work with McMonigle on the data migration.

South Park: Lily Del Toro joined the meeting in progress. Del Toro has been a coach and involved with the South Park soccer program. Especially in the coming year while the South Park field is being renovated, WSSC would like to include more South Park players. Various strategies were discussed to succeed in this effort, including making the South Park player families aware of WSSC’s scholarship program and translating the application into Spanish. Signs at strategic locations, possibly a handout, ads in parent newsletters, etc. are possibilities. As fall registration begins June 1 these efforts should be prioritized.

ACTION ITEM: Lucas will follow up with Del Toro to ensure scholarship availability is made known to South Park players and address language barriers.

NEW BUSINESS: A discipline item regarding two WSSC coaches and a spectator was discussed. WSSC response to the event was discussed in detail. Goss will communicate with WYS. [NOTE: After this meeting WYS addressed this matter and issued disciplinary decisions, thereby concluding the formal disciplinary process.]

Important Dates:

Tuesday, April 7, 7-9 pm Coaches' Social – place or online mechanism TBD
Monday, April 13, 7-9 pm, Board Meeting – place or online mechanism TBD
Thursday, April 9, 6-7:30 pm, Spring Season Uniform Distribution, Sealth Stadium Parking Lot
Saturday, April 18 Spring Season Begins
Saturday, April 30 All RMA Clearances expire (unless renewed between 2/1 and 4/30)
Sunday, June 14 Last games of Spring Season

Wiener report:

Coaches' Social

- 3 new attendees, one returning. One was a parent/team manager
- again good feedback about club efforts and organization
- extremely receptive to our fall new-to-soccer and UK coaches initiatives
- In April, I'm going to walk through RMA process on the screen and ask coaches to bring their laptops
- Also in April, I'm going to walk through building a practice session plan based on a question one of the coaches had
- Starting to track messaging points through the year. For april, the emails will contain/focus on:
 - education reminder
 - volunteer hours reminder
 - team formation questions -> age group coordinators (AGC) or include age group in your email to the board
 - new uniform process
 - confirm your team name. If it's changed, notify your AGC.
 - RMA walkthrough