

Topton Soccer Club

April 21, 2009

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Board Members Present: Steve Unis, Blane Musser, Heather Miller, Lori Yocco, Ken Weidner, Guy M., Bruce Bortz
Members Present: Christine Unis, Rob Kohler, Danielle Santos, Scott Gambler, Stacey Gambler, Donald Bieber, Jenny Bieber, Jason Miller, Mike Freeby, Tim Sexton, Elmer (Woody) Moyer, Matt Vorhis, Rich Held, Jeff Hoffman, Sandy Tremblay, Dave Bieber, Dan Wetzel, Josh Wetzel, Stephanie Kohler
Meeting Opened: 7:21 PM by Steve (the meeting opened late due to Fall sign-up's/registration being held before the meeting)

Topic: Secretary's Report

- Agenda – There are 2 additions, Audit Report by Lori and Jack Krueger Camp by Steve – Approved, 1st Bruce, 2nd Blane
- Secretary's Report – Approved, 1st Guy, 2nd Lori
 - Rob presented a letter from Mary Beth Hendley from Longswamp Township clarifying the reason for her request of our club's meeting minutes from March
 - Rob also questioned the line "membership felt that we had not been provided with accurate information regarding Hunsicker's from the start of this whole process"
 - Heather responded by saying that based upon the members that were present at March's meeting, that was the general consensus

Topic: Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer's Report – Refer to Attachment A
- Current Total as of March 31, 2009 - \$ 27,516.43
- Lori said read a letter from Nicole Simpson who did an outside independent evaluation of the club's books when Allan's term was up – Refer to Attachment B
 - Steve recognized Allan once again for doing a great job
- Treasurer's Report – No additions or deletions - Approved, 1st Guy, 2nd Sandy

Topic: Registrar's Report

- Ken reported that during the 4 day's of Fall registration at District-Topton Elementary we had 279 player's sign-up of which 161 participated in the candy fundraiser, 57 opted to do the buyout and the remaining player's were either U6 player's or were player's where the maximum fundraiser was met for each family. The money collected during those 4 days totaled \$10,724.00
- Ken reported that at tonight's Fall registration an additional 39 people came in to register of which 8 participated in the candy fundraiser, 22 had to do the buyout and 9 player's were U6
 - There were only 8 fundraiser boxes of candy available and they went on a first come, first serve basis
- The outstanding candy balance owed to the club is \$12,302.00
- There are still 10 players' who registered on-line but did not come in to pay; as of now, they will not be added to a team
- There will be a meeting on Sunday to determine how the teams will be split

Topic: Ways & Means

- Jenny reported that she thought the candy sale overall went very well; there were just a few problem's that came up tonight
 - Some people were upset because there were no candy boxes left to sell
- Jenny reported that we did have to place a second order for more candy
- Blane reported that he checked 4 of the major candy websites and found that they too were suggesting selling 2 candy bars for \$3.00 (\$1.50 each)
- Because of the candy sale, we were able to lower the registration fee compared to last year
- Outstanding candy money will be collected at the evaluation's on May 2, 2009

Topic: Grounds & Equipment

- Bruce reported that the Hunsicker's land is on hold because we did not get any answers to our questions and there was no one at tonight's Longswamp meeting who could answer them
 - It was brought up though at tonight's Longswamp's meeting that Hunsicker's would be open to any & all other organizations
 - Rob suggested that Bruce and Guy should go to the Supervisor's meeting at Longswamp to get answer's
 - Bruce would like just a few people handling Hunsicker's rather than mixing it up with multiple people
- Guy reported that Norm Buck has all the number's calculated for the property on Tower Road, he just needs to prepare it all in a proposal to the club
 - Rob asked if the club had checked with the D.E.P. to see if it was possible to put a field at this location
 - Guy explained that the Topton Borough Manager needed these number's before we could go one step further
- Rob shared that there are numerous grants available to non-profit organizations for purchasing land, putting in fields, purchasing equipment, etc.
 - Bruce reported that Topton Soccer Club is completely a non-profit organization
- Guy will be collecting all Spring equipment from the coaches shortly; check the website for dates & times
 - Guy's afraid that we'll be missing a lot of the new gray shirts
- Bruce reported that he's waiting on the final volunteer list for Opening Day, and then he will start having meeting's to begin preparing for August 22, 2009

