

SSC General Monthly Minutes February 21, 2018

Meeting start time called at 7:30pm by Mary Ellen Dunn.

President's report

Request was put in to get the waterfront park for rec games on Saturdays. It's pending with the county.

There is a permit for the middle school for middle school for April-June for rec make ups. This is at the board of ed right now.

The rec training contract was signed. We saved \$2000 compared to what we paid last time.

We are partnering with FSC. Jason will be working on that.

C-stand is vacant. Need volunteer this season if we open.

Father's Day Tournament is pending. Depends on field conditions and field space locations.

Field 6 can be used in the spring and before April 1st.

Stay off the top fields 1-5.

Stay away from the playground and there will be a dedication.

Turf project is moved to July.

The HS turf has been secured. Mike will be working on the times for this. The dates are March 18, March 25, April 18 and April 22. We will get the turf through May also but this is pending.

The indoor program brought in \$11,000. This is what is funding the upper field surfaces and reason field three is shut down.

Vice President Report

The coaches appreciation night was a success.

The training program was a good decision to partner with FSC. They are the largest soccer program on the east coast. Coach Nick Chappell is now C licensed. His program was developed by John Saunders who is now the head of the academy over at Cedar Stars. We want to bridge the gap between rec and travel. We want to develop players from age 4-5 up to the age of 12. With fields, we know that we will be faced with some challenges. In the off season Mary Ellen has been great with finding resources. The town is supporting us. All the events that they are having, we should give back by supporting them. We have to give back.

Treasurer Report: was reported to members who attended meeting with no outstanding bills. If anyone would like a copy of the budget report just let Jahna know and she will send it to you.

Secretary report: The monthly minutes will be posted on the website. Katy is working with Cathy to get that link up on the site.

Buddy ball is now free registration.

Rec update: This Friday and Saturday are the last of the walk up registrations. After the 28th of February registrants will be waitlisted. We are at 215 kids registered. A few coaches from last

spring have stepped up again to be head coaches. Seems that we are following pattern as last spring and could possibly will need a few more coaches for teams. Setting up a rec coach meeting will be on March 21st at the Mikey Sedlak building. The general meeting, will be for March 14th. The board has given permission for Nikos to pursue an interest in the 3M league for rec. If participants are willing to travel in the 3M towns then they can play in this league and play the 11v11 format. Johe G and Joe T expressed interest in leading this league. This is similar to the intercounty league we had a few years ago. Reason is because we lose kids at this age group and want to keep the interest going. These teams are coed. Our rec program will "travel" u14 and up. How will we promote this program? 170 kids registered after Feb 28th 2017. We hit a bump after the parade. The waitlist will not work on demosphere, it charges parents their credit card. We don't want to do that. We need to figure out a different way. There was a recommendation to do something through google. Easy way is to keep registration open. (Conversation going on about those that register late then there were parent complaints about uniforms being late, do we implement late registration fees? In the fall we signed up the last registration four weeks into the season. We don't turn anyone away. Decided no late fee. We will keep it open for another three weeks. If you don't put deadlines, no one responds! Then if we leave registration open and it's March 15th to get 500 kids, which is great, then that puts us at a disadvantage. Suggestion to send out emails stating what we as a club needs as help to send out now and not the week of when the season starts, we need to start assigning the teams, parents challenging ref calls have to stop)

Joe P will make the coaches plea letter. Distribute this to the parents at the indoor program and email blast and post on social media and at the parade.

Jason is putting together a program for novice coaches. FSC contract has 2 coaching clinics. Jason will be observing the coaches during the season and see if they are following the syllabus that will be handed out at the rec coaches meeting. There are suggestions to put two assistant coaches to the teams but they have to come to the meetings to understand and know what is going on. It has to be part of the workbond.

Travel update: There is a small issue, we have a team who is scheduled for a Friday night practice 6pm who cannot make it due to the team schedule. Whoever is willing to switch to Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday it will be helpful. Jason Davis is willing to move his practice from Wednesday to Friday. Once season begins only season 6 for practices. We are trying to get the lights from the PBA for free. Field 1 is good except the area by parking lot, field 2 back field is fine but middle is bare spots, could be lack of rotating the fields. Field 3, is good. Field 4 will probably be shut down including the perimeter practice areas. Field 5 is going to be shut down for the fall. March 20th the schedule will be posted. Gotsoccer is only used for EDP game schedule. All is done in BlueStar. Ref meeting March 5th 7:30pm and also will have a small 6:30pm meeting for the girls small sided teams both meetings at the Sedlak Building.

Can we do earlier tryouts? We agreed to change the tryouts in three club meetings prior and we did move them earlier. At this time no. If you want to bring kids to practice then they can do an

open invite for a practice to evaluate them. They can use field 6. If they are not part of the rec program and invited to an open practice just make sure we have a waiver signed.

Mary Ellen to check to see if the middle school is open from Monday-Thursday for rec training in case of inclement weather.

Keep field 1 11v11 and make a field within a field, make an 11v11 and 9v9. The borough will outline the 11v11 and we (SSC) will handle 9v9. Discussion to think about.

Rec is starting April 9th for training, first game will be April 14th.
Travel training begins ?

Meeting closed by Mary Ellen Dunn