

RCYSL Board of Directors ---- Date April 2, 2008

Attendance sheet circulated. Attached.

President Dan Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Minutes of the March Meeting were presented. R. McCafferty corrected the item referring to the U16-19 teams to clarify that these teams are mixed age but not Co-Ed. Motion to approve this change: C. Hein, C. Messmer 2nd. Minutes approved as corrected.

President's Report:

B. Beaumont requested a email to all coaches reminding them to not practice on any playing field. Polo and East Minnesota fields are available. Polo field should be shared by all soccer teams for practice.

C. Landis from referee association was introduced. He brought the message that the WSDSRA would like to congratulate RCYSL on their achievement in having over 2200 kids register for soccer in the spring of 2008.

The Level 9 class had 22 candidates and nearly ½ came from the Game Manager classes.

President elect.

Risk management forms are online and each coach must fill out one.

No secretary's report

Treasurer's Report:

Web registration has an option for donations to RCYSL and the league has received \$100-150 this way. Web registrations are up and now at about 10%. P. Busse moved to approve the report with questions needing answers to be clarified with K. Hearn. C. Messmer 2nd. Motion passed

There has been an anonymous donation of funds to acquire a coaching tool, "Sketch and Play" to be given to coaches. These will be delivered to RCYSL and stickers with RCYSL logo will be placed on each one.

Newsletter Committee:

R. McCafferty will plan for publication near the end of May and push registration for fall.

Registration Coordinator:

New players could be added until May 1 although this is difficult for both teams and registrar. D. Davis asked about using a waiting list that could become a new team if enough registrations were received. D. Smith suggested that would be difficult to manage.

Registration form needs to be revised to remove "All special requests..." as this has resulted in multiple requests for specific teams or coaches. "No team or coach request will be honored" will be added. Only carpool or playup requests will be considered. C. Landis remarked that this is a good indicator that people are finding positive things associated with coaches or teams. D. Smith explained that the number of requests this year has been an unreasonable demand for coordinators to have to contact families to explain. M. Owen said that most associations across the state are down in enrollment but RCYSL is up. Something is going right.

Training Coordinator

T. Rogers is working with B. Pitts to offer an "E" class. He requested all coordinators inform their coaches and ask them to contact Rogers. D. Smith asked for fall Youth Modules to be available so dates could be given to coaches this season and they could plan to attend.

Operations Manager

There is a problem with another tenant nearby and it is hoped that this tenant will vacate and RCYSL will be able to rent additional adjoining space.

Indoor Coordinator:

Scheduler:

The schedule is nearly finished. A. Gadomski asked if the posted schedules were corrected. There is some error and Owen will make the time adjustments in coordination with referees. There is also a new addition to the website that will make it easier to use for scheduling and he will coordinate with R. Eide to get it in place.

Equipment Coordinator:

U6 Coordinator:

D. Smith reported there are 30 girls teams and many late requests. M. Owen asked about changing the size of the roster to create more teams, etc. D. Smith and P. Busse already leave openings on teams to accommodate late registration. Pre-registration was discussed or perhaps pre-

registration at Scheels Cup or Kohl's Cup. E-mailing coaches 2-3 times each season to remind them to encourage early registration is also recommended.

P. Busse reports 40 boys teams.

U8 Coordinator:

J. Silver and B. Beaumont have had difficulty lining up coaches. D. Davis recommended that in these circumstances, coordinators should contact K. Hearn and D. Smith for help.

U10 Coordinator:

C. Messmer reports teams are full and ready to go.

T. Harrison has 19 teams and all with coaches

U12 Coordinator:

C. Hein reported 7 girls and 7 boys teams with 5 new coaches. Parent concerns about not getting on requested teams involving the Blue Flames. B. Flames has 13 on roster while the team this parent is asking to leave has fewer. Parents are withdrawing player and D. Davis has asked them to send a written statement of withdrawal and donation of fees to RCYSL as well as breaking ties to Blue Flames.

U14 Coordinator:

C. Lerbach reported 3 girls teams and 2 boys. Player requested a specific team but as player did not play in the fall, this player did not appear on the rosters and was treated as a pool player. Response to parents was shared and commended by BOD.

C. Lerbach likes the idea of developing school teams in the fall and will work with M. Owen to explore how this could work.

U16-19 Coordinator:

R. McCafferty reported 7 teams (4B, 3G) There is a U19 Girls Challenge team and the schedule has just been set.

Challenge Coordinator:

New uniforms are ordered and should be here by Friday.

