

FFC Board Meeting

4/15/21, 7:30pm

Present: Sue Torelli, FJ Zwicklbauer, Adam Cohen, Chad Bradt, Chris Wallin, Dan Feinberg, Ed, Kiegle, Jamie Schaffer, Sean Cataldo, Josh Kohout, Kristin Armstrong, Mike Torelli, Jay Mackey, Mike Nichter, Mike Torelli, Nicole Brown-Bruette

Minutes from last meeting acknowledged. No requests to modify or change.

Old Business:

Rec Updates

- Registration open and runs through the week before Rec starts (May 8th).
- Rec runs May 8th-June 12th. Jamie asked for Board volunteers to assist on the first day of Rec to ensure it runs smoothly.
- 257 children have registered so far.
- Need additional volunteers. Jamie reported that a few volunteers expressed a concern re. not having the knowledge base to effectively coach. Adam is available to assist in this area and will have practice plans for each coach (handouts for coaches to follow). Plan to have a meeting with the volunteers the week before Rec – Jamie to schedule.
- Jamie asked if someone could confirm that the goals are in place prior to each rec session.
- Discussion re. COVID form/waiver process. In the Fall we took everyone's (players, parents, spectators) temperatures and requested that they complete the COVID waiver. Temperature checks don't seem needed for this session just need to make sure there is a good record of people that attend. Will utilize the google form sign in again. – Sue to check the Town's COVID waiver to make sure this is still in compliance.
- Future Action Item: Per Sue developing a flyer to hand out at the end of Rec to promote Travel. FJ and Kristin spoke about the need to get the word out via the schools and meeting with folks to promote FFC.

Father's Day Tournament

- There were no volunteers for Tournament Coordinator, so Dan Feinberg has stepped up to act in this role. Per Dan, he will need help with the Tournament. Discussion re. developing a list of tasks to be sent out to the group.
- Per Dan, we need a website for teams to sign up ASAP. Chad stated he's able to put a page together for the Tournament including a registration link.
- Action – Registrars need to assist in developing registration through GotSport

Fields/Equipment

- Will need to check the sandbags that are used to anchor the goals and ensure usability. Per Mike the sandbags get broken when mowing the fields. FJ will send info on sandbags to Chris for his review and potential ordering.
- Discussion re. purchase of new nets. Board voted 13-0 to purchase nets from Net World Sports.

- Chris promoted the need for a strong volunteer pool for field set up/tear down/upkeep so equipment remains in proper working order.
 - Sue sent email to coaches regarding the need to have a team representative on the fields committee
 - Need to set goals this weekend, Chris to determine time.
 - Barn Clean Out Day needs to be scheduled.
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- Discussion re. servicing the golf carts.

VP of Coaching

- Next week the speed and agility training sessions will start (Tues/Thurs). 52 players signed up currently. Scheduling information should go out this weekend to anyone who signed up. There will be a check in process to ensure payment is received.
- Adam, Kristin, and FJ have been gathering information for a Coaches Manual. Kristin stated that they will be looking for additional input.
- Beast Mode Camp – space has been reserved at Maalwyck.
- Coaches Survey has been sent out and Kristin stated that she will send out the survey again to get additional feedback. Spoke about the need to secure coaches prior to next season.

Town Update

- Dan, Sue and Chris met with the Town. The Town is trying to have FFC use a general use permit and pay a fee to use the space, which is a departure from the current process. Additional discussion needed.

New Business:

CDYSL

- Per Mike T., CDYSL meeting re. Blackwatch and their alleged poaching of other teams. Vote of 26 out of 29 found that Blackwatch did indeed poach players and the case has been furthered for next steps.
- Per CDYSL there is a need for a Field Marshall for each game. Mike will send out requirements for Field Marshall and what rules they will be upholding.

Additional Training Ideas

- Outdoor Keeper Trainings
- Training videos

Fundraising

- Josh has been doing some research re. fundraising opportunities and identified Squad Locker for apparel. Per Josh, this is a flexible fundraising option which can be run through the Club as opposed to an outside source and is open-ended so bulk orders aren't necessary. Board voted yes (8-0) to go with Squad Locker for apparel/fundraising.

Club Initiatives

- FJ spoke about scholarships named after the founders of Highland and Lakehill/Burnt Hills Soccer Clubs.
- Fifty FC Family Day
- Golf Tournament
- Community giveback day
- Club Sponsors – this will allow us to grow as a Club, placement of logos on goal posts, t-shirts, etc.
- Development of a slogan

Action Items:

1. **Jamie to schedule Rec Coaches meeting.**
2. **Adam to develop practice plans for Coaches.**
3. **Dan will develop a list of tasks that need to be completed for the Father's Day Tournament.**
4. **Chris to move forward with ordering nets and obtaining quotes for dumpster and sandbags. Schedule Field work day and Barn cleanout day**
5. **Josh to move forward with Squad Locker fundraising/apparel.**

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 28th at 7:30pm