

RCYSL Board of Directors ---- Date May 7, 2008

Meeting was called to order at 6:47 PM by President D. Davis.

Visitor: D. Titze

Minutes of previous meeting were emailed. T. Harrison moved approval, D. Smith 2nd. Minutes approved.

President's Report:

No formal report at this time.

President elect.

No report

Secretary's report

West Chicago Fire Station, Shift B will receive a thank you and gift from RCYSL.

Treasurer's Report:

K. Medley presented the April report. The referee partial payment has been sent. C. Messmer moved to approve treasurer's report. B. Fritz 2nd. Motion carried.

Newsletter Committee:

Registration Coordinator:

D. Smith reported final registration number is 2216 of which 263 are Challenge players. Rosters are closed.

Operations Manager

Indoor Coordinator:

Scheduler:

M. Owen asked for decision on the dates for makeup games lost to snow storm. It was decided after MUCH analysis and discussion to move the 5/3 schedule to 5/24; the 5/1 games to 5/14; the 5/2 games to 5/15. Owen will coordinate with referee schedule to make these work out.

M. Owen will work out a plan for Scheels Cup that puts all the fields at Sioux Park and perhaps Omaha .

Equipment Coordinator:

B. Beaumont reported that he is ready to order for fall and favors the custom ball order through SDSSA. B. Fritz reported that Knology is interested in helping RCYSL and might want to brand this ball. B. Beaumont will coordinate with her on this. Other fall supplies will be ordered soon also.

Training Coordinator:

T. Rogers reported that Brian Pitts has been hired as the Director of Coaching and they are working to get a date in June for an "E" and one in late summer or fall. D. Davis reported that Pitts has sent training sessions by electronic mail and is ready to begin a program of Wednesday sessions beginning 5/30 at Fairmont field from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. M. Owen reported that Fairmont field is now designated by SRC as RCYSL's practice field and will be identified as such. B. Cross from SRC will notify other athletic programs of this. This will be a session for coaches and some players and divided by age division so that one week per month will deal with U6-8; one for U10; one for U12, etc. T. Rogers explained that this is what was requested. BOD agreed. Details of how players are invited will be worked out by Rogers and Pitts and forwarded by email to all BOD members.

B. Pitts was welcomed to the job. He requested direction from the BOD as to curriculum requested. USYSA has developed a good soccer curriculum which could be "tweaked" in order to make it specific to the needs and goals of RCYSL and then the logo could be added to it.

U6 Coordinator:

Both coordinators report things are going well. P. Busse asked about the delivery of photos and C. Messmer reported they would be delivered to the weekend games. The snowstorm was the delivery problem.

U8 Coordinator:

All report going well

U10 Coordinator:

All report going well

U12 Coordinator:

All report going well

U14 Coordinator:

C.Lerbach reports things going well.

U16-19 Coordinator:

No report but going well.

Challenge Coordinator:

M. Green reports that all returning coaches will need to contact her with their request to continue and they will receive preference. New coaches will have to submit resume and credentials.

Tryouts are set for 6/23-24 and 7/21-22 at the Upper and Lower Valley fields. The checkin will begin at 5:00 PM with tryouts at 6-7:30 PM. RSC tryout dates are July 7-8 and 14-15. D. Davis will notify SRC to reserve the fields for RCYSL Challenge.

D. Titze inquired about kids trying out for Challenge and then trying out for high school. If they are accepted by a high school team, will their registration fees be returned. D. Davis said, "Yes."

Publicity:

M Boyer explained that the fall registration will begin in a few weeks and the new form was presented with changes highlighted. The Challenge fees need to be clarified and ads for sale of merchandise available through the league will be printed on the reverse of the form.

July 18 is the registration deadline. July 1 will be date to begin the announcement on billboards and B. Beaumont will check with RC Weekly to get prices for ads. Discussion regarding use of the comics section in the RC Journal focused on the cost and number of registrations generated in this way.

Fundraising Coordinator:

B. Fritz thanked everyone for the help at the Rapids/United game. There were 106 paid campers. She asked for help selling the Pauley's gift cards and each BOD member will take 10 cards to sell. C. Messmer reported a total of \$675.36 profit from the concessions at the game.

