

# Illinois Fire Juniors/PSCL

## September 2019 Meeting Agenda

**General Discussion Topics:** Present included Tim, Jeremy, Matt, Chris, Andie, Miranda, Pam, Rich, Chris, Tracy, Bryan. John Lambert joined at 7:25.

Meeting called to order at 7:11.

### President's Topics - Tim

- New Board Members- Jeremy introduced the slate of recommended officers and assistant directors. Tracy Van Prooyen and Bryan Bauer were present.  
**Andie moved to accept. Chris seconded. Motion carried unanimously.** Welcome to the new members and thank you for the willingness to help.
- Merger/Logos- Kirt has the documents complete and ready for signatures. Matt and Rich will work on the timelines for combining the accounts and the taxes. Looking to have the merger occur in conjunction with the fiscal year on Oct 1. Kirt will wait to hear back from the tax attorney before the date is set.
- Complex Maintenance Needs- We rented a golf cart for 2 months from the same people we rent for the tournament. John has reached out to a local company (Prairie carts) that is willing to give a discounted rate for double sized carts. We will likely look to use that company in the spring. We will consider owning, renting, and rent to own.
- Director of Operations- We reduced the initial pool of 70 down to 15. There will be a final group of 5 or so who will be extended an interview. The final pool will be identified next week. The executive board and staff will conduct the interviews.

### IFJ Fall Tourney Shootout – Andie

- Overall Tournament Status- As of today there are 65 teams registered (not including our 30 teams). Many of the teams are from out of state (Iowa, Indiana, and even Canada). There is a lot going on in town that weekend as well so the hotels are very full. We are talking with the CVB and hotel association to see if there are any additional rooms that free up for teams. Carts, Porta Pots, Garbage, T Shirts (through Meltdown), are all taken care of. Concessions will be provided both by vendors and the club. We also are still in need of additional trainers for the tournament.

### Rec Operations Update - John/Pam

- Operations Status Report (Board Report)- The board discussed the rec numbers, fees, potential ways for rec parents to volunteer/get involved, and other factors contributing to player numbers. There was a large increase in late registrations and a slight increase in full year registrations this year. The high school numbers have decreased. There still are needs for coaches, although the waitlist is down to only 17 kids. Registration for next year will start being promoted in December. We continue to need field monitors and referee coordinators over multiple time slots.
- The season has started and so far so good. There has only been one issue so far, with the major factor related to competitive balance in a game. We continue to get asked questions about practicing at the fields, but there just is not enough space for everyone.

### Travel Operations Update – Andie/Myron/Amanda

- Fall Season Updates- It has been an unusually busy early year. There have been a handful of issues Myron is working through with different teams. Discussion around the use of Bloomington High School for futsal winter training focused on the costs, the number of kids participating, and other locations that are available. The futsal decision needs to be made soon and details need to be sent out before the end of fall. Myron and Pam will work out a proposal and get it back to the board.
- Discussions around CIU/CIE focused on the upcoming tryout schedule, the differences in the program this year vs last year, and some of the changes in team makeups. The board supports the partnership and agreed to continue for the upcoming year.

**Community Outreach-** Chris/Sean

- Top Soccer – The fall season has started again. The game will be on Saturday Oct 5<sup>th</sup>. There are roughly a dozen players currently and twice as many buddy players participating.

**Marketing/ Fundraising/Sponsorship –** Jeremy/Tim/Erika

- Mr. Softee will be at the fields for the Oct 5<sup>th</sup> weekend on a trial basis. She also will be at the tourney as a food vendor.
- There was a discussion around the newest developments coming from the CVB/city/town. We have participated in discussions with various stakeholders and continue to add our perspective in regards to potential complex issues. The group was told that our timeline for action on our side will be by the end of the year. Additional conversation and updates around various land options continue with some major meetings occurring in the next week. More to come.
- Capital Campaign continues, though it has slowed a bit with everyone involved in the fall season. Marv will be in town next on Oct 14, 15, Nov 13/14, and then Dec 9/10 with a large focus on major and lead gift meetings.

**Other New Business**

- No new business or executive session was called.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:51**