

Illinois Fire Juniors

March 2018 Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Alicia Chaon Kris Nutt Kevin Byrd Myron King
Tim Koch Matt Frank Erika Hunt
Chris Downing Jeremy Kelley Miranda Frank
Scott Hargus Chrissy Mora Paul Cadwell

Absent: Teresa Dubravec Amanda Esparza

The meeting started at 7:00 pm and concluded at 9:25 pm at the IFJ Offices. The board then went into closed session.

General Discussion Topics:

President's Topics (Tim)

First official meeting as President!

Discussed how to make a player not pay double if he/she decides to move from PCSL to IFJ or vice versa.

Discussed Kirt McReynolds' email for the Chambers charity effort. Please attend if your schedule allows.

Chicago Fire Topics (Caddy)

Trivia Night items will be put in the mail tomorrow.

Discussed involvement with tournament and try outs.

This is a World Cup year. Great opportunity to promote soccer.

Fields Update (Tim/Jeremy)

Continue to meet with various people throughout the community.

Merger with PCSL (Tim)

Our By Law comments have been provided back to PCSL for review.

Target date is still July 1.

Fundraising and Sponsorship Alternatives (Jeremy)

Discussed different opportunities within the community. Jeremy will pursue further direction based upon the board's input.

Tournament (Alicia/Kevin/Scott)

May – 86 teams have registered outside of our club, which is slightly ahead of last year's pace. Hampton Inn & Suites will be our check in hotel. On-line registration is going well. Tents have been ordered.

Scott presented a potential t-shirt vendor for tournament weekend. Tournament logo has been approved.

Kris provided an update on confirmed food vendors.

Fall - Will hold a one location tournament for U8-U14 in the Fall, working with PCSL on a specific date either right after Labor Day or in October. It was proposed that Teresa begin looking at this tournament, so Alicia can focus on the May tournament.

Player ID and Acquisition – (Chris/Myron)

Approved two IFJ Community Ambassadors for this spring.

Reaching out to local organizations to see if they are interested in our programs, and they will present recommendation for Parent & Me program by April board meeting.

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Utilization of Chicago Fire (Kris/Tim/Chris)

May Tournament requests have been emailed in.

Discussed suggestion by Caddy for "Open Play" in April. Can come out to train if you are not carded with another team, with a signed waiver.

Discussed specific items for Try Outs.

IFJ 10x10 tent will be ready in 10 days, and banners have been ordered.

PCSL is going to be celebrating their 40th anniversary in the fall; will put in a request for September 8 for some type of presence.

Myron is working with Caddy to bring up our coaches to Chicago for some training.

Myron's Daily Duties (Tim/Teresa)

Next steps – Will meet in the next 30 days to help streamline activities.

Try Outs (Teresa/Scott)

They have begun to work with Myron/Chrissy/Amanda on automating pieces to reduce errors and redundancy. Caddy will also share some Chicago Fire materials as well.

New Try Out Software Evaluation – Scott reviewed Team Genius and its capabilities. He will go back to the vendor to view different cost offers.

DoC Updates (Myron)

Our intern is Olivia. She is from NCHS and is working on video.

Summer dates have been announced for girls and boys for the Emerging Talent Program.

Practices have begun for the Spring Season.

Coach's Meeting went well.