

MERRIMACK YOUTH ASSOCIATION SOCCER PROGRAM

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

September 27, 2020

- 1) Call to order: 6:40pm - Attendees: Tom Bellen, Kevin Skarupa, David Illg, Dennis Theriault, Jim Cirillo, Scott Locasto, Tim O'Keefe
- 2) Next meeting: **October 27th. (Sunday) @ 6pm at the MYA Building**
- 3) Review and approve meeting minutes from last month (and the one before). Minutes from 8/23/20 were approved (??? of 11 votes approved)
- 4) **Special guest** - None today
- 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 Financials - These will be reviewed next meeting
- 9) **Secretary - Dennis Theriault**
 - a) Posting open positions - This year there are several positions that will be up: Rec Director, Registrar, Secretary, Treasurer, Equipment Director, Member at Large 1 - These will be posted to announce to the community that these are open if people are interested - Everyone should put the word out for any who may be interested and forward their interest to the Secretary/Dennis
 - b) Website updates - Everyone was asked to review it to see if any updates are needed
 - c) Calendar reminders
 - i) Fall Fundraising calendar update - We have until the 24th to collect this. David will work with Mike to gather all calendars, money, etc... for Travel teams; Tim will do this for Rec; Scott will then post on the website who wins which things once all is collected and submitted. We discussed trying our best to start this as early as possible next time.
 - ii) Field teardown -
 - iii) Order trophies -
- 10) **Training Director - Tom Bellen**
 - a) Winter training Update - Could be at the YMCA; Tom is in active conversations with them. He will find out the refund policy, COVID procedures and other details - hopefully will have an update in a week or so. Looking for Tuesday and/or Thursday where there is turf and court available.
 - b) Fall Training Update - Some confusion where a travel training was missed, but this was addressed and shouldn't happen again. Participation and numbers for rec have been great; numbers for rec training have been very large and they may get another trainer to be there. Parents have provided good feedback on the trainers so far.
- 11) **Field Director - Jim Cirillo**
 - a) Field lining - This has been going fine as there have been plenty of volunteers; might have to stop using blue paint as we are running low on it.
 - b) Kollsman - The field conditions are terrible there (all dust). Rain coming this week which may turn it into all mud, which could damage the fields and be unsafe for play/practice. Everyone was asked to monitor the field for playing/practice conditions this week. We don't really have other options for field use at this time.
 - c) Field Tear Down - This will likely be the week after the season ends; Jim will let the board know as it gets closer
- 12) **Equipment Director - Kit Cargile**
 - a) No updates
- 13) **Registrar - Lauren Amber** -
 - a) No updates
- 14) **Rec Director - Tim O'Keefe**
 - a) Fall season update
 - i) Going well, but could use a 2nd coach for a couple teams (but working for now)
 - ii) Season started on time with the exception of U4 having a one week delay due to no coaches
 - iii) Least amount of parent complaints thus far of any season I have been a part of
 - b) Coaches Corner videos on the website are stating access needs to be granted and can not be accessed by coaches. Tim had the same issue. Looks like the Youtube link is "private", and the originator needs to change this

setting.

- c) Picture day - Went well; no complaints; U15 were not included but a few people asked about this so their parents were told to just show up on time.
- d) U18 did not have a rec season, so all money was refunded and kids went to other communities (not enough kids)
- e) Rec Director Board Term - Tim is considering stepping down but will assist as needed and will stay on if interest is limited. TBD

15) Travel Director - David Illg

- a) Teams - So far all travel teams in Merrimack seem to be in the appropriate division and are having competitive games for the most part. No issues with this.
- b) Younger female teams - It was discussed that we may be in trouble for having adequate numbers in upcoming seasons for the younger girls teams.
- c) Coaches' behavior - One concern where a coach got a red card; he will be spoken to. A reminder will be sent to coaches to be aware of their behavior towards referees.

16) Member at Large 1 - Jonathan Barkley

- a) No updates

17) Member at Large 2 - Kevin Skarupa -

- a) Orange paint - There are a lot of boxes of yellowish/orange paint in storage with the Dept of Public Works. Kevin will tell them to save it for Lacrosse. They have been told that we prefer white and blue paint for MYA soccer.

18) Director's Report - Scott Locasto

- a) Budget Update - This will be re-submitted by Scott once he gets numbers
- b) Exec Board - In the interim John Collabro will be serving in the President role on the Exec Board. Football, Lacrosse and Wrestling are opening up their leagues to kids outside Merrimack for a one-year trial to see how it goes. These teams will not be turning away town kids for outside kids (it is one of the stipulations of this one-year trial). Out-of-town kids will be charged more. If this goes forward in the future, we will have to decide if we are going to vote against this for soccer or not.

19) OLD Business

- a) Add a winter season - If we agree, it will need to be presented to the Exec Board for approval.

20) Tabled items:

- a) MYA Soccer Newsletter - Need ideas for it.

21) Adjournment