

FIFTY FC BOARD MEETING

DATE: MAY 3, 2023

TIME: 8:00 PM-10:40PM

- A. ATTENDANCE:** Monique Cohen, Adam Cohen, Patrick Luker, Brian Brewer, Susan Torelli, Nichole Schemerhorn, Chad Bradt, Morgan Montone, Kristin Armstrong, Megan Jeffers, Matt Nafus, Jessica Vedder, James Preece, FJ Zwicklbauer, Kim and Kevin Ricard, Jen Capello, Erin & Chris Daly, Dan Jordy, Clay Schemerhorn, and Katie B.
- B. Treasurer Position:** Monique shared that that we only had one interested candidate for the for the Treasurer position, Morgan Montone. She shared that Morgan has 15 years of finance experience and he is also one of the U10 Boys coaches. A vote was taken among the board members and there were 11 “Yes” votes. He was welcomed to the Board by Monique.
- C. First week of Rec:** FJ pointed out that the first week of Rec starts on Saturday, May 6th. He said that one bench was put together. There was a Sign Up Genius for April 29th sent to families and there was only family that signed up, so he canceled it. He wants to lay a sealer on the tables. Sue is working with Kara and Lisa to get things ready for the start of the season. He will be at the fields the first two weeks and also the last two weeks of the season to recruit players for travel for the upcoming season.
- D. Chad:** Chad shared that we need to collect photos to be put on Facebook and also Instagram so we can keep both sites current. Monique asked if we need permission from families to post photos. FJ said that we can update that on the registration form for the upcoming season. Kristin said that if parents have any issues about photos being taken they can notify their child’s coach.
- E. Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the April 4th meeting were received by all board members and were approved. I suggested using a Google Form when we have to take a vote because it is difficult to keep track of the yes and no votes and

continue taking the minutes from the meeting at the same. FJ liked the idea. I also asked if it would be possible to record the meeting so I can go back and check that my minutes are accurate.

F. Paid Coaching: In looking at the agenda under Committee Reports Sue typed that we should table the discussion until the club survey results can be circulated and more information can be gathered as to what our club is actually looking for.

Monique thanked her for sharing her insight and then highlighted item #17 from our April meeting minutes about paid coaching.

I stated that I wanted to clarify any miscommunication on what I wrote in the minutes from our meeting. The part that states, “A vote was taken to move forward with the proposal” means that we voted for the concept of paid coaching to be looked into further and more information would be shared on all options to improve the coaching and training quality of our club at a future board meeting. It was not in reference to the written proposal of paid coaching.

1. FJ shared that it should be a club decision. A survey was sent to all travel families in order to get feedback from the members. We just started to build community within our club.
2. Monique said that we need another night of coaching available for our players.
3. Sue agrees that we are investing in club coaching and also our players. We brought in some new things this year, for example more technical training opportunities and goal keeper sessions with Adam and also Besstera. We also offered sessions with the Beestera for the coaches to attend. We don't want to alienate coaches anymore. We are a community club and we offer availability for our players to play other sports in addition to soccer.
4. Monique pointed out that maybe we need more technical directors.
5. Adam said that the U.S. Soccer Regulation is a 3 to 1 ratio. Do we have a ratio similar? He said a 1 to 1 ratio is appropriate.

6. Ending thought: We need to get an idea of the club's wants first and then discuss the best way to move forward at another meeting.

G. Vice Presidents

1. **VP of Coaching-Kristin Armstrong:** Kristin shared that there was a coaches meeting held on April 19th in order to transition to the Spring CDYSYL season. The coaches were given our Father's Day Frenzy Tournament flyers to give to other teams in the coming weeks. They discussed the Pillars (Philosophies) to teach kids. An email was sent to each coach to find out his/her intentions for next year in order to prepare for the new season. She also shared that for the Fall and Spring Seasons that the U12 and U14 teams practice two times a week, U8's were offered two times a week in order to give parents a choice and split the number of players each night. U10's practice one night a week.
2. **VP of Scheduling-Melody Kot:** Melody shared that she and Kristin were brainstorming alternative ways to get information out to coaches about times that are available for practices. Melody mentioned creating a Google Calendar for everyone to use. FJ and Monique think the Google Calendar would be a great idea and she was given the green light to go ahead and look into it and set it up.

H. Indoor Space

FJ shared he is working with Afrim's and Northstar about indoor space. He shared that the New York Shockers are starting this weekend and we could do a sponsor night for a \$1,000 which may help us get our foot in the door. He is working on getting more time at the Malta Afrim's facility. He proposed having an additional director along with Adam. He suggested Ojay who is an experienced player and is currently coaching a U12B team and also the U14B team. He could help the coaches. We are still utilizing Beestera for technical trainings. He pointed out that the team practices should work on raising skill levels. FJ is working on securing indoor space so we don't miss out.

- I. **Beestera:** Matt asked if the U16 Boys could attend the U14 Beestera technical practice. No one disagreed with the idea.
- J. **Survey:** Matt asked if there was a date that the surveys needed to be completed by. FJ said to resend the email letting families know the last day to complete the survey. The date to complete the survey is May 12th. A meeting will take place on May 17th via Google Meet to discuss the results of the survey.
- K. **Numbers Update:** Kristin gave an update on numbers for this season. She said that at the U8 level they are able to field two teams with 14 players on each. U10 and U12 Girls have grown this year as well.
- L. **Parent:** Jen Capello is new to the club and has a U8 and also U10 player. She shared that she is encouraged by the survey results and that our club is convenient.
- M. **Treasurer-Patrick Luker:** Patrick shared his screen with the Budget info that he has gathered. The information included were the fiscal years, Current Balance, Income Revenue, Equipment, Utilities, and also Facilities. He shared that his document is a flexible working document. FJ asked about the certificates and if any are ready to flip out. Patrick said he thinks in the Fall (6 month renewal rate). The certificates are at the current interest rate.

