

PCSL and Illinois Fire Juniors

March 2019 Meeting Agenda

Present: Tim Koch, John Lambert, Matt Frank, Frank Schuler, Myron King, Pam Bauman, Chrissy, Amanda Esparza, Sean Dunne, Scott Hargus, Jeremy Kelley, Rich Berlin, Erika Hunt, Alicia Chaon, Andie Halley, Chris Downing, Miranda Frank, Kirt Faggerland (via phone)

Absent: Clint Warren

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

General Discussion Topics:

President's Topics – Tim

- Hudson Carnival: Gave gift certificates for the Hudson and Pepper Ridge PTO carnival raffles. Date is 4/26. Want to engage directly and have a presence handing out flyers, focusing mainly on the rec side. Talked about options for games and giveaways.
- Merger Topics:
 - New PCSL Logo: Discussion focused on adopting the new logo presented by Frank Schuler at the last meeting. **Motion to Approve the new PCSL logo, contingent on Chicago Fire approval. Discussion Motion by Jeremy, second Erika. Motion passed unanimously.**
 - Legal Consolidation-
In addition, the board discussed consolidating both secretary positions. Discussing instead focused on whether one person could hold both positions. **Motion was made to appoint Jeremy Kelley as Secretary for both PCSL and IFL. Chris Downing: Motion, Matt Frank second. Passed unanimously.**
- Open Board Positions: Alicia Chaon has resigned effective May 24. Frank is resigning effective June 1. There will be multiple board positions open now. We have received a few notes from prospective board members. We will discuss the process for new members at a future meeting.

PCSL 40TH Anniversary Event, May 4th- John/Chris

- 11- 1 Calendar of Special Events
Will have Fire representation, will have ISU soccer team, food trucks, a 40th anniversary T shirt, a radio DJ in attendance from I 97 and Bob FM, and various elected officials attending. DJ Ryan from I 97 will play goalie and allow people to take penalty shots for fun. Overall budget would be estimated \$1500 dollars.
- Upcoming Tasks- Next meeting in two weeks.

IFJ Spring Shootout, May 17th– Alicia

- Teams Registered -72 Teams Registered (not including any of our teams), down a dozen or so still a bit from last year. The group discussed strategies to bring more teams to the tournament, especially teams from out of the state. The Presidents Cup is being played the same weekend this year and may knock down numbers a bit.
- Planning Positions – We still have needs for some areas. Parking, Complex Prep, Complex Clean Up, Scoring, Sponsorship/Marketing. If you would like to help in the planing of any of these areas, contact Alicia or Erika Hunt.

Community Outreach- Chris/Sean

- Top Soccer- Sean (TOP Soccer director) came and trained the coaches and multiple athletes to be 'buddy' players. Buddies learn how to work with developmentally and mentally disabled kids to help them play soccer. As of today there are a half dozen players signed up and 14 buddy players. Practices will be on Wednesday nights for four weeks. There will be 2 games: April 3rd and May 11th at Community Fields. If there are other players interested, contact Sean Dunne.
- Soccer Gear Collection/ Soccer Without Borders: Haiti – We will ask for donations for gently used soccer gear, cleats, etc. Will allow local scholarship players first shot, then do club garage sale, then send the remaining items to Haiti.

Marketing/ Fundraising/Sponsorship Alternatives - Jeremy

- Poker Fundraiser– Jeremy Stanton reported that their team's poker fundraiser was cancelled due to a lack of players. The board will be alerted to future events.
- Lip Sync- June 7, 6-11 pm – Kim and Ben Janvrin are helping to lead the event, castle is locked in, will be sending email out to coaches asking for participation. Kids and adults are welcome but kids will be restricted to upstairs after 8:30.
- Juggling Fundraiser, May 22 – Date is secured and communication is complete. Players will secured pledges based on their juggles and then perform at celebration event on May 22.
- Membership list of names for Capital Campaign- Capital Campaign continues. Committee will be meeting early next month to prioritize lead gift targets and begin approaching club members. Land options still positive, need to raise funds to position the club the best.

Community Fields – Frank

- Spring 2019 Complex Preparations – The fields are largely underwater. Looking at 3/18 for the earliest available time. Met with Parks and Rec. Bloomington Parks and Rec (BPR) crew will be back at the fields starting on 3/25. Sale Barn is locked in for the tournament. 50 games set for June 2. Matt Yaklich has again volunteered to roll the fields again this year. Fertilization and Crabgrass spray will occur. Aeration does not need to occur.
- Equipment Needs/Purchases Status – Nets on the goals are in bad shape from being left over the winter. In addition the signs on the side of the goals are catching the nets and ripping them. We will need to purchase more nets this year than in past years. Discussion included options for alternative signage. Frank will purchase the nets.

Frank and the BPR department spoke about setting a yearly rate instead of a cost per player so that both sides can budget. The price proposed based on prior years costs was \$30,000.

Motion by John Lambert, Second by Rich Berlin to accept the field maintenance proposal from Bloomington Parks and Rec for \$30,000 flat yearly fee for mowing, field maintenance, lining, porta pot cleaning, and basic repairs needed.

IFJ Travel Operations Update – Andie/Myron/Amanda/Chrissy

- Super Y- 13 teams. This is up from last year though there have been some teams like the 06 Girls White that could use additional players.
- Fire Camp June 3-7th. Will have hours in the evening.
- PCSL Clinics will be in April. Two coaches accepted for ETP coaching role.

- Team Genius will be used for the tryout process this year to help automate, streamline, and make the tryout fees/scoring more consistent.
- May 7th, meet the fire night. 7 pm meeting.

PCSL Operations Update - John/Pam

- 230 New Players for Spring. New Teams: U5 Boys, U5 Girls, U6 Boys x 2. Have already had 514 players register for Fall 2019.
- 105 Teams, 25 Coaches attending coaching clinic. Will need field supervisors and field coordinators. Have enough coaches.
- 18 New Referees certified, 12 Recertifying. Solid numbers for youth refs this year.
- Newsletter went out Tuesday. Spring Match Schedules went out yesterday.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:59 pm.