

# MERRIMACK YOUTH ASSOCIATION SOCCER PROGRAM

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

March 25, 2021 @ 7pm

- 1) Call to order: 7:10pm: In Attendance: Scott Locasto, Dennis Theriault, Tim O'Keefe, David Illg, Kevin Skarupa, Jim Cirillo, John Barkley
- 2) Next meeting: **April 15th. (Thursday) @ 7pm 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.
  - 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)**: None discussed
- 6) **Items approved via email since last meeting**: None since last meeting
- 7) **Treasurer - Open**
  - a) February Financials - Challenges getting into Quickbooks, getting assistance with this, so will present February and March financials at the next meeting
- 8) **Secretary - Open**
  - a) Website updates - Will need to update website if Rec registration dates are extended
  - b) Calendar reminders - Dick's Sporting Goods will have a 20% discount for items purchased for MYA on Friday 4/9/21 through Monday 4/12/21
- 9) **Training Director - Tom Bellen**
  - a) Winter training Update - This ended 3/23/21. Reportedly, it went very well with good attendance and favorable feedback throughout the training sessions.
  - b) Spring Season Trainers - Tom is working on securing trainers for travel training for Spring, which he hopes to have all set very shortly, and also working on getting trainers secured for Academy Program, and then will get the Rec Trainers set.
- 10) **Field Director - Jim Cirillo**
  - a) Flags at Twardosky - Jim inspected the flags at each shed. Twardosky only has 2 sets of 3 (no full sets); Kollsman has 7 flags with one full set; Reeds has 15 flags which are similar. 2 sets of flags will be taken from Reeds to put in the Kollsman shed, and we will purchase new ones for Reeds for the fall.
  - b) Report on Field Conditions - Jim inspected all fields. All look fine. Kollsman appears as though it might be able to be used as it's looking better (this will be evaluated more as the season gets closer).
  - c) Field Prep Timeline - Jim is currently thinking to do this the weekend of 4/17/21 (as games are scheduled to start the weekend of 4/24/21) - Jim will provide definitive date to Scott as it gets closer so an email can be sent to potential volunteers to help
  - d) New 7v7 Nets Arrived
- 11) **Equipment Director - Open**
  - a) Equipment Bags - John Barkley has been helping out with tasks for this role. He inventoried items in each shed. Bags are now separated by ball size in the sheds. Bags all have ice packs, first aid kits, balls, pennies (plenty of extra pennies). Need pumps, which will be issued when coaches are given the bags. Scott has additional ice packs for bags, cones have been ordered. Bags are completed for many of the age groups and rest will be finished with these additional items.
  - b) Inventory - John recommends we inventory the remainder of items in the shed (i.e. donated cleats, shin pads, other items, etc...) once the season begins and the sheds are more empty.
- 12) **Registrar - Jaime Abrams**
  - a) No updates
- 13) **Rec Director - Open**
  - a) Rec Registration - Normal number of registrations, we expect more as the deadline gets closer. Scott says we may extend this deadline. Rec soccer is currently planned to start May 1st. 237 kids registered currently (24 started registration, but not completed; 58 for U6, 46 for U8, 26 for U10, 16 for U12, 17 for U15 and 3 or U18.
  - b) Rec Coaches - Same challenges as usual with a lack of Rec coaches. Tim/Scott plan to continue requesting

volunteers for this.

**14) Travel Director - David Illg**

- a) Spring Season Updates - 16 teams; practice schedules are being finalized and will be sent soon
- b) Training - Discussions continue with the Training Director on having training by "tiers" rather than age. There will likely be 6 tiers based on skill level.
- c) Winter Training - Many travel teams have rented space indoors for training this winter, so we discussed whether this could be considered as part of MYA travel in the future. If we wanted to rent space for this, we would have to raise fees and there might be concern with using MYA insurance. This is tabled for now and will be re-discussed at a later date.
- d) Travel Training will likely start outdoors the week of May 3rd
- e) Tournament Team discussion - Not discussed today; tabled
- f) Travel Registration Fees - Scott and Dave will discuss the Travel registration fees and likely increases. We need to account for the costs of light rentals, trainers and increased state fees.

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

- a) No additional updates (see Equipment Director)

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

- a) Message board - Kevin says to let him know if the Rec registration date changes and he will update the board

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

- a) Exec Board Update - Baseball is getting a new scoreboard with Hayward's as their sponsor; the town allotment came in the past month; Reed's shed was vandalized (as were sheds for other sports at Reeds), but nothing appears stolen; codes will likely be changed and more closely monitored because it appears some sheds were opened without force.
- b) Summer soccer - We started discussions on whether to do summer travel/Rec combo league like last summer, or go back to a 3v3 summer league. We also raised the idea of potentially considering a 5v5 summer league, and the possibility of having this be administered by Bruno or Tom, and MYA just promoting it. Most present seem in favor of this option, but this will be discussed further at the next meeting.
- c) AED status in sheds - John will check if these have expired and let Scott know
- d) Rec uniforms - Cost is \$9.50 per shirt. - 7 members voted yes 0 - No

**18) OLD Business**

- a) Goals - 9v9 for Bishop - These will likely be ordered in May so we have them well before the fall season

**19) Tabled items:**

- a) None discussed

20) Adjournment: 8:35pm