Publicity:

New sports editor at the Journal. Will talk with him in near future to get his procedure to submit information, etc.

Fundraising Coordinator:

B. Fritz reported on new items to be added to the concession stand inventory such as clings, magnets, etc. T. Rogers moved the league purchase 500 Challenge and 1000 RCYSL logo clings. C. Messmer 2nd, motion carried. Fritz is also working on a sponsorship letter to be sent to businesses, etc. The shed has been moved to Fairmont and the materials for improvement have been donated. There was discussion on having first aid kits for coaches but concern about liability issues. A. Gadowski will share the Air Force requirements list. P. Busse suggests Fundraising put a budget request together and a group decide the items to be added. D. Smith moved appropriation of \$3000 budget to the Fundraising committee to choose purchases for the concession. C. Lerbach 2nd. Motion carried.

Referee representative:

W. Anderson has submitted the revised contract and D. Davis will sign it. He requested that the league use the terms "Star of the West Fields" and number them so online and published maps will agree with schedules.

Old Business:

M. Boyer reported that the Summit Talks with RSC have been suspended due to no response from either organization regarding the offer of mediation from Region II staff. The Summit would resume if both organizations requested.

Soccer Rapid City report:

There was discussion of the contract for field maintenance which is about to be sent out for bids. Bids will be received by May 1 and awarded contract on May 7. There is no commitment to choosing the low bid but to maintain quality we now have. This is a contract for 2 years. There are 2 contractors interested and it will be advertised. D. Davis warned that fees will probably have to increase to offset the fuel costs in field maintenance.

Scheels Cup:

K. Hearn presented the logo for the tee shirts. B. Fritz had helped design. C. Lerbach explained the T-shirt printing process and thought RCYSL could make considerable money if we did these ourselves. He will submit a proposal for such a possibility.

RCYSL will pay entry fees for either Kohl's Cup or Classic Cup. The Scheels Cup will use Game Managers for U8 Games and GMs will be paid onsite when they submit game cards.

Bill Herbst Memorial trophy will be ready to present this season. C. Messmer will develop this.

Soccer Complex Report:

The brochures have been printed and were shared with the board. B. Pitts is working and will need to have more money in the account to be able to continue. The Complex Comm. Meets weekly on Fridays and the Fundraising Board meets as set. The council is concerned about the 2012 money and the lack of evidence of fundraising.

DOC report:

T. Rogers submitted a job description:

1. Develop training for youth coaching module for U6,8,10 and 12
2. Continue the "Sunday Funday" program
3. Offer and "E" and "D" annually
4. Develop a coaches' committee to train and recruit coaches. Training would be set up on an electronic format and available via the website as well as links to other information sites.

The position would require 10-15 hours per week, pay \$10,000, and be reviewed in 6 months. The DOC would report to the Board with the Training Coordinator as liason.

The Committee has talked with all interested parties and recommends Brian Pitts be hired.

Discussion followed on various fundraising sources that could support the position. C. Messmer moved to accept the recommendation of the committee and create a Director of Coaching position, hiring Brian Pitts at \$10,000. T. Rogers 2nd. Motion passed. B. Pitts will start April 16, 2008.

First Kicks report tabled.

Committee is K. Medley, D. Smith, M. Owen, P. Busse

Rapids vs. United game: B. Fritz has flyers ready and registration forms for the training camp to send to coaches. Permission to offer concessions has been obtained but can't use the facility. Will utilized electrical from outside.

Adidas TOPSoccer program:

M. Owen asked for support to spend the Adidas grant money obtained by the state to help develop the program for disabled players. BOD agreed.

Challenge banners: tabled to May

Kohl's Cup:

C. Messmer agreed to be director with support from B. Beaumont and M. Owen. Will need help with field marshals, tee shirts, support staff, etc.

Premier League:

D. Davis reported requests from parents who want to see Challenge (Classic) level develop an higher level of play. Would like to see RCYSL develop the Third Tier. P. Busse asked what bylaws need to be changed as this would affect some of them. T. Rogers moved to create a committee to examine the development of a Third Tier. C. Lerbach 2nd. Motion carried. Committee members: C. Lerbach, D. Smith, M. Green, P. Busse, Mike Cole, D. Davis, B. Pitts, M. Owen as state liason.

M. Owen requested gas money reimbursement for his representation in Spearfish as the scheduling meeting for Northern Hills as well as paper and toner for printing schedules. BOD approved.

C. Messmer moved to adjourn. C. Hein 2nd.