

Litchfield Youth Soccer League Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 12, 2016, LMS

Attendees: M. Boschi, T. DeCarli Z. Duprey, J. Craig, J. Jozokos, S. Brown, S. Smith, M. Fluet, C. LaBatt, K. Schoff, A. Lajoie, Parents from M. Zimmerman's team.

1.) Age Group discussion

a. Open Discussion with parents in attendance:

i. Parents some of the following questions:

1. What will be the team size for 11v11?
 - a. M. Boschi: ~15 kids
 2. Has the travel board thought about having separate seasons for travel soccer?
 - a. M. Boschi answers: No and this is for several reasons, it affects training for the kids and other factors that make having separate seasons difficult.
 - b. A. Lajoie answers: We are accommodating in ways that make it possible for kids to play in other sports in addition to soccer.
 3. What is the basis for volunteer coaches needing to fill out applications to apply for the position at the beginning of the year? (this question arose after discussion/mention that Londonderry coaches get paid).
 - a. M. Boschi, and several other board members answer: To have a more formal process in place so that everyone that would like to apply has the opportunity to do so and so that the board can select the best coach for each team based on experience and/or other qualifications. Every year interested coaches will need to reapply so they won't automatically get to coach just because they did the year before.
 - b. (Mentioned a Side note): S. Brown: All coaches have a full background check. It is completed by US soccer.
 4. What if multiple people apply for the same coach position?
 - a. M. Boschi answers: The board will make the decision based on whomever is the most qualified and fit for the position.
 5. How will tryouts affect kids moving up? (*i.e.* where will they end up and what group will they be trying out with?)
 - a. M. Boschi answers: It all depends on who registers and shows up to try out. Many factors like the number of kids, skill levels, ages, and gender.
- ii. Nomination from various members for Nicole Wilson to be a board member.
(action item- follow up with Nicole to see if she was interested or not)
- iii. Mike Boschi closes the open discussion with the parents: After going to many soccer meetings, it is clear that we are in good shape we are more secure in

what we are doing for a plan to address the US soccer changes than compared to other even larger towns.

iv.

Regular Board Meeting Started:

- 1.) President's Report- M. Boschi
 - a. Minutes from April approved (T. DeCarli and K. Schoff 2nd)
 - b. Coaches Application:
 - i. Z. Duprey: What is the purpose again of the application? Are you opening us up for issues? And is there a spot for Assistant coach on the form.
 1. M. Boschi, A. Lajoie: It is so we can compare 2 individuals and pick the better person that is most fit to coach. And so we can continue to have the best coaches as we have to think about what is best for the teams and the kids. And yes there is a spot on the form for assistant coach.
 - c. General question from the board:-will we need any new coaches?
 - i. There was brief discussion that there will be a need for a U12 coach for next year.
 - ii. Stacy: Does anyone know of anyone that would be interested in helping with the U8 team for next year? I will be happy to help in anyway but still think there is will be a need for an additional person.
 1. M. Boschi clarified that there will be no U8 next year due to the US soccer changes to that particular age group. It has been the decision of the board that due to the new requirements that involve the kids playing 4v4 with no goalie, we will not have a U8 league. Instead we will have a younger U9 team (with general guidelines of 7 and up or birth year of 2009) that will likely start out in D3. We have decided this because we offer 4v4 in our recreational program and we feel that for the travel program, starting them out in the 7v7 format will be better for them developmentally.
 2. A. Lajoie mentioned that he may be interested in coaching the younger team for next year.
 - d. Tryouts will be held Tuesday June 7th and Wednesday, June 8th. Leaving Thursday open for rain, etc. Kids will try out with their age group and decisions to move kids for team viability will be made after tryouts. All players must preregister before attending tryouts. **We will discuss spring season and older kids after tryouts.**
- 2.) Treasurer's report- Z. Duprey on behalf of M. Duprey
 - a. Older teams have still not paid their registration fees for spring. Maggie has a list of a approximately half of the team that has not paid.
 - i. A. Lajoie mentioned that he is working on this and will make sure that the league gets paid.
- 3.) Equipment Coordinator Update— T. DeCarli
 - a. Uniforms from (Score, Challenger, and Soccer.com) to present options for replacement since our current Adidas Uniforms have been discontinued. All of the options were approximately the same price point as our current uniforms. No decisions were made at

meeting and **Terri will be investigating all our options further before the board makes a final decision.**

- b.** 50% of fee for any complete uniform, ordered in the last 12 months, by a player new to travel will be supplemented by the league..
- 4.) Spring Rec Celebration- M. Boschi on behalf of J. Bourque.
- a. J. Bourque will heading this event- will anyone help? T. DeCarli offered assistance with this event.
 - b. Organization/volunteers discussion for next meeting but J. Bourque will have to organize details, etc. through email.**

5.) Field Coordinator Update—J. Craig