

Litchfield Youth Soccer Board Meeting Notes

November 10th, 2014
7:00 p.m.

Attendees: M. Boschi, Z. Duprey, C. Labatt, G. Barillas, M. Fluet, J. Kohm, K. Schoff, J. Jozokos, J. Bourque, R. Fitzgerald, T. DeCarli

Facilitator/Note Taker: J. Bourque

1.) Meeting Open—M. Boschi

- Meeting minutes from October board meeting approved. Unanimous.
- Netting is up at Brickyard on both sides of field. Thank you to Scott Galapin (Fences Unlimited) for his donation and assistance.
- Please be sure to address any children that may try to climb the netting and instruct them not to do so.

2.) Treasurer's Report—Z. Duprey on behalf of M. Duprey

- Reviewed outstanding payments overdue from Spring. Chuck advised one paid online. Believe payment was received from two others. Mike to follow up with Maggie and advise.

3.) Halloween Jamboree Recap—J. Bourque

- Recognition to all of those who assisted. Special thanks to Jason Kohm and Mike Boschi for their added assistance.
- Reviewed some points for improvement. Will be asking volunteers for their feedback on how we may improve the event next year. Chuck provided feedback on parking.
- Discussion on hosting Halloween end of season event for Rec weekend prior to Halloween Jamboree next year.
- Discussion on establishing Halloween Jamboree Committee for next year.
- Discussion on the need to ensure we have higher level of assistance/volunteers from league in subsequent years.
- Future meeting discussion to include: Establishing fees, setting up separate page on website, increasing volunteer participation, establishing paypal for online payment.
- Will revisit Jamboree discussion in January.

4.) Field Clean Up—All

- Reviewed what was left in terms of clean up.
- Decision made that we do not need official clean up day.

- Jason K will take care of benches at Innes, Jason J will finish clean up to include placing nets in shed at GMS. No further work necessary at Sawmill.

5.) Equipment Update—T. DeCarli

- Congrats to Boys U13 team for winning their division this fall.
- Discussion on donating balls in shed at Innes.
- Terri to order board jackets for new board members.
- Terri to complete Rec inventory this winter.
- Any needs for equipment should go to Terri directly.
- Terri and Jenn to coordinate LYSL Facebook page to assist with league communication.
- Terri working on new 4x4 nets for Spring for GMS.

6.) Coaching Coordinator Discussion—Z. Duprey/M. Boschi

- Discussion around how to improve/adapt current program.
- Rec training for coaches that Bruno delivers is excellent.
- Discussion around how to further enhance coordinator involvement in travel program.
- Discussion around having Bruno be more directive with coaches rather than suggestive.
- Recommendation to have Bruno provide them with feedback at beginning of the season rather than end.
- Mike B., Chuck and Zach to work on recommendation to present to board at next meeting on amendments to current program for board approval.

7.) Travel Recruitment Discussion—All

- Rec coordinators (specifically 4x4 coordinator) have a high level of involvement in assisting to recruit for travel program.
- Coach's also have responsibility to source for players for teams.
- Travel team coach's should attend rec games in order to source for additional players for roster.
- Recommendation to invite select rec players to travel practices.
- Discussion on the possibility of combining age groups.
- Discussion on Field Day idea from J. Jozokos where league hosts a day for all travel and rec and coaches assess at that day for potential recruitment.
- Future discussion necessary at subsequent meetings to determine whether we proceed with field day concept.

8.) Travel Coach's Meeting—All

- Discussion around need to have travel coach's meeting this Spring.
- Meeting to occur late March/early April
- Discussion with travel coach's around addressing refs. League is developing reputation for poor sportsmanship from some travel coaches around how they handle ref issues. Coaches need to understand level of play, refs also learning etc. Current ref retention rate in town is very low (20%) in large part to issues with parents and coaches at games.

9.) Meeting Close—Z. Duprey

- Motion to adjourn. Unanimous.

Next Meeting Monday December 8th, 2014 at 7pm in LMS Library