

**Topton Soccer Club**  
**October 20, 2009**  
**www.toptonsoccerclub.org**

**Board Members Present:** Steve Unis, Heather Miller, Lori Yocco, Ken Weidner, Bruce Bortz, Guy Miller

**Members Present:** Scott Harpel, Derek Strunk, Sandy Tremblay, Rob Kohler, Jeff Hoffman, Mike Freeby, Barry Unger, Tim Sexton, Woody Moyer

**Meeting Opened:** 7:01 PM by Steve

**Topic: Secretary's Report**

- Agenda – There were no additions or deletions - Approved, 1<sup>st</sup> Ken, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sandy; there was no one who opposed
- Secretary's Report – There were no additions or deletions - Approved, 1<sup>st</sup> Guy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ken; the secretary's report was approved by all those in attendance

**Topic: Treasurer's Report**

- Treasurer's Report – Refer to Attachment A
- Current Total as of September 30, 2009 - \$ 37,708.34
- Guy inquired about the purchase of 1 coach shirt, check # 1309; Lori was unsure what it was, but mentioned that it was included on an invoice initialed by Blane; Guy said for future reference, there are numerous coaches shirts in bins in the storage shed
- Treasurer's Report – No additions or deletions - Approved, 1<sup>st</sup> Tim, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ken; there was no one opposed

**Topic: Registrar's Report**

- Ken reported that there was no activity this month for Fall registrations; he will discuss Spring registration under New Business

**Topic: Ways & Means**

- There is no ways & means report this month

**Topic: Grounds & Equipment**

- Guy reported that there is nothing to report regarding land
- Guy mentioned that he was approached by the school Athletic Director in regards to the Rockland property. Girl's soccer is moving to the Fall in 2012 and the school is considering using Rockland for all of the Middle School games. The AD was wondering if the club would help with putting in a full-length soccer field at Rockland. Guy told him that once the school got the ball rolling, they could contact the club at that time
- If you need ice packs, just let Guy know, he usually has some with him
- Guy will still purchase 2 Rubbermaid bins and new locks; he will be given a check tonight and will then turn in the receipts and change if there is any
- Guy reminded the coaches in attendance to please paint the Rockland game field if needed when they're up practicing
  - Bruce will take a look at the home schedule for Rockland and will e-mail Ken with the names of the coaches playing the first game; Ken will then send out a reminder e-mail to those coaches regarding painting the field before their game

**Topic: Old Business**

- Under the Lights: Heather reported that the kid's really seemed to enjoy it
- Steve congratulated the teams who placed at the Wilson Tournament: Guy Miller, U9 Girl's, 1<sup>st</sup> place; Derek Strunk, U10 Boy's, 1<sup>st</sup> place; Scott Harpel, U9 Boy's, 2<sup>nd</sup> place; Blane Musser, U10 Girl's, 2<sup>nd</sup> place; Mike Freeby, U11 Boy's, 2<sup>nd</sup> place
- Tim reported that the U8 kids did well at the Oley tournament as well
- Guy reported that if you need to re-schedule a game due to a rainout, please let him know ASAP; there are time restraints for T1 and T2 teams due to the play-offs. Bruce reported that unless it's thundering and lightening, all games will be played because of the minimum amount of time left to make up games before the play-offs.

**Topic: New Business**

- RBJSL Meeting: Sandy Tremblay attended; Refer to Attachment B for her meeting minutes
- Ken reported that Spring Registration dates have been set – December 1<sup>st</sup>, December 4<sup>th</sup>, and December 5<sup>th</sup>. Ken will need help at registration. Spring registration is open to all second year U8 player's and above
  - Guy asked if the costs could be lowered for Spring since they were lowered in the Fall; after a discussion by membership, it was decided that for this Spring, it would cost \$25.00 for returning player's and \$30.00 for new player's; there is no fundraiser in the Spring
  - There are no try-out's for the Spring season; U8 player's moving up to U9 will form new teams and the existing U9 teams will remain the same as the Fall season
- Steve tabled Bollinger Insurance until next month when Blane will be back and can offer more information
- TSC Officer Nominations:
  - Derek Stunk withdrew his name from the Board Member at Large position
  - Nominations were accepted under New Business and then were closed; Nominations were revisited under the Open Floor and new nominations were made, therefore, we needed a 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> to re-open them – Approved 1<sup>st</sup> Ken, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tim; we needed a 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> to close nominations again – Approved 1<sup>st</sup> Ken, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jeff
  - President Nominations – Guy nominated Jim Wood; an e-mail will be sent to Jim to see if he accepts
    - No other nominations
  - Vice President Nominations – Guy nominated Jim Wood; an e-mail will be sent to Jim to see if he accepts
    - No other nominations
  - Treasurer Nominations – Guy nominated Jim Wood; an e-mail will be sent to Jim to see if he accepts
    - No other nominations
  - Secretary Nominations – Guy nominated Jim Wood; an e-mail will be sent to Jim to see if he accepts
    - No other nominations
  - Registrar Nominations – Guy nominated Jim Wood; an e-mail will be sent to Jim to see if he accepts
    - No other nominations
  - Board Member at Large
    - Steve nominated Tim Sexton; Tim declined the nomination
    - Steve nominated Rob Kohler; Rob declined the nomination
    - Guy nominated Bruce; Bruce accepted with the understanding that his time would be limited
    - Ken nominated Guy; Guy agreed to accept the nomination, but commented to membership that he will not do half the stuff that he has done over this past year
    - Guy nominated Jim Wood; an e-mail will be sent to Jim to see if he accepts
  - Ken will send out an e-mail to membership letting them know about the open board positions; Steve encouraged those with young children to consider taking on a position

**Topic: Open Floor**

- Tim asked if the club ever thought about having a float in the Halloween parade; the cub scouts won 1<sup>st</sup> place this year and brought home \$250.00; there was some concern that it's the same day as the Wilson & Oley tournaments; membership decided that Tim should bring it up again next year to see if there would be an interest
- Guy mentioned that in his opinion when a club teams reaches the Middle School age we should encourage them to play T1 or not have a club team; it's not doing the kid's any good playing at a T3 level. The player's are only going to get better by playing better competition. Sandy agreed, she commented that her team is playing @ a T1 level and although they're not winning all their games, they're learning to play better & are learning to play as a team
- Guy mentioned the Brandywine complaint website and encouraged those that are posting on there in regards to the soccer club come to a meeting instead and then we as a club can work things out face to face. He felt as though we as a club should stop bashing each other & should focus on making TSC better
- Rob mentioned that he's been coming to meeting's for 6+ year's & in the beginning it was about what could be done to make the club better for the kids. He encouraged everyone to look @ TSC's mission statement. He felt as though we're getting away from doing the best thing for the kids. Some of the kid's are loosing their moral and are not having fun. Rob feels that there's a lot of animosity among the coaches and it's tearing the club apart
- Guy said that our by-laws are very vague and anyone can read into them, but for the most part he feels that the club is going in a better direction. Steve agreed, he felt the direction of our club has changed for the better
- Tim said that he can understand why no one wants to step up for the board

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:52 PM, 1<sup>st</sup> Sandy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Guy

**Next Meeting:** **November 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM** @ the Topton Legion

**Agenda to Include:** Officer Nominations / Elections, Fall Season Update, Spring Registration, Indoor Sessions