Topic: Old Business

- Spring Season Update
 - Jason had to forfeit 2 games and questioned what he should do with the ref fee's
 - The comment was made about what was the fine for forfeiting a game? Jason wondered what was the fine for no referee's showing up to 2 of our games?
 - Steve suggested trying to get the other coach to agree not playing also to avoid a fine
 - Bruce suggested trying to not have any soccer games next year on the opening day of baseball
 - Ken said that we can submit a head of time, day's that we are unable to play, in fact, we should submit the dates for the Fall season soon (example, Deka picnic, etc.)
 - Ken inquired about a party for the teams for the end of the Spring season; the response was we were not doing anything this year
- Primary & Secondary Player's
 - Rob asked for clarification regarding the proposal
 - Steve read the proposal from March's meeting minutes which is as follows:
 - It was proposed again that a secondary player cannot bump primary players from the club's highest level team for that age group; this applies when an age group has multiple teams, instead, the secondary player should move up to the next age group
 - By being a secondary player with TSC, the player is waiving his/her right to make the highest level team of that age group
 - Also, primary players must play and try-out at their EPYSA age level; exceptions would be:
 - If the parent request's that their child participate with the kids in their same school grade level
 - The board may ask players to play up if needed to fill team rosters
 - Matt questioned what the club was trying to do & stated that he felt we were setting a terrible precedent
 - Jason again stated that a T1 player cannot play down to a T2 or T3 team and therefore felt that a premier player should not play down to a T1 team
 - Guy commented that a secondary player does not necessarily mean a premier player, it could be a player who primary's with another local club
 - Rich felt that it would not be fair either way, so why exclude a player, premier or not
 - Blane responded that we're not excluding that player, they can still play with TSC, but as a secondary at a higher age level; by doing so, we're not excluding the T2 and T3 player's who are right on the cusp of making that T1 team
 - The question was asked why couldn't those registered as secondary player's register primary with TSC for the 8 week season & then primary with the other organizations the rest of the year
 - The comment was made why should TSC allow secondary players when no other club's or organizations will allow this
 - Donny felt that it was fair for a secondary player to try out for a T1 team at the age group above

- Sandy commented that try-out's are for primary player's and she doesn't know what all the discussion is about; secondary player's are only used to help out a team as needed
 - Steve responded by saying that was Sandy's interpretation and was not necessarily the ruling.
- Stephanie questioned what will the club do if there is not a next age group for the secondary player to move up to
- Danielle commented that she wants her kids to be challenged and love the game and not be bored like before
- Stephanie wondered if this was ever an issue before
 - Bruce responded that at a previous RBJSJL meeting, it was mentioned that TSC did not allow secondary player's at all
- Blane read the proposal again as written in March's meeting minutes
- Blane read from the TSC by-law's as to who was eligible to vote on the primary/secondary policy
- There was a motion made to take a vote – Approved, 1st Bruce, 2nd Jason
 - There were 9 votes in favor and 3 votes opposed

Topic: New Business

- RBJSJL Meeting
 - Jason said that he and Dave missed the meeting because they had the wrong date
 - Blane mentioned that there is a sign-up sheet on the front table if anyone is interested in attending a meeting as a representative of TSC
- Longswamp Township Meeting was discussed previously under Grounds & Equipment
- Evaluation's
 - Jason said that some age group's may not need an evaluation based upon the number's of player's who registered; he will meet with the evaluation committee to discuss how to proceed with the team's and try-out's
 - Ken will send out a mass e-mail to check the website for updated times; Blane will also list the information on the sign
- Zach Smith Scholarship
 - Heather reported that she has received the 3 candidates for both the boys' and girls' High School teams from the coaches; the next step is for the board to pick 1 candidate from both groups and then Heather will contact Zach's mother with the choices to see if she agrees

Topic: Open Floor

- Steve wanted to know if there was an interest in bringing in Jack Kruger to run a camp this summer
 - Bruce expressed that he would like to try and hold an in-house camp this year instead
 - Approved, 1st Dave, 2nd Don
 - The comment was made that we should still offer the Kruger camp to the player's by either sending out a mass e-mail or posting it on our website to see what kind of response there is to it
- Josh expressed an interest in taking over and redoing the club's website as a senior project
- Rob questioned what's acceptable for a coach and directed his comments at Guy; he felt that if a coach has too much on his plate, than we, as a club should limit them. Rob stated that he felt the U9 Girl's spring team lost out and that Guy had not prepared them well enough for the upcoming fall season.
 - Guy wanted it recorded in the notes that he felt as though he was being verbally attacked and that this was an attack on his personal character
 - Bruce responded by stating that Spring soccer is for fun, it's to get used to playing on a big field with all girl's
 - Ken mentioned that if multiple coach's express an interest in one team, then it comes down to the board's discretion; Bruce followed up with each interested coach should fill out & submit an application; Steve commented that, that is now covered in our by-law's
 - Sandy commented that if personal issues arise, then those parties should approach the board with their concerns

Meeting Adjourned: 9:14 PM, 1st Dan, 2nd Jeff

Next Meeting: **May 19, 2009 @ 7:00 PM** @ the Topton Legion

Agenda to Include: Evaluation's, Selection of U6 & U8 Team's, Opening Day