

DSC Monthly Board Meeting – 6 PM – Thursday, May 15th, 2025

1. Call to Order: 6:09 pm

Present: Nicole Corbett, Annie Koelker, Stephanie Arensdorff, Jason Berna (TEAMS), Mike Trudeau (TEAMS)

2. Approve the agenda: Stephanie motioned to approve. Annie seconded.

3. Approve April meeting minutes: Nicole motioned to approve. Annie seconded.

4. Reports:

A. Jason Berna / Developmental – Update E-mailed

Spring Developmental

- It was a cold season – except for the last weekend the weather was great!!
- 472 Players in the program (Church overflow parking was greatly needed) (I did drop off the \$500 check and thanked the church – they did not want a social media post)
- 52 TH program players – staffed and successful training environment
- DSC open house May 3 Saturday and May 8 TH program – great response (Mike T)
- Kevin Berg did a great job with the referees!!
- Collecting pictures from parents to have Annie do a social media post

It was a rough start for fields being ready, but lately the alliance has been great. To save money, Jon Denham is volunteering to line the fields, and Paul Hayes is cleaning bathrooms. There is a new contract for field maintenance and mowing (current parent of a developmental player). Fields have been aerated and fertilized. The plan is to move field layouts to revitalize current fields.

Summer Developmental

Registration deadline May 16

U5 – 137

U7 – 138 (might try some girls only teams, boys only, and some that are coed this summer)

U9 B – 59 out of 96 spots (61% full)

U9 G – 39 of 48 spots (81% full)

- Ean Followill (Wahlert girls coach is coming on as the Thursday Developmental lead coach for summer and fall)

- Final reminder will go out this week to sign up and teams/coaches will be put together next week
- I will be emailing DSC players if they want to coach to contact me this week as well – already have a hand full signed up to coach

Shirt sponsors are paid through Summer 2026 – we can add sponsors if anyone has any leads for the back of the shirt.

I have Dick's Discount codes I will send to DSC Developmental summer families and DSC current members.

B. Academy Update / Mike Trudeau: Update E-mailed

1. On-field activities

The last CDL matches of the spring season for BU13/14 are 5/4, 5/18. Last matches for GU13/14 are 4/27 and 5/17.

Since joining CDL 3-4 years ago DSC has been a provisional club. This indicates the club is able to participate in matches but does not have voting rights as a full league member. Met with Ian Bradley, CDL League Administrator, on 4/16 where he indicated the league would like to start the process of DSC potentially becoming a full voting member. The start of this process is a vote of other league directors at the next league directors meeting on 5/27 to determine if they allow us to enter. He indicated we have demonstrated in our time in the league the qualities they are looking for in full voting membership.

Festival 2 took place the weekend of 5/10 at Tuma Soccer Complex. Festival 3 will be the weekend of 5/17 at Waverly and the final festival weekend will take place at DSC complex on 5/31-6/1. Preparations for hosting the final EIYSL festival at DSC have been ongoing for weeks, i.e. reconfiguration of fields, field maintenance, referee coordinator communication, communication with concession staff, etc.

During Saturday's matches of the 2nd EIYSL festival there was a racial incident which took place with one of our families whereby a racial slur was written on the back of the family's car. As soon as I found out about the incident the director of the hosting club was contacted to inform him of what took place. He contacted the facility to determine if there were video cameras in the area where their car was, unfortunately there weren't cameras in that area. The EIYSL league director was contacted as well to inform him of the incident. The incident was addressed at the EIYSL league directors weekly meeting. The league directors have drafted a statement on behalf

of the league and will be sent to all league clubs (See enclosed statement). The statement has since been shared with the family.

Summer league update: 66 players are currently registered as of 5/14. (See enclosed document for breakdown of players per age group). A group met on 5/14 to discuss next steps/options if numbers are to remain the same, including combining age groups, only having games on one day, etc. We will continue to push for continued registrations until the last possible moment.

Academy Open House at Developmental was done on Saturday 5/3 and Thursday 5/8. There were over a dozen families who stopped asking for more information.

2. Coach/player/parent education Training opportunity with Julie Nicoletti, owner of Kinetic Fuel (www.kineticfuel.net) and Sports Nutritionist for the Boston Bruins, to provide valuable information for players/families on athlete nutrition and hydration. 10 families have registered to attend.

The training session with Julie is Thursday 5/15 at 6:30pm CST.

C. Financial Update / Nicole Corbett

Money just went out to register for the moonlight classic tournament. No concerns with our current balance. Our account is typically lower at this point in the year due to ongoing fees for academy. Once summer/fall developmental and academy registration fees come in, we will again have a boost in funds that will slowly drain throughout the year.

D. Marketing Update / Annie Koelker

- Annual meeting at Stone Cliff event room. 6:30pm start time.
 - Stephanie to resend email about meeting. Annie to push post about annual meeting.
 - What are our overarching goals? These are the steps we've already taken. These are the steps for the future.
 - Financial slide that shows the academy operates at a loss. Where does the money go? tournament fees, field rentals, registration fees, etc.

5. Committee Updates:

No updates. Moving forward, each committee needs to submit a written summary every month of what they are currently working on or have accomplished.

- Committees need to submit proposals for the board to consider, and the board will either approve or not. Committees themselves cannot make policy decisions.

6. June Annual General Meeting: Thursday, June 12, at 6:30pm.

7. Adjourn Open Meeting: Meeting adjourned at 7:15.