

## **Fifty FC Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

### **Location-Google Meet**

**Date: 8/25/22**

**Time: 8:00-9:25pm**

- I. **Attendance:** Monique Cohen, Susan Torelli, Kristin Armstrong, Brendan Dunfee, Patrick Luker, Melody Kot, FJ Zwicklbauer, and also Megan Jeffers
- II. **Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting**
  - A. 8/16/22 Minutes were received and also approved
  - B. Chad is working on a platform that will be able to share the minutes from the meetings with the club members
- III. **Officer's Reports**
  - A. **President's Report:**
    1. **Indoor Space:**
      - a. A new idea for space is the Office Max building in Rotterdam across from the mall next to the Dollar Tree.
      - b. Another space to consider is the Kmart building in the mall that is no longer going to be used. Need to check out this space and see if there are any poles or things that would be in the way.
      - c. Afrim's Malta-may have availability on Saturday and Sunday. More information will be shared once its available.
    2. **CDYSL/Afrims Update:** The club will pay \$250 for each team who registers for the Fall Ball program at Afrims. The Treasurer will write a check to the coach to pay for it. There may be a discount if multiple times register. No coach has said yes to playing CDYSL in Saratoga this year.
    3. An email was sent to Sue containing balances owed to Afrims. One team in particular, U12 A Team has a balance of \$1395. There were a few other teams who have small balances that need to be taken care of. This needs to be looked into further.
- IV. **Vice Presidents Report**
  - A. **VP of Coaching-Kristin Armstrong**
    1. A spreadsheet has been created that contains the coaching line up for the year. We are still looking for coaches for the U12 and U14 B Teams. A motion was passed to approve the coaches with the understanding that coaches can be added to it on an individual basis.
    2. **Coaches Meeting-**A coaches meeting was held on 8/24/22. There was a good turnout for the meeting.
    3. **Coach Recruitment Ideas-**FJ mentioned that he and Mike T. are going to recruit parents at the park to help with the U14B team. Kristin

also mentioned that at the U12 academy practice on August 29<sup>th</sup> that she is planning to have a discussion with the B team parents.

4. **First Aid Bags**-need more ice packs for this year. There are only 2 left in the box.

B. **Treasurer Update:** A quarterly statement was provided at the last meeting on August 16<sup>th</sup>. FJ suggested looking into getting a credit card with points to use to pay for some of the equipment that we need.

C. **Secretary Update:** Received the log in information for the Fifty FC Email. Looked like the messages that were in there had been forwarded to the proper person.

## V. **Committee Reports:**

1. Field/Maintenance:

A. **Golf Cart Update:** Purchased another used one just waiting for the rear seat to come in. The new golf cart that we purchased will be on the lot on August 26<sup>th</sup>. The used one located in the barn was sold for \$750.00 to another club member, and they are fine waiting till we get replacements. We will have a total of 2 golf carts to use.

B. **Lights:** FJ said that he reached out to the Rotary in Scotia, Glenville and also Burnt Hills to see if they would be interested in helping purchase lights. He will let us know when the grant time opens to apply next year. He also suggested looking into Kiwanis for help purchasing lights too.

In the meantime, we need to find a secure space to keep the lights. Someone would have to take them out and also put them away each time they are used. The lights that we used last year were gas powered and were able to stay in place. A Google form was created to see if we should move forward with the lights or wait and continue to research. We are looking to purchase at least 2 portable lights to be used in November. This topic will be discussed again at the next meeting.

2. **Fundraising**-It was proposed to set up the speed goal at the Glenville Oktoberfest on September 24<sup>th</sup>. We could also hand out information about our travel and rec programs and possibly t-shirts and soccer balls. We would need to find volunteers to help out. FJ was going to talk to Melissa Brennan to set it up.

3. **Tournament**-Monique mentioned possibly organizing our own Fall tournament. The Board felt that it was too much right now but something we could look into in the future.

4. **Fall Ball**-an idea was proposed to possibly have our own Fall Ball session next year since we have the perfect facility. We could invite teams from

different areas including the Southern tier. The only issue that we could run into might be refs. This discussion will continue.

5. **Team Representatives:** Kristin mentioned at the coaches meeting on Wednesday night that each team needs a representative. It was suggested to have a spreadsheet with the team

## VI. **Old Business:**

- A. **Veo Cameras-Adam** has reached out to the BHBL Soccer Booster Club and they are dragging their feet. Essentially they need to balance funds they pay for the girls program and the boys program. They want to wait to make any decisions on further spending until after the team's night-Tuesday night. He feels optimistic he can get them to chip in but they seem a bit overwhelmed at the moment.
- B. **Rec Soccer Update-**Sue mentioned that we are still in need of coaches for Rec Soccer. She said that during the Spring Rec season the older travel kids were the refs and were paid \$30.00 a week. She is planning to send an email to the upper level coaches to see if any of the players have any interest.
- C. **Paid Coaching:** It was discussed that we need to form a committee and put together a plan for how to approach it and then share with the Board. The Executive Committee would vote on it. Some things to consider are needing to restructure our fees. If we want to continue to develop our players we want to have knowledgeable coaches especially at the A team level. A Google form was created to vote on the topic of paid coaching and the results were 100% to move forward with it.
- D. **Technical Directors Contract:** Updates need to be made to technical director contracts.

## VII. **New Business:**

- A. **Swag-**Sue reached out to Tyler at Afrim's and shared the new Uniform Coordinator's information. Tyler is looking into something other than Puma that may have a quicker turnaround time in order to order Polos and maybe warm-up jackets for the coaches.
- B. **Flag Banners-**order a few flag banners to be signed out by coaches and taken to tournaments.
- C. **Small Flag Signs-**order a few small flag signs to be taken to tournaments and put around as advertising our club.
- D. **Car Stickers-**need to order more car stickers to help spread the word about our club
- E. **Building Community Ideas-**To have a Service Day where teams could volunteer to help in the community. It would be a way to get our name out there. Another event is being planned at Wolf Hollow for the

Board members, coaches, and their families to attend. More information to come.

**VIII. Next Meeting:**

**A. 9/15/22 at 8pm (Paid Coaches Discussion)**

**B. 9/22/22 at 8pm (General Board Meeting)**

**IX. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25pm.**