

Topton Soccer Club

February 17, 2009

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Board Members Present: Steve U., Blane Musser, Heather Miller, Ken Weidner, Guy Miller, Bruce Bortz

Members Present: Brian Keeney, Dave Bieber, Jason Miller, Mike Freeby, Jenny Bieber, Sandy Tremblay, Tom Betts

Meeting Opened: 7:01 PM by Steve Unis

Topic: Secretary's Report

- Agenda – No additions or deletions
- Secretary's Report – Approved, 1st Mike, 2nd Dave

Topic: Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer's Report – Refer to Attachment A
- Current Total as of January 31st - \$36,983.67
- Motion to accept Treasurer's Report – 1st Jason, 2nd Dave

Topic: Registrar's Report

- There are still a number of coaches who owe player passes; must be returned to Ken by 02/19/09
- There is a mandatory coach's meeting 02/26 @ Fleetwood MS @ 7:00 PM (NOTE location change)
- Ken is able to add assistant coaches or secondary player's yet for Spring, just let him know
- Blane mentioned that Jim Christian said that Ken is doing a great job as registrar

Topic: Ways & Means

- Jenny Bieber has volunteered to be the head of the Ways & Means committee
- A candy fundraiser was agreed upon as our Fall fundraiser; every child will be required to sell 1 box of candy
- The committee will meet separately to determine the number of boxes to be ordered so that the candy will be here by the time of our fall registration dates
 - Membership agreed that the candy should be paid for in full at the time of registration; this should be clearly stated on the forms sent home through school
- A buy-out option will be offered to those who do not wish to participate in the fundraiser
 - Membership agreed that the buy-out costs are due at the time of registration also
- Jenny mentioned doing a hoagie sale or a lottery ticket sale based upon the PA daily number
 - Sandy mentioned that she didn't think we could do a lottery ticket sale because of the gaming laws and our non-profit status
 - Bruce is waiting to hear back from the state as to what we can and can not do; he will update us at the next meeting
 - Membership agreed that these 2 fundraisers could possibly be a great mid-season fundraiser option
 - Mike mentioned possibly having the hoagies for sale at opening day

Topic: Grounds & Equipment

- The Longswamp shed is now empty; all items moved to the equipment shed in Topton
- Guy mentioned that we will need to purchase sand bags before the Fall season
- The bulk t-shirt's have all come in; they are separated into bins by color, age group, etc. and are in the equipment shed in Topton
- Geist has finished the try-out pinnies (numbered 1 through 50, front and back); they are in the equipment shed in Topton
- The sign has come in and currently is in Blane's front yard (right on the main street)
- Jason questioned if the club still wanted a banner for the school fence; membership said yes with a cost not to exceed \$100.00
- Guy, Blane, and Bruce reported that the Topton borough approached them with another offer of land on Tower Road; the three of them will sit with the borough members to work out all of the details which will then be presented to membership at a later date

Topic: Old Business

- Indoor Update – Open gyms are a big hit; averaging 40 to 60 kids each week
 - We have the MS gym for one more date, Feb. 28th from 3:00 to 9:00; Spring coaches can sign up for a time slot to have practice
- toptionsoccerclub@live.com Update – we’re getting tons of e-mail’s, lots of volunteers; no complaints as of yet
- Spring fields & practices – we are trying to stay off of Longswamp fields this Spring
 - U9 & U10 games will be played at Rockland; U11 & above will play at the Middle School
 - We can use DT in a “pinch” if we have to
 - Blane worked out a schedule for Spring practice times & locations based upon the coach’s requests; see him if you need to change anything
- Committee sign-up sheets have been posted at meeting’s and indoor gym times; lots of people are signing up; we will continue to put out the sheets at TSC activities and will update the committee heads of all new volunteers

Topic: New Business

- RBJSL Meeting – Blane reviewed RBJSL meeting summaries – refer to Attachment B
 - A volunteer sign-up sheet for the RBJSL monthly meetings has been created; please consider attending one of the meeting’s as a representative of Topton Soccer Club
 - Meeting’s are the second Wednesday of the month at 8:00 PM
- Longswamp Meeting
 - The possibility of another land offer was mentioned to the Longswamp council members; they asked that we let them know as soon as possible if the other land is a go; in the meantime, they will continue to pursue Hunsicker’s grove
 - It was also mentioned to them that we may be using the school fields for opening day and the Fall season
- The school determined that the goals at Rockland school belong to the Topton Soccer Club
 - Membership determined that all goals should be labeled somehow with “Property of TSC”
- Outstanding Balances - There is an estimated \$ 600.00 owed to the club in past due accounts from as far back as 2 years ago; it was proposed at last month’s meeting to write these debts off
 - Approved – 1st Guy, 2nd Dave
 - New procedures have been put into place to see that this does not happen again
- Fall registration will be done on-line again
 - Fall registration dates will be April 3rd, 4th, 7th, and 9th at District-Topton
 - A flyer will be drafted and handed out to all 3 elementary schools, the Middle School, local day-care’s, and possibly advertised in the Merchandiser and The Patriot
 - Financial obligations (registration fee & fundraiser) must be met by the deadline or you will not be added to a team
- Non-Profit Status –It appears that the club is in fact non-profit; Bruce is working on finalizing the details
 - Steve mentioned that we need to know as soon as possible because our taxes need to be filed
- Club website
 - Pictures from the indoor sessions have been added to the website; photo release forms have been signed
 - There’s been close to a 1000 hits on the website
- It was mentioned at January’s meeting that the board would be taking a look at the current by-law’s; the following is a brief summary of the proposed changes; voting will take place at March’s meeting
 - Changing of the board’s term of office to now be December 1st to November 30th
 - Assistant coach’s will now be considered a supporting member of the club
 - Voting members will now consist of the current Board of Directors, the head coach of each teams, and any supporting member that has attended three of the previous six meetings
 - Written receipts will now be provided to everyone paying cash and/or check; receipts will then be reconciled and verified by two current Board members
 - There will now be an “official” order for signing of the checks
 - There will now be a late registration fee and a returned check fee
 - To review the proposed by-laws in full, visit www.toptionsoccerclub.org

Topic: Open Floor

- The brush at Rockland needs to be trimmed back; Bobby gave the club permission to clean up the area
- Bobby mentioned to Blane about the club making a monetary donation to the school for the up keep of the fields
- Evaluation's were discussed; dates to follow
- There was a discussion regarding primary and secondary player status

Meeting Adjourned: 9:16 PM, 1st Bruce, 2nd Jason

Next Meeting: **March 17, 2009 @ 7:00 PM** @ the Topton Legion

Agenda to Include: Fall Registration, Fundraiser's, Committee's, Evaluations, and By-Law's