## Litchfield Youth Soccer League Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 13, 2016, LMS

Attendees: Z. Duprey, J. Craig, J. Jozokos, S. Brown, S. Smith, M. Fluet, C. LaBatt, J. Kohm, K. Schoff, Mike Hammer (Guest from Manchester)

- 1.) Rec. Coordinator- K. Schoff
  - a. Senior Rec
    - i. Karl would like to switch from Sawmills to Innes field and use Innes on both Wednesdays and Fridays and J. Craig approved this change.
    - ii. Karl introduced Mike Hammer from Manchester soccer leagues. Mike is interested in collaborating with LYSL to expand upon their current program to add more competition, etc. to for the kids involved in their program at the Senior level. Mike and Karl had originally planned to try to incorporate this Manchester group into LYSL Senior Rec this spring but with limited timeframe for planning they decided to wait until next spring.
    - iii. Mike Hammer expressed interest in our Halloween tournament but Zach told him that it was for the younger age groups. This sparked discussion: should we consider expanding to older groups next year?
  - Instructional- Mike Fluet
    We have 6 teams, we have the number of coaches we were hoping to get, shirts are in and equipment is all set.
  - c. 4v4- S.Brown/M.Fluet on behalf of Gus
    Gus had a hard time gathering enough coaches for spring but we now have 4 teams of 6 to 7 kids per team.
  - d. 6v6- J. Kohm
    - We have 47 kids total, 4 teams, shirts/equipment is all set.
- 2.) President's Report- Z. Duprey on behalf of M. Boschi

Previous meeting minutes were voted and approved for March 2016.

- a. Everyone is in agreement that the letter to parents written by M. Boschi about the new USA Soccer rules was appropriate and only minor grammatical changes needed to be made. M. Fluet will send M. Boschi the suggested changes.
- 3.) Treasurer's report- M Fluet on behalf of M. Duprey
  - Older teams have still not paid their registration fees for spring. Maggie will be sending
    M. Fluet a list of exactly who has not paid.
    - i. Suggested solutions but further discussion is needed for the topic:
      - 1. M. Fluet suggested that we do not provide player cards for the kids that have not paid as a solution.
      - 2. M. Fluet also suggested that we close registration earlier.
      - 3. M. Fluet and group suggested setting a deadline for payment.
- 4.) Equipment Coordinator Update—Z. Duprey on behalf of T. DeCarli
  - **a.** Terri picked up all the uniforms today and had to pay M&N Sports with a personal check because they were expressing dire need of payment ASAP. Terri is looking for a new

vendor to replace them and is considering Score as a replacement. Board will email Terri with suggestions for vendors if they have any.

- b. Uniforms- Need to discuss new uniforms next meeting and have Terri price out options for the next board meeting.
- 5.) Field Coordinator Update—J. Craig
  - a. All game home game cancellations or schedule changes needs to be given to the field coordinator 14 days in advance otherwise we will incur a \$75.00 fee. All travel coaches need to be reminded of this.
  - b. GMS field is still swamped and Jon will be lining a 6v6 field at Sawmills to use in the meantime while GMS dries out. Any home games schedule at GMS this weekend will be played at Sawmills. The decision to clear GMS for use for games for the weekend of April 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> will be decided midweek (approx. April 20<sup>th</sup>) and as for practices in the meantime, we will be taking it day by day.
  - c. Discussion on where teams should be playing/practicing at Sawmills- 11v11 field is the back right hand field next to paved road- Z. Duprey's team can play there when available. 6v6 field is the field in the back left next to 11v11 field.
- 6.) Travel Coordinator—S. Brown
  - a. Coaches Meeting- Discussion on when to hold the meeting. All decided to hold meeting May 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. Tryouts will be held the week of June 6<sup>th</sup>
  - c. Discussion of the timeframe for tryouts on whether to keep to 2 nights and 1 hour for each group and/or add a 3<sup>rd</sup> night. Z. Duprey suggested to schedule 3 nights for now and further discussion/decision will be made with the travel coaches.
  - d. Uniforms- add the information about need for new uniforms and possibility of acquiring new numbers in a letter to be send out prior to tryouts.
- 7.) Spring Rec Celebration- Z. Duprey on behalf of J. Bourque.
  - a. \$500 to be allocated to this event. Motion to approve: (K. Schoff/J. Kohm 2<sup>nd</sup>)
  - b. Organization/volunteers discussion for next meeting
- 8.) Open Discussion—all
  - a. J. Kohm would like to have 6v6 clinic on Monday May 9<sup>th</sup> with different training stations. He will be running this event with Gary Karibian (Campbell Girls Soccer Coach) and the girls varsity team. Discussion on whether this is a Campbell sponsored event or LYSL sponsored event. J. Kohm asked Gary to help with this event. Motion to approve event as LYSL event: (C. LaBatt/J. Kohm 2<sup>nd</sup>).
  - b. J. Josokos inquired about heading the ball in games and if refs were going to be making calls on this. Discussion on how to handle this and suggestion made was to ask the refs at each game.

Meeting Adjourned 8:45pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday May 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in LMS Library. (following the Coaches meeting)