

Illinois Fire Juniors/PSCSL

April 2019 Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

Tim Koch, Jeremy Kelley, John Lambert, Matt Frank, Clint Warren, Chris Downing, Rich Berlin, Pam Bauman, Chrissy Mora, Miranda Frank, Erika Hunt, Amanda Esparza, Andie Halley, Myron King

Absent:

Kirt McReynolds, Scott Hargus, Alicia Chaon, Frank Schuler

Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm April 10, 2019. **Chris Downing motioned to approve March 2019 minutes. John Lambert second. Approved unanimously.**

PCSL 40TH Anniversary Event- John/Chris

- May 4th, 11- 1 Events
 - Schedule of Events- Various events between 11-1. Will have ISU, Rock 96.7, elected officials, food trucks, Fire along with Soccer in the Community Clinic and other various events occurring. Alumni game may not occur due to lower numbers.
 - Communications- Communications have been going out via FB and email. More will come closer to the event.
 - Budget Items- T Shirts have been created and ordered (thanks Scott). Will get a PA system. Discussed possibility of selling concessions.
 - Day of Logistics- Volunteers from travel side will be avail to help as needed. All questions should be directed to John Lambert.

IFJ Spring Shootout – Alicia

- Overall Status- # Teams Registered – We are down a little but over 100 teams have signed up so far as of today.
- Planning Positions Still Needed – We still have needs for volunteers for major components of the tournament. Contact Alicia if you can help.

Community Outreach- Chris/Sean

- Top Soccer- The first practices for TOP Soccer have started. We have around a dozen players and twice that in buddy players so far. We have received very positive glowing feedback and thanks from parents of multiple players and expect our numbers will likely grow. Major thanks to all of the buddies and players who have given their time so far, along with extra thanks to Chris, Sean, and Lexi for coaching and running the league.
- Soccer Gear Collection/ Soccer Without Borders- Haiti- Collection will run for a 2 week period and conclude the week of the garage sale on April 20th. Communications are out asking for donations of shoes, jerseys, balls, and other soccer gear. The funds raised will go to the scholarship funds with the leftover items being donated for the Soccer without Borders trip this summer. Thanks to the Sean and his wife for coordinating the event.

Community Fields – Frank

- Spring 2019 Complex Update- Frank has resigned from his position on the board and being in charge of the fields. He provided a lengthy report detailing what needed to be done regarding the fields. Tim will contact Bloomington Parks and Rec in order to provide a primary contact point for their questions. There is a lot of work needed and Frank has been taking care of a lot on his own so there is a lot of work to fill. Erika will have some call outs for volunteers over the

next month to help get the fields in working order. The exec board will meet and discuss various options to best meet this need going forward.

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

- Practices were out at the fields. Some rules changes are coming to this year on the women's side to align with US Women's National Team rules. The field conditions have been stressful with the weather so far. There have been grumbles from parents and coaches regarding the difficult practice schedule so far but the weather has made it difficult.
- 2019-2020 Tryouts – Will be a sign up genius for tryouts this year. Will finalize T shirts shortly. Dry Fit T shirts in grey and we will pin numbers on. Team Genius dry run will happen on April 23rd. Late registrations will need to sign up in Team Genius while the rest of the travel side will be moved over automatically. Can license all the PCSL coaches for 4 v 4 courses for free in person in August. Suggest to tie into coaches meeting or when their supplies are delivered.
- Super Y is launching a new system for admin. 08 girls still has a need for players. Currently we have 13 teams with managers and coaches for each team. The first games starts in June.

PCSL Operations Update - John/Pam

- Week 1 cancellations and rescheduling- We had to cancel because the fields were bad. We sent out an email to coaches and tried to push towards days where the fields were lightly used. Had to do a follow up email that during the week was okay also so long as Pam was aware. There were a few negative comment around this but we have responded.

We have all volunteer coaches on the rec side and we need to tailor to them on reschedules as much as we can.

- Field Supervisors. We are covered the next two weekends.
- Status- Currently have 263 kids new to the program placed on spring. 326 on waitlist. Only 17 kids could not be placed. Kids were still signing up on the waitlist last week. 1420 total kids. 893 already registered for next year.

Marketing/ Fundraising/Sponsorship Alternatives - Jeremy

- Lip Sync- June 7, 6-11 pm- We are locked in for the event but we still need coaches and board members willing to assist by performing. Have heard from some already but we are behind on where we want to be. Contact Kim Janvrin or Jeremy with questions.
- Juggling Fundraiser, May 22 – The juggling fundraiser has been communicated to part of the club, but it does not look like it has gone club wide. Clint and Jeremy will follow up to ensure the message gets out. Erika can help from team managers side as needed.
- Capital Campaign Updates- The committee has met and started looking at data received from the fundraiser. Next steps will be to do training on asks and then target lead gifts and early adopter gifts within the club. Three major gift sponsorship levels: 3 mil (can be over 10 years) for complex naming rights, 2 mil for indoor facility naming rights, 1 mil for championship naming rights. Other various levels of commitment available. Update on various land options. Things are progressing positively.

President's Topics - Tim

- Merger Topics- Legal Consolidation- Kirt. The law firm we have contracted with has the information they need for the first part of the legal consolidation. We will hear back from them soon. The rest of the merger continues positively.

- Open Houses- Hudson and Pepper Ridge- There are two open houses coming up on the same day that IFJ has been invited to attend. Tim and Chris Downing will attend Pepper Ridge, we need volunteers to help with Hudson. If you can attend, let Tim know.
- Hudson/El Paso- The Hudson elementary soccer league is folding. Discussion focused on extending a potential offer to play in the PCSL rec leagues and how that could work. PCSL staff and board (Kirt, John, Pam) will reach out to the contact and follow up.

Other New Business

None- Open Meeting closes at 8:45pm to move to closed session with the executive board.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05.