

MERRIMACK YOUTH ASSOCIATION SOCCER PROGRAM

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

February 28, 2021 @ 6pm

- 1) Call to order: 6:11pm; Attendees: David Illg, Dennis Theriault, Jim Cirillo, Tom Bellen,, Kevin Skarupa, Jaime Abrams, Scott Locasto
- 2) Next meeting: **March 28th. (Sunday) @ 6pm at the MYA Building**
- 3) Review and approve meeting minutes from last month (and the one before).
- 4) **Other Open Position** - Need to still look for candidates. Dennis Theriault will stay on as Secretary until there is a replacement and Tim O'Keefewill stay on as Rec Director until there is a replacement; Carolyn Scully is still helping a little at Secretary for now.
 - a) Board Positions
 - i) Rec Director
 - ii) Equipment Director
 - iii) Treasurer
 - iv) Secretary
 - b) Non-Board Position
 - i) Fundraising/Sponsor Coordinator
- 5) **Follow up items from last month (Old Business):**
- 6) **Items approved via email since last meeting:**
- 7) **Treasurer - Open**
 - a) January Financials - Reviewed financials; nothing noteworthy to report at this time; no concerns identified
 - b) Travel Fees - We need to increase Travel fees at some point; previously we had money to spend down so could absorb increases in state fees, tournament fees, other increased costs, etc... This will be discussed more in a future meeting after Scott and David have a chance to discuss this further.
- 8) **Secretary - Open**
 - a) Website updates - No needed updates were identified at this time
 - b) Calendar reminders
 - i) Dick's Sponsorship will need to be renewed. Deadline is tomorrow; Scott will give them a call tonight about getting this renewed.
 - ii) Open Rec season
 - iii) Inventory status for Spring - Jonathan Barkley offered to help assess the current inventories to see what we have to order to start the season.
- 9) **Training Director - Tom Bellen**
 - a) Winter training Update - Going well. Numbers are a little heavy, but as it goes along they are seeming to level out. This ends March 23rd. One week was skipped due to weather, but the YMCA allowed us to add a week.
 - b) Spring training - On the travel side there will be one sessions with a trainer per team/group; there will also be nights each week for the Rec kids; Tom is working on getting his trainers lined up for spring
 - c) Additional training based on skill level - We discussed training an additional night per week based on skill level of similar age; we discussed that we would have a spot for everyone that would want to do it; we also discussed charging a nominal fee to be paid so people are more likely to show for these; we discussed doing it 1 hour per session for 6 sessions during the season; planning for 6 separate training groups; Tom will get some information on anticipated costs which will be compared to budget and we will decide at the next meeting.
 - d) Academy Training - We all agreed to continue the Academy Training programs to continue getting Rec kids interested and prepared for transitioning to Travel
 - e) Mojo - Tom will check out Mojo and let Scott and the board know what he thinks of this; this app lays out a practice for coaches
- 10) **Field Director - Jim Cirillo**
 - a) Ordering a 7v7 net - This will be for Twardosky (just the net)
 - b) Flags at Twardosky - Need some new ones as we have 2 sets of 3 only. Before we order any new flags we will get into the sheds to see what the full inventory is currently in each shed. Jim will do this (and try to match them with existing similar ones)
- 11) **Equipment Director - Open -**
 - a) Dave will provide a list of soccer balls that he needs to have 2 game balls for each Travel team.
- 12) **Registrar - Jaime Abrams**
 - a) No updates

13) Rec Director - Open

- a) **Rec Registration** - This has been created in GotSport, but not sent out to people yet. It will be opened for U4, U6, U8, U10, U12, U15 and U18. U15 and U18 will join with other towns due to the number of kids. \$45 for U4 and \$65 for all else. We will continue to offer Family Max discounts where after the 2nd child, they get \$65 off of each next kid. The registration will be live by tomorrow. The plan is to start the season May 1st for 8 weeks through June 19th. We have the option to do playoffs for the older groups the following weekend or during the week.
- b) **Fields for Rec** - Younger groups will use softball fields; We are hopeful that we will be able to use Elbit/Kollsman for Rec games, but won't know until the fields are inspected; Scott plans to check out the fields this coming week. Right now we are assuming we will have to build in a time buffer between games again, but Scott will confirm.

14) Travel Director - David Illg

- a) **Tryouts** - 21 Total
- b) **Girls teams** - The girls teams were restructured. We now have a U17, U15, U13, U12, U10 and U9. The U11 team is now split up to the U12 and U10. The U12 team is now moving up to 11v11.
- c) **U10 Player discussion** - 7 of 7 members agree the best place for her will be to play on the boys U10 team; however it will be messaged to her that this is our strong recommendation, but she will be left the option of having her play on the U12 girls team if her parents insist

15) Member at Large 1 - Jonathan Barkley

- a) No updates

16) Member at Large 2 - Kevin Skarupa

- a) No updates

17) Director's Report - Scott Locasto

- a) **Exec Board Update** - We were given the Merrimack Middle School fields to use late in the season; we need to start saving the minutes to the website after approved; there's a new form for all parks and recreation that we will have to complete for use of fields in the summer
- b) **Field** - We have all of Elbit/Kollsman for Rec; Twardosky for 7v7 and 9v9; MMS for 11v11
- c) **MYA Sign** - Registration info will be placed on both sides of the sign by Kevin (Scott will text him exactly what should be on the sign)

18) OLD Business

- a) **Goals** - 9v9 for Bishop

19) Tabled items:

- a) **Summer soccer** - We will need to discuss if we want to do a summer league or go back to a 3v3 summer league

20) **Adjournment:** 8:00 pm