

MERRIMACK YOUTH ASSOCIATION SOCCER PROGRAM
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
October 25, 2020

- 1) Call to order: 6:06 p.. Present: Carolyn Scully, Tom Bellen, Jim Cirillo, Kevin Skarupa, Lauren Amber, John Barkley, David Illg, Scott Locasto, Dennis Theriault, Tim O'Keefe
- 2) Next meeting: **November 22th. (Sunday) @ 6pm at the MYA Building**
- 3) Review and approve meeting minutes from last month (and the one before).
- 4) **Special guest** - Parent - Had some questions on birth year and placement of kids into age groups; this was explained and she was directed to the chart on the website. Scott indicated in the future this will be sent in emails to parents. Also asked why there wasn't practice time for rec coaches before the season started. It was explained that this was due to a shortage of coaches right up until the start of the season. Question asked on why U8 is doing kick ins due to COVID and older groups are doing throw ins. It was discussed that this is not related to COVID and we have always done it in this way per the age groups.
- 5) **Other Open Position** - Need to still look for candidates
 - a) Girls Travel Coordinator
 - b) Boys Travel Coordinator
 - c) Fundraising/Sponsor Coordinator
- 6) **Follow up items from last month (Old Business):** None
- 7) **Items approved via email since last meeting:** None
- 8) **Treasurer - Carolyn Scully**
 - a) **August and September Financials** - Updates given. We did get our 10K allotment from the town. Doing well and the financials look good, but we still have a lot of expenses to be paid (tournament fees, league fees for travel, lights, training invoices, etc...).
- 9) **Secretary - Dennis Theriault**
 - a) **Annual Meeting / Elections** - Date for annual meeting will be 12/13/20 at 6:00pm. Several positions up for election this year. Treasurer, Secretary, Rec Director, Registrar, Member At Large 1, and Equipment Manager. These will be posted on the facebook page to let people know they are up for election. Candidates will have 3 weeks prior to the annual meeting to submit their interest in any position. If the position is up for current members, they must let Scott know.
 - b) **Website updates** - Everyone was asked to review it to see if any updates are needed
 - c) **Calendar reminders** - None to be reviewed today
 - d) **Trophy approval** - We received 8 of 11 approvals for the trophies (8 yes, 3 no response)
- 10) **Training Director - Tom Bellen**
 - a) **Winter training Update** - Can get turf and court space for January at Westwood Park (YMCA). It would be on Tuesdays for 8 weeks for 6pm - 9pm court and 8pm - 9pm turf. \$50 for a court, \$80 for a half field of turf or \$160 for full field for turf per hour. The YMCA has indicated that they will work with us if we have any closures or we have low interest and have to cancel. We have an email indicating that if the facility is closed due to COVID then they will prorate a refund for the remainder of the sessions not used. We will be clear with parents letting them know of the refund policy. People will register with a credit card and we won't officially charge it until January when this is ready to begin so we avoid refunds if it doesn't happen. 9 of 9 present approved moving forward with this.
 - b) **Fall Training Update** - No significant concerns or complaints indicated. We only know of one complaint of someone feeling that the field wasn't lit up enough for one of the training times, but David moved the lights so more of the field was under the lights. There were also complaints one night about groups being too big. Tom will follow up with his trainers to see what they've experienced with this so far. All appears to be going well with mostly positive feedback.
- 11) **Field Director - Jim Cirillo**
 - a) **Field needs** - There is just one 7v7 game at Twardosky to be lined for a makeup game; several games for home playoff games. Jim will take care of lining the fields as needed for next weekend. We feel Kollman is unusable for spring soccer games (unsafe). This would give us no 11v11 field for the spring (no access to the middle school field, Reeds or Bishop in the spring).
 - b) **Field Breakdown** - We will do this the week after the playoffs end. Jim will seek out some volunteers when the time comes.
- 12) **Equipment Director - Kit Cargile**
 - a) **Coaches soccer bags** - Tim will come up with a plan along with Kit to gather bags from rec coaches for the end of the season.

13) Registrar - Lauren Amber

- a) Fundraiser - There is still a lot out there to be collected (at least one kid on every team).
- b) Merrimack Soccer Gear Store - There have been a lot of parents interested in purchasing Merrimack stuff for their kids. Scott mentioned that this will be done in the next week or two to allow for stuff to be purchased for the holidays for gifts (and again for the Spring season).
- c) Picture Day Photos - There are a lot still in the shed to be picked up. There are reports that parents have asked for a team photo and there wasn't one with some of the packages (computer-generated composite photos of them in a team photo even though there wasn't actually a team one taken). Parents are saying they paid for this, but never received it. Scott will reach out to the photographer to let them know some parents are looking for team photos.

14) Rec Director - Tim O'Keefe

- a) Rec Updates - Trophies will be given out this weekend. All feedback seems positive and parents just seem happy that soccer is happening and the kids are out there

15) Travel Director - David Illg

- a) Season - Season ended today. 9 teams eligible for playoffs with 6 making it.
- b) Spring Season Tryouts
 - i) 2010's - Will be doing a tryout for all kids and decrease the two teams down to about 22 kids between the two teams.
 - ii) Girls teams - U12 girls team was undefeated without much competition. A discussion was had with the coach about having them play up an age and taking some other girls who are a year older that didn't have a team this year. We need a lot of girls for the younger groups. Everyone is encouraged to recruit if they know anyone. We need to continue considering options that will attract more young female players.

16) Member at Large 1 - Jonathan Barkley

- a) Summer Season - John brought up the topic of summer soccer again. Reports were that people who did it liked it. Scott suggests sending out a survey about it as it gets closer. We will revisit this.

17) Member at Large 2 - Kevin Skarupa

- a) No updates

18) Director's Report - Scott Locasto

- a) Budget Update - Approved by MYA Exec board, now being submitted to the Town Council.
- b) COVID Update - For the most part parents all seem to be cooperative with protocols being requested of them. We have had some teams that have had to quarantine/cancel, but all have been handled appropriately. Issues impacting teams have been minimal. We need to be aware we will continue to get parents who are frustrated if we need to cancel games/practices for positive cases, exposure, etc... in the winter and spring.
- c) Audit update - Audit has been submitted (which is the earliest we have submitted it).

19) OLD Business

- a)

20) Tabled items:

- a)

21) Adjournment