

Topton Soccer Club
July 21, 2009
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Board Members Present: Blane Musser, Heather Miller, Lori Yocco, Ken Weidner, Guy Miller, Bruce Bortz

Members Present: Jason Miller, Mike Freeby, Tim Sexton, Elmer (Woody) Moyer, Dave Bieber, Scott Harpel, Derek Strunk, Solon Shade, Brian Keeney, Jen Musser, Alan Savitz, Sandy Tremblay, Brian Moyer, Jeff Boyer, Rob Ferry, Tim Cronrath, John Petersen, Amy Petersen, Ty Rissmiller, Corey Groff, Shawn Sterner, Larry Heagy, Dan Wetzel

Meeting Opened: 7:10 PM by Blane; Blane explained that Steve was ill and that he would be running tonight's meeting

Topic: Secretary's Report

- Agenda – under new business Blane added Fall trophies, Under the Lights, and indoor sessions, Dave asked to add tournament money to new business, and Ken added the Kruger camp to new business as well – Approved, 1st Guy, 2nd Dave
- Secretary's Report – correction to first line under old business on page 2, the U6 season will start on August 15th, not August 16th as listed on June 16th's minutes - Approved, 1st Dave, 2nd Jason
- Blane reminded everyone to please sign the attendance sheet on the front table

Topic: Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer's Report – Refer to Attachment A
- Current Total as of June 30, 2009 - \$ 47,484.59
- Treasurer's Report – No additions or deletions - Approved, 1st Dave, 2nd Jason
- Blane reported on behalf of Lori who was running a little late due to work
 - The rental cost is \$50.00 a month for our storage shed (\$600.00 for a full year); Blane asked if anyone had any other idea's of places to rent, there was no suggestions; Guy said that he would like to stay at this shed since it's now organized and changes have been made to better utilize the space available there
 - Blane reported that Lori heard back from the accountant, the club has a non-profit status with the state, but not with the federal government. It will cost \$750.00 to make the change to a 5013C non-profit status with the federal government and the accountant's fees will be an additional couple hundred dollars
 - It was requested that this item be added to next month's agenda for approval
 - By attaining a federal non-profit status, the club would be able to apply for more federal grant money

Topic: Registrar's Report

- Ken reported that Fall 2009 registration is now closed
- Ken reminded all the coaches to fill out the risk management assessment and to log in as ToptonSC, otherwise the system will not recognize that the coach has completed the assessment; assistant coaches need to complete the assessment as well
- Ken asked that the travel coaches please make sure that their player card's are filled out correctly, it's a lot of work and time if things are not done right the first time; Ken needs to take all of the signed player passes to Reading to be finalized, so please don't wait until the last minute to turn everything in to him
- Some player's still owe birth certificates and candy money, their names are listed in your coaches packets; head coaches, be aware that if the candy money is not collected, that player will be dropped from the roster
- Blane told Ken that we'll need to select dates for the 2010 Spring season's registration as soon as possible so that we can submit the paperwork for the DT cafe to the school and the sooner we do that, the better

Topic: Ways & Means

- There is no update this month for ways & means

Topic: Grounds & Equipment

- Land Update – none

- Equipment update:
 - U6 teams have already received their shirts, balls have been ordered & each coach / team will get them on August 15th
 - U8 and above will get all of their equipment tonight; each coach should verify the equipment in their bin against the equipment sheet enclosed in the bin; if there is a problem, let Guy know tonight otherwise, the person taking the equipment should sign the equipment sheet and that person is responsible for making sure that all the equipment listed on the sheet is returned at the end of the 2009 Fall season to Guy
 - Guy gave Geist a list of items that the club will need to purchase in order to get prices quoted; he has that list along with quoted prices from EuroSport for the same items if anyone would like to look at it – Geist's prices came in lower
 - There was an order for balls placed already from Geist because there was not enough balls to hand out to all the age groups
 - Bruce asked Guy if he got prices for the Rubbermaid sheds to replace the wooden boxes at DT and Rockland; the smaller box is \$149.99 and the larger box is \$249.99 at Sears, Guy felt that the smaller box should hold all of the equipment that we currently have in the wooden boxes; Guy mentioned that we will need to purchase new locks as well for the boxes
 - Bruce mentioned that he will be setting up all of the fields on Saturday, August 1st, he will need as much help as possible; U6 will play at DT, U8 to U10 will play @ Rockland, U11 and above will play at the High School
 - Blane mentioned that some adjustments may be necessary to games that will be held at the High School during the same time as the Minstrels show's, parking was a issue last year
 - Opening Day: Bruce reported that there is a tentative game schedule and that most teams will be playing in house; Heather mentioned that the picture schedule was added to the coaches packet and that this year instead of a team plaque each head coach would be receiving a motivational picture with them and their children inside

Topic: Old Business

- Blane reported that the summer kick-around's went well; Jason asked if nets could be placed on the goals at DT before the start of the official practices
- Guy reported that the goalie clinic went very well, there was 18 different player's that attended over the course of the 3 nights; he thanked Blane, Woody, Solon, and Chad Gechter for their help; next year the coaches will try to hold multiple goalie clinic's by starting earlier in the summer
- There are guidelines for the different age groups in the coaches packet's, each coach should review them and if you have any questions, contact one of the board members for an answer

