

# MERRIMACK YOUTH ASSOCIATION SOCCER PROGRAM

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

December 13, 2020 6pm

- 1) Call to order: 6:01pm: Attendees: Scott Locasto, Tom Bellen, David Illg, Jim Cirillo, Kevin Skarupa, Jonathan Barley, Kit Cargyle, Tim O'Keefe, Dennis Theriault
- 2) Next meeting: **January 24th. (Sunday) @ 6pm at the MYA Building**
- 3) **ANNUAL ELECTION**
  - a) **Elections**
    - i) Open positions include Treasurer, Secretary, Rec Director, Registrar and Equipment Manager; Scott plans to push for volunteers to fill these positions; Dave I. might know a couple of people to volunteer
    - ii) Kit has agreed to stay in the equipment manager position until it is filled; Tim has agreed to stay in the Rec Director role until that is filled (and will assist closely with the transition); Dennis will stay in the Secretary role until filled
    - iii) Member At Large 1 1 candidate - Jonathan Barkley (unanimously voted "yes")
- 4) Review and approve meeting minutes from last month (and the one before). All in attendance approved (9 of 9).
- 5) **Other Open Position** - Need to still look for candidates (we will search to fill these after the other key positions are filled)
  - a) Fundraising/Sponsor Coordinator
- 6) **Follow up items from last month (Old Business):** None
- 7) **Items approved via email since last meeting:** None since last meeting
- 8) **Treasurer - Carolyn Scully**
  - a) October & November Financials - These were reviewed and tournament still needs to be paid;
  - b) Fundraiser - Made \$14,921; this is great considering we had far fewer kids playing; we had \$540 in bounced checks and \$60 in bank fees from the bounced checks; we need to discuss in the future if we want to insist on cash only going forward; we won't want to consider Venmo or anything like that due to the auditing process for this
  - c) Registrations - We have not paid for registrations yet for the Spring for travel and rec soccer
- 9) **Secretary - Dennis Theriault**
  - a) Website updates - No updates
  - b) Calendar reminders - Dick's Sponsorship will need to be renewed.
- 10) **Training Director - Tom Bellen**
  - a) Winter training Update - Scheduled to start 1/19/21 - 8 weeks (through 3/16/20 (if no delays due to COVID); Tom will see if we could push this out one week to start on 1/26/20; no off week due to school vacation; Tuesday nights; at Westwood Park (YMCA); 6-9pm on one court and 7-8pm on turf; we will do younger age groups at earlier times; U7, U8, U9 in 1st time slot (6:00-7:00); U10 and U11 in middle time slot (7:00-8:00); U12 and over in later time slot (8:00-9:00); we will cap at 18 per time slot (72 total kids); if numbers are not balanced/filled for each group, then we can see if more skilled kids want to bump up; people won't be charged until we are certain the program is moving forward; the cost will be \$95 per kid; Scott will update the COVID waiver for this
  - b) Spring Travel Tryouts - We are estimating approximately 20 kids across ages to tryout this winter; we discussed possibly adding a week just for tryouts
  - c) Academy Program for Rec - This was done last year for higher level rec kids to help them be able to transition to travel (U6-U9 last year); Tom wants to get back to this in the spring; we agree we need to continue focusing on these kids; we have not historically charged the rec families for this; for next meeting Tom will jot down a description of the clinics and breakdown of who attends, along with anticipated costs and needs to make this happen and this will be reviewed at the next meeting to make a decision based on this.
  - d) Academy Program for Travel - Tom suggests having an extra training session/clinics per week just for the travel kids based on skill level (not age); we could have a couple different groups based on skill; this will also be discussed at the next meeting when Tom jots down a description of the proposed program and associated costs/needs.
- 11) **Field Director - Jim Cirillo**
  - a) No Updates
- 12) **Equipment Director - Kit Cargyle**
  - a) No updates
- 13) **Registrar - Lauren Amber**
  - a) No updates
- 14) **Rec Director - Tim O'Keefe**
  - a) Referees - Tim asked if we could push out messaging to promote kids getting certified to referee so we have more

refs in town as needed

b) Fundraiser shirts/rewards will be distributed shortly.

**15) Travel Director - David Illg**

a) Tournament teams - David proposed we consider kids chosen by trainers to be in groupings of the better kids from 2 years (i.e. U10, U12, U14, etc...) and these are the kids brought to a couple of tournaments together with the parents footing the bill for the tournaments. This will be discussed again at future meetings once people have a chance to give it some thought - no rush on this

b) Tryouts - This will be discussed at the next meeting

**16) Member at Large 1 - Jonathan Barkley**

a) Coaches Training - John asked about getting more formal training for coaches. We will figure out which coaches have which level of training, and ensure they get the appropriate level of training for those who will be coaching that level (i.e. need training for 9v9 if coaching that level, 11v11, etc...). We discussed making it a requirement for travel coaches. Dave and Scott will take a look into who should have which levels of training (plenty of time as these usually don't start till around April)

**17) Member at Large 2 - Kevin Skarupa**

a) No updates

**18) Director's Report - Scott Locasto**

a) Exec Board Update - In the spring, we will have limited field space for our 11v11 games. Not sure if Kollsman will be playable at all. Scott has asked the Executive Board to reach out to Budweiser to see if they will allow us to use their fields. Lacrosse will be using a lot of the field space. We're not sure if there are any plans by the exec board to find something for us to use for these 11v11 games. We are going to propose to them we share Reed's 3 with them just for 11v11 soccer games (and soccer practices can be elsewhere). David will attend the next Exec Board meeting.

**19) OLD Business**

a) None discussed

**20) Tabled items:**

a) None discussed

21) Adjournment: 8:06pm