Other: Sue, FJ, and Patrick currently have a First National Bank of Scotia Debt Card. Need to get one for Morgan. Being Morgan has experience in finance he could look into it and also the taxes and discuss at another meeting.

- N. **Past Board Member-Sue Torelli:** Sue wanted everyone to know that everyone on the board is valuable and collectively we have the same vision. We all come from a good place. (Statement was seconded by FJ and also Monique)
- O. **Spring Rec-Kara Winchester:** We have 374 players signed up for Spring Rec. Need to finalize the teams. We didn't have to beg for coaches as we have needed to do in the past. There is a Rec Meeting with the Coaches tomorrow (May 4th). We are encouraging the Youth (U14 and older) to come and help, there is

a volunteer form to fill out. Need to finalize the dates of the 4 extra week day practices.

P. Fifty FC Summer Camp: Registration deadline is May 19th. Need to get the information out to Scotia families. We will honor the reduce rate since the information will not get to them in time.

Q. Registrar-Jess and Brian:

1. Jessica asked if we were going to put a bid in for Fall Ball. The consensus was that we will not. We would participate in Afrim's Fall Ball League again.
2. We won't register rosters with CDYSL until later/Spring similar to what we did this year.
3. For Fall Registration-all families need to be asked at try-outs to complete all of their Got Sport paperwork (photo and verification) as soon as possible.

R. CDYSL Update-Nichole Schemerhorn:

1. Notes from the 4/20/2023 CDYSL meeting were emailed to everyone on April 26.
2. The date to begin holding tryouts is June 19th. Originally it was June 20th.
3. We couldn't vote on anything since they didn't have a quorum.
4. Refs are at a premium for the spring league thus we may show up for a game/tournament and not have a ref. If this happens, coaches need to let Jan Brown, from CDYSL, know and make a note in the game.
5. Is anyone interested in being trained to be a ref?
6. CDYSL is looking to fill the President, Vice President, and 2 Members at Large positions.
7. CDYSL is backed up for registration-could we bring up a change in policy for guest passes? That teams should be able to use an approved roster of a team in the lower division or age group.

S. Field Coordinator-Chris: The following was shared by FJ as Chris was not in attendance at the meeting. A pesticide will be sprayed on May 11th. We can play on the fields 2 hours after the pesticide has been sprayed unless it rains, then we have to wait.

T. Tournament Director-Sondi: The following information was shared by Monique Cohen as Sondi was not present for the meeting. A meeting was held to talk about the tournament with the team representatives. Committees were set up. Need a parent volunteer for registration. The fridge/freezer near the barn door is not working properly. Took pictures of medals and trophies that we have, we are going to need to order more. We need to get more propane for the grill, possibly another container. Volunteer needs- Megan will create a sign -up sheet for families to sign up to volunteer. It will be emailed to all families once it is all set.

There need to be regular committee meetings to get the ball rolling. FJ, Sue, and Matt need to be included in the meetings.

Monique was asked to set up the Google Meet by Sondi and will share the information with the Board.

Matt asked about the U16 division-There have not been any U16 teams signed up to play. Matt emailed coaches to get interest. There are two other tournaments that are happening the same weekend Mad Dog and Green Mountain. However, the closing date to register for either one is May 12th and the deadline to register for our tournament is June 3rd. If we wait until June 3rd to make a decision we will be closed out of the other two possibilities. It was decided to leave the registration open until May 8th and then a decision will be made about canceling that division.

Food for thought for next year: Need to reach out to teams earlier

Deadline to register for our tournament is June 3rd.

U. Uniform Coordinator-James Preece: Tyler returned James' call and will have something ironed out for shirt printing. He needs artwork in a jpeg file. A link was sent to his website and we can choose what he offers. We need to come to an agreement with the terms-he was upset that they had to buy back clothing that didn't sell and incurred a loss. James shared some other options: Charge a flat rate and Afrim's makes a profit, 50/50 split between

- the Club and Afrim's, or we agree on terms. James suggested a potential coach for next year-Brian (didn't catch the last name). James is going to look into the Sponsors/Donors list for baseball.
- V. Bylaws Review:** We need to review the bylaws and also follow through with them. We need to have a chairperson for the committee. This was tabled for the summer. Brian offered to chair the committee. Nichole and James are interested in being part of the committee. Monique said that she would help.
 - W. Benches:** The benches have been delivered and are in the barn waiting to be put assembled and sealed.
 - X. Tryouts-Adam and Kristin:** Try-outs are going to be held on June 24th. A flyer has been created to be distributed to the schools. Kristin proposed putting together a coach line up to share with the families. It won't say who is coaching which team specifically, but it would list the coaches for each age group. The Registration questionnaire has been updated and the deadline to register is June 14th. If a player is not able to make the try-outs on the 24th, he/she can request an evaluation at another time.
 - Y. Lights for Fall:** will be discussed at our June meeting.
 - Z. Youth Club Night with the New York Shockers-July 8th**

Next meeting: Wednesday, June 7th from 8:30-9:30.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Jeffers

Secretary