Topic: New Business

- RBJSJ Meeting – there was not a regular meeting in July, instead it was a relegation meeting
 - Blane reported that each team got what division (T1, T2, T3) they requested @ relegation
 - Guy asked for volunteer's to attend the RBJSJ meeting's; it would be a big help and much appreciated by those that have been attending
 - There is a mandatory coaches' meeting for all coaches of U9 and above on Thursday, August 27th or Monday, August 31st @ 7:00 PM @ Fleetwood High School
 - There is also a field commissioners meeting on those same nights after the main meeting; Bruce is our club's Field Commissioner
- Bruce reported that he still has not heard anything from Longswamp Township regarding the property at Hunsicker's Grove
 - Guy asked if an official letter could be drafted and sent to Longswamp letting them know that if they (LS) should obtain the land, then they should contact our club along with the other clubs and we'll examine our situation at that time
 - Blane explained that there are plans in the works with the school district for usage of the fields at Rockland
 - A motion was made to vote tonight as to whether or not we should write an official letter to Longswamp Township withdrawing our request for them to pursue Hunsicker's Grove for our club
 - Approved – 1st Guy, 2nd Bruce; there was no one opposed; a motion was passed to have Heather draft a letter

- Blane brought up about Fall trophies; in the past each coach could opt to have a trophy for each player on their team or they could have money for a team party instead, normally the selection of the trophies have been the responsibility of one person
 - Blane said that softball gives each coach an allotted amount of money and then they can go to Crown Trophy to select their own trophy for their team, he questioned whether or not this was something we wanted to look into doing for our club
 - Tim mentioned that we probably get a discount because of ordering in bulk and would that happen if each coach went in on their own; Blane said he would try and find out an answer for us before the next meeting
 - It was decided to add Fall trophies to next month's agenda to see how we wanted to proceed
- Blane said that October 3rd has been set up as a tentative date with the school for Under the Lights for the U6 & U8 teams; Blane mentioned that this year the school will be charging us \$50.00 for the usage of the lights; it was proposed to vote on the \$50.00 at next month's meeting – Approved, 1st – Jeff, 2nd – Guy
- Blane mentioned that if we are interested in having indoor session's again this year at the Middle School, we'll need to reserve the gym time ASAP; last year we booked the MS gym Saturday's from 3:00 to 9:00 in December, January, and February; this year though each coach must be present at the time they book to supervise the kick-around or to run the practice during that time slot, no one person will be staying from 3:00 to 9:00; Guy asked if you are a coach and you bring your child to a kick-around run by another coach, please help out
- Blane said that if we are interested in running an indoor tournament, we need to submit the paperwork ASAP and begin preparations immediately – there is a lot of work involved in running a successful tournament; Blane asked that you let him know at August's meeting if you're interested in heading the event; Guy mentioned that if you think you'd be willing to help out, to please let us know that as well – Dave said that he would be willing to volunteer
- Ken mentioned that the Kruger camp will be held the last week of July, Monday through Thursday, 6:00 to 8:30 at Rockland; there is no need to register, just show up the first night with a check payable to Jack Krueger; the target ages for the camp are player's from U9 to U13; in the past, the camp has gone well and there is always positive comments about it
- Blane explained that currently there is not any money budgeted for Fall tournaments
 - Dave said that each team should be allowed to go into at least one tournament
 - It was figured out that if we had \$4000.00 then each team could go into one tournament without the player's having to pay any additional money
 - Ken requested that Lori prepare a spreadsheet to show what was brought in for registration compared to what was originally budgeted for registrations before making any decisions
 - A motion was made to vote on tournament money at next month's meeting; Approved – 1st Jason, 2nd Bruce, there was no one opposed
- Ken reviewed the contents of the coaches packets – player passes, player's names that owe birth certificates and /or candy money, secondary player passes, an important dates flyer, an unofficial team roster, each player's medical release form, the picture packet, a Fall practice schedule, and the guideline's checklist for the age groups
- Lori mentioned that the club can get a Visa debit card from our bank for equipment purchases; it still would require two signatures to move any money over to the debit card account; the holder of the card will have a pin number and would still be required to turn in all receipts to the treasurer; a formal vote to proceed will be held at next month's meeting

Topic: Open Floor

- Blane made an announcement to all coaches to please make sure that you've contacted all of your player's either through e-mail or a phone call; the club is still receiving numerous e-mail's from parent's that have yet to be contacted regarding their child's team
- Official practices can begin on August 1st

Meeting Adjourned: 8:06 PM, 1st Mike, 2nd Guy

Next Meeting: **August 18th @ 7:30 PM** @ the Topton Legion ... **please note the time change for the start of the meeting due to Fall practices!**

Agenda to Include: Federal Non-Profit Status, Opening Day, Rubbermaid Boxes, Hunsicker Grove, Fall Trophies, Under the Lights, Indoor Session's, Visa Debit Card and Tournament Money