

EYSA BOARD MEETING – January 25, 2015

In attendance: Bryan Minner, Rob Cymbor, Jackie McCarty, Nicole Henry, Tim Peterson, Todd Haines, Morgan Miller, Todd Reinert, Vincent Biancone, Jason Pratt, Chris Hoffman.

The meeting was called to order by President Minner at 7:10 pm.

President's report:

1. RBJSL proposal for bylaw changes in an attempt to make relegation more fair for clubs and teams, including: limiting T3 option to U10 and lower; instituting a division selection procedure for the clubs; and taking T3 division out of playoffs. Additional details were sent in a separate email by Kevin Creamer.
2. US Soccer is changing the age start line from August 1 to January 1, starting in 2016. Current players U9 and above are grandfathered under the current rules.
3. US Soccer has proposed a change to the number of players on the field – 7v7 through U12, 9v9 U13 and older. This may affect the maximum number of players allowed on a roster.
4. Sign-up Genius is up and running but lists are not populated. Further discussion is needed to decide if we should increase registration fees by \$10 per player in order to hire someone part-time to take care of field maintenance and other miscellaneous tasks. Jake Hennessy currently helps with this; if he moves on then we'll look for a handy person or retiree to take over.
5. Still working through U12 11v11 scrimmages. They have 12-15 teams. The junior high school coaches have a chance to see who will be trying out for them in the fall.
6. Exeter and Governor Mifflin met with Reading United to discuss the May tournament. After negotiations, it was agreed that Exeter and GM would split 60% of the take after direct costs, if at least 50% of our spring teams play in the tournament. Discussion took place to change the name of the tournament to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project. This year's tournament will be at the Governor Mifflin complex. Girls will play May 30, boys will play May 31.
7. We will conduct concussion training as a group during our July coaches meeting. Anyone who fails to attend will need to do the training online. Spring coaches who did not coach in the fall will also need to complete the training online.
8. Following a complaint about some of the youth teams being "stacked," we will limit the number of requests by coaches to have certain players on their team to no more than 50% of their roster. This change will be implemented in the 2015 fall season.

Vice President's Report: Vice President Kline-Carr was absent. President Minner addressed Sign-up Genius.

Secretary's Report: Secretary Creamer was absent.

1. By motion of Rob Cymbor, second by Jackie McCarty, the minutes of the December meeting were adopted.
2. President Minner and Secretary Creamer have been in talks with the Junior and Senior High School soccer coaches to get them involved in training our U12 players. A meeting will be set up with the Executive Board, Boys and Girls Directors, and the school coaches to discuss how we can utilize our club as a feeder program to the schools.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Cymbor submitted his report in writing.

Registrar's Report: Youth spring registration should be opened soon but the links on our website have to be updated first. Library dates have been set (3/24 6pm-8pm, 4/2 5:30pm-pm, 4/8 5:30pm-8pm).

Treasurer Cymbor will send a check and 501c3 this week.

Boys and Girls Directors:

1. Relegation went well.
2. The pilot program at Exeter Fieldhouse for U11/U12 boys is going well. This program is 20 minutes of training followed by small-sided futsal-style games. There was discussion to open up a winter training program to other age groups next year, for players who are registered for spring soccer. President Minner will contact the Fieldhouse about availability next year so we can reserve field time. We will need volunteers to run the program.

Youth Directors: Indoor program currently running.

Field/Equipment Directors: Director Posey was absent.

1. President Minner reported that Pineland will be reseeded March 1, weather pending.
2. The field at the Exeter Bible Church/School will be used as another game field once it is lined. It should be big enough for U13. If the field is closed due to weather conditions, the staff agreed to notify our club within the timeframe required by RBJSL.

CPD Director:

1. Spring CPD program will run March 30 to April 28 at Lower Lausch. Mondays are U8/U9, Tuesdays are U11, Thursdays are U10. There is no CPD for U12 and above.
2. We may look into other training options for the fall.
3. Since we had positive feedback following last summer's striker/goalie training, we will plan to offer it again. We will also plan to run a once-a-week open kick-around.
4. We need to further discuss how to handle evaluations in May. The problem is not enough Reading United trainers to watch all players. If we look outside of Reading United, we would want to find licensed, semi-pro trainers to add weight to the process.

Fundraising Director:

1. Director Morgan confirmed dates of upcoming events.
 - a. DQ fundraisers – 5/13 and 9/2 (dunk tanks), and 12/12 (breakfast w/Santa).
 - b. Team photos and annual picnic – 9/12. Treasurer Cymbor will reserve the pavilion.
2. She is forming a committee to assist in obtaining items for the silent auction at the picnic.

Website Director: Director Kline was absent and has been unresponsive to communication by the club. The EYSA website and email distribution list need to be updated. Morgan Miller obtained the user name and password and will attempt to make the necessary changes until another Website Coordinator can be found.

Next meeting is February 22, 2015 at 7:00 pm at the Dunn Community Center.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:17 pm.

New Business: Jason Pratt presented what ProConnect Sports and Positive Coaching Alliance can offer the club for coach training, parent communication, summer programs, etc. Treasurer Cymbor will complete a survey noting the needs of the club, and Mr. Pratt will submit a proposal.