

Hillsborough Soccer Club

Meeting Minutes Summary

July 12, 2012

In Attendance

Jen Watson, Brian Hawes, Bonnie Herterich, Bill Herterich, Ken Gries, Jonathan Fernald, Erik Miller, Luciano Marconi, John Ciccarelli, Joanna Sasso, John Renz

Absent

Cal Patterson, Mike Vizzoni, Allen Goldschmidt



Agenda Items

1. Minutes from the prior meeting, June 19, 2012, were reviewed
 - a. Regarding the lights that were placed at Docherty Park Field
 - i. John C will get invoices from Ken G to call Fuscus for prices
 - ii. It was not determined that we will, actually, pay to place lights there again this year, but pricing and availability will be investigated should the decision be made to place them before the season Sept start date
 - b. Ken made a motion to approve minutes from last month, Bill seconded the motion, all persons present were in favor.
2. President's Report
 - a. A fine of \$500 has been received from the league for the withdrawn of the Hornets team from last Spring season. We have also been placed on probation for one more season.
 - b. Training situation will remain as it has been for now.
 - i. Soccer Centers primarily used as our trainers, 1.5 hours x 2 week, plus trainer at games
 - ii. Any future modifications to that, in the interest of saving the club money, will be investigated by Bill H and Jenn W
 - c. Bonnie stated that some of her goals for this year are:

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- i. She is going to try to get the club more of an identity and create more of a family friendly feel (ie picnics and better publicity for teams that win flights, flyers and newspapers for publicity etc)
 - ii. Create a team to investigate potential fundraising events
 - iii. Restart/Reevaluate our 5013c status so that we can try to get corporate sponsors and company matching gifts
 1. Ken G will get the investigation of the process started again. He stated that completion could take years, based on past experience dealing with the IRS. Currently, we are a charitable organization but we do not have the 5013c status. Since we already exist as a charitable organization, starting from scratch in the process may mean we need to recreate ourselves (no longer can say we are "HSC" but need to come up with a new entity).
 - d. John C will be our uniform liaison with Eurosport
 - e. Parent Volunteer as Scheduler- Raku Pappu
 - f. Coaches concussion training is still mandatory- New coaches will be sent link and they must send certificate to Joanna when course is completed.
 - g. Bill will get as many coaches as possible to do a "walk the fields" session for all fields, before the season starts (date tbd, but closer to Sept)
 - i. Bill will coordinate fields position, initially, if there is no general volunteer to take care of the whole club. He will try to break it up with coaches where each coach has a field or task each week.
 - h. The parent meeting structure was discussed with Jonathan F. Maybe we can make it half an hour? John R suggested to create an on-line chat or forum to the Board via the new website, to gather feedback and improve communication. Maybe an online q and a on the new website would help, too. For the time being, it was decided that we would suspend monthly parent meetings for lack of participation.
 - i. Incentives for volunteer participation were discussed. Should we 'fine' those who do not throw their hat in and help out, or should we 'discount' those families who do help? Other sports do this!
 - j. We need a YDP manager... Bonnie is not going to be doing it anymore. She will try to find new person to talk over once the program gets rolling in August.
 - k. Bonnie wants to create the following new committees: Fundraising, Banquet, Community Relations. Heads of Committees are needed to get these incentives going! Could we have a tournament committee even?
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- l. Financial Aid will be discussed after the meeting and any amounts awarded will be told to Joanna and Ken.
 - m. Future board meetings will continue to be on Tuesdays at 8pm
3. Coaching Director
- a. Bill handed out a spreadsheet of team status and numbers.
 - b. Fireworks would like to use Lee Nichols for both Fireworks and Fireballs. Bill H will consider this and weigh the options (ie will it impact pricing for Soccer Centers if we give them less business, the less they do for us, and how will losing that trainer effect the rest of our teams schedules).
 - c. Bill H attended the Mid NJ meeting, which focused much of its time on the 8v8 option for U11 / U12. More 8v8 teams are being set up for U11 than U12. The Pumas (due to their enrollment) were contacted to see if they wanted to play 8v8 (then their costs go down, too, and we lose more money on that team...)
4. Registrars' Report
- a. Joanna will talk to Bill H about Summer Fun Nights
 - i. Permission was obtained from Rec to use the fields
 - ii. Proposed for Wed nights, South Woods Road Soccer Complex
 - iii. Take place Weds in August, when we can get the coaches to volunteer their time (can ask some of our older kids who have their ref licenses, too!)
 - b. Third Child Discount – 50% off the third child was evaluated. It was discussed that with the current training model, since the club is losing money and has no surplus, we will evaluate all discounts on a case by case basis based on requests that come in and if there is a need. We can extend payment terms (spread payments over 6 months for example, if that helps people with the bill). There is NO standard 3rd child discount.
 - c. Training only players – will be charged 2/3 of the fee, as they will be participating in 2/3 of the program. Therefore, Full sided training only player's price is \$525 and small sided price is \$500. Any players that come on board for training-only after the season has already begun, pricing will be discussed and determined by the president, treasurer, and registrar.
 - d. Joanna S stated that winter training space requests must be presented to the BoE August 1. She proposed:
 - i. 4-5 spots (gyms) for larger teams 1 to 1.5 hour slots each – Heatwave, Roma (?), Fusion, Phoenix (?), Fireballs
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- ii. 9-10 spots (cafeterias / multipurpose rooms / annexes) for 1 to 1.5 hour time slots – Madrid, Barcelona, Stingers, Thunder, Explosion, Cheetahs, Fireworks, Pumas, YDP
 - iii. She will request the schedule to be heavy on Mon/Wed however; due to the sheer size of our request NOT all teams can have a winter training session on their first choice of day! There is physically not enough space in the town to house all our teams on Mon/Wed nights.
 - e. As of Thursday, July 12 at noon, 109 persons (of the 249 that registered for tryouts) had logged in and registered and made their initial deposit. This number is climbing hourly.
5. Financial Report
- a. Shared a thank you letter from high school scholarship recipient Kelly Wojcik
 - b. Financial Aid was discussed for 5 families (reviewed by John R, John C. as discussed with Joanna S and Ken G. President/Vice President/Coaching Dir absent for this portion of discussion)
6. No new business from Equipment Manager, Ways and Means or Vice President.
7. The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 pm by Ken G, and all remaining board members approved.
8. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 21 at 8pm, location to be determined.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanna Sasso for Allen Goldschmidt