Old Business:

W. Anderson reported on "no show" games. The league's current policy has no penalty for cancelled games. M. Green explained that this season was the worst in 5 years for re-scheduling games. The Bylaws state that only RCYSL or a school event will be a reason to cancel. Games cancelled for other reasons will not be re-scheduled. There is a need to re-emphasize this with coaches and coordinators are urged to do that.

D. Davis requested a spreadsheet that indicates referee coverage of games.

SRC report: registration numbers are up. The Polo Field will be re-seeded and bare spots will be addressed. RSC has set a summer 3V3 League and asked for fields. They did not factor a field fee into their registration. This is a 12 game season in June and July. SRC has the policy to charge all players for use of the fields. BOD agreed that the RSC program should pay the same as the PeeWees (\$19) for twice the number of games.

Scheels Cup:

K. Hearn reported registration of 57 teams there could be 62. Moving all games to Sioux Park and putting the 14 and 16 games at Omaha will be best. There were 4 candidates at the weekend Game Manager class. Checkin will be at the front of Scheels on Thursday (4:00 -7:00 PM) and Friday (5:00-7:00 PM) and will need BOD participation.

Bill Herbst Memorial:

Joyce Herbst sent a check for \$1,090 for planting a tree at Omaha Field and the rest is to be used for the trophy. K. Hearn and C. Messmer will take care of this.

E-Newsletter:

K. Hearn launched the first one this month. BOD complimented her work and thanked her again for all she has done.

Soccer Complex Report : it continues to move slowly

Kohl's Cup:

There are 97 teams registered. B. Fritz is developing the book and B. Beaumont offered some information as to numbers to order. C. Messmer presented a label concept that could be added to water bottles sold at the concession trailer to advertise RCYSL and Challenge tryout dates as well as registration reminders.

First Kicks:

Some discussion about how to implement this. Perhaps with a PeeWee makeup experience during the summer or something like a sandlot day for U6 and U4 players to introduce soccer.

Challenge Elite Division:

The committee is discussing the details of this new program and hopes to implement in Fall 08 season. M. Owen explained that the state sees all recreation soccer as recreation soccer so the bylaws do not need to be changed. The details of this plan will have to be presented to the BOD in June. This will be an elevated team made up of players who have a shared commitment to soccer. The multi-sport player will be Ok but the first commitment will be expected to be to soccer. These teams will be age pure and will play up in the schedule. B. Beaumont suggested not completing the roster in order to guest players from other Challenge teams.

Colorado Rapids Game:

D. Davis complimented B. Fritz and asked her to begin plans for next year. It was suggested that scheduling the game during the state tournament had been very successful in the past and should be attempted in 2009.

Office Lease:

The current lease expires June 8 and RCYSL needs more room. B. Fritz will check on possible space.

Challenge Concessions:

C. Messmer explained that there are some teams that will have a balance in their account when they move up and wonder how that will be allocated. It was decided that this can be divided between players on the team and used to buy RCYSL merchandise, apply to fees, or to camp registration.

Challenge will handle concessions at both Scheels Cup and Kohl's Cup.

ByLaws Rule Changes:

M. Owen will chair this committee to examine confusion in the bylaws regarding how rules and bylaws are changed. D. Smith and K. Medley will be on the committee.

Ellsworth Teams:

RCYSL has been advised that the fees paid by Ellsworth need to be updated. A. Gadomski requested a letter of explanation from RCYSL explaining this so she can present it to the new base commander. D. Davis will send the letter.

PeeWees:

It has been a bad season for these players. Weather has been ugly. M. Owen would like to offer a positive experience to them by some makeup games in summer. BOD was not sure this would work but suggested there could be some combination of U4 and U6 event that would be a fun soccer experience. The committee will work on the details.

D. Davis excused all non-voting members and moved the meeting to Executive Session for personnel discussion. These involved two coaches with legal problems who need to be restricted from coaching. The issue of duration of restriction will be further addressed.

Meeting returned to regular status. C. Lerbach moved adjournment. B. Fritz 2nd. Meeting adjourned.