

FIFTY FC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: November 8, 2023

TIME: 8:30-9:50

LOCATION: GOOGLE MEET

I. ATTENDANCE: The following people were present at our November meeting: Megan Jeffers, FJ Zwicklbauer, Kristin Armstrong, Susan Torelli, Patrick Luker, James Preece, Kara Winchester, and Chad Bradt

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the October meeting were approved by Kristin Armstrong and seconded by FJ Zwicklbauer. There weren't any objections.

III. OFFICER'S REPORTS:

A. UNIFORM APPAREL-JAMES PREECE

- Gear is available to be picked up at Afrim's both uniforms and coaches gear. Only two or three people have picked up their gear so far.
- **Coaches Gear:** any coaches gear will be put in the locked area of the barn to be picked at the convenience of either Kristin, FJ, or Sue.
- FJ made a suggestion that next year people should let James know if they want him to pick up their gear or it will stay at Afrim's to be picked up at the parent's/coaches discretion.

B. PRESIDENT'S REPORT-FJ ZWICKLBAUER

- **Afrim's space-**FJ shared that he has been calling and emailing in regards to getting a contract and finding out what space is available and unfortunately we have not received one. Rebecca, who is the scheduler of the space, reached out to FJ and said that the only space available is Saturday and Sunday at the Malta location. Afrim asked that we give him a list of teams with individual practice times and he will get it to Tom (who schedules the games) so he can be sure to schedule game times accordingly so we can utilize the space at Malta. The times that are available at the Malta location are Saturday (4:30-7:30) and Sunday (5:30-7:30). Afrim promised FJ that he would look for other places and times.
- Sue mentioned that we should survey the coaches first to see if they are interested in time at the Malta location. Kristin said that she will send an email to the coaches and see who wants turf time in Malta.
- **Capital Region United Football Club-**Steve Freeman from Blackwatch Premier has been awarded a USL 2 Team. He is looking for affiliated clubs like ours to be interested in participating. This club will only have "A" level teams. There will be Division 1 school kids playing from May through

July. FJ thinks this opportunity will help our club because we will have additional coaches to run clinics for our players. He will share more information as learns more.

C. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

1. VP OF COACHING-KRISTIN ARMSTRONG

- **Beestera-Beetera** training for winter mapping out a plan for each team 2 sessions a month December/one session a month per team January, back to 2 sessions in February, and 1 in March. That would fit well into the budget and still leave some left over for spring. Also, in regards to the coaching education clinics, we are not going to charge you for them. We've decided that with teams we do a lot of work with anyway we are just going to build it in at no cost (Up to 3 a year). One in Fall, Winter, and Spring.
- **Beestera Summer Camp**-Mike, from Beestera, reached out to Kristin because he wants to return to Maalwyck this summer and do another camp. He thought of offering the camp the week of July 8th. FJ suggested the week of July 15th. Sue mentioned that we might want to do the camp in early July because the fields are still lined. Kristin is going to see if the week of July 15th works.
- **Target Audience for Camps**-Who is the target audience for the Fifty FC camp and the Beestera camp? Is the Fifty FC camp going to be tailored to the REC players and the Beestera camp will be tailored to the Travel players?
- **U14 Girls**-There are some U14 girls who have joined recently. Parents have asked if we are going to change the price since their child is not playing the whole season? FJ said we are going to stay with our pricing.
- **U14 Boys**-The numbers for U14 boys have been fluctuating. Lynne Shapiro, was the Scotia Glenville Boys Modified Coach, made a huge push with her team to come and join travel. There are 4-6 players joining travel and will either be part of Team Black or Team Maroon. Each team will have 14-15 players now. A couple of the families have reached out for scholarship information.

2. VP OF SCHEDULING-MELODY KOT

- Kristin asked when the indoor practices will be starting because the coaches have been asking. FJ shared that we just got space at Afrim's but we have not received space at Burnt Hills Ballston Lake because they don't have the proper certificate. He reached out to Eastern NY to get the certificate corrected and is still waiting to hear back. The lights are being returned on November 17th. We

have space at the Malta Afrim's on December 2nd and December 3rd. We will be able to use the space at the Glenville YMCA and Schenectady YMCA starting December 4th. Kristin is going to share the schedule that Sue has created with the times for practices with the coaches.

C. TREASURER'S REPORT: PATRICK AND MORGAN

- **Communication**-We need to find a better way to communicate things that need to be completed. The current method of communication is not working. Sue mentioned that Megan created a Google Spreadsheet that records the emails and who they were sent to. The spreadsheet also has a spot for the individual to comment when they responded to the email. The spreadsheet was shared with the individuals who she forwarded the emails to. It seems to be working well.
- **Got Sport**-Kristin asked who handles the refunds in Got Sport. Sue reported that she handles the coaches' adjustments. Patrick said that he takes care of the other refunds.
- The contract stipend payment for OJ was set up and so is the next payment.
- Sue asked if there is a Google sheet that contains all the account numbers in one place.

D. SECRETARY'S REPORT-MEGAN JEFFERS

- **Open Board Positions**-Emails were sent to families regarding the Open Board Positions available. Brian Grimmick was the only person who expressed an interest in the Volunteer Coordinator position. A vote was taken and there were 5 "Yes" votes.

E. PAST EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER-SUE TORELLI

- **U14 Girls**-a few U14 girls have expressed interest in playing in the winter sessions but not the Spring session.
- **Father's Day Frenzy Tournament**-we are approaching the time to turn in paperwork to get our Father's Day Frenzy tournament approved. Do we still want to do the tournament? FJ shared that we need a tournament director to organize the tournament. It cannot fall on the Board members to do it all. It was suggested that we put together an email stating that we are looking for someone to be the tournament director and organize the tournament or we won't have a tournament this year.

F. RECREATIONAL SOCCER DIRECTOR-KARA WINCHESTER

- Kristin shared that Jay would like to get the Rec coaches involved at the additional practices that we offer. That way if 40-50 players sign up they could run stations in order to manage the group size.
- Kara suggested that we charge more for the practice since it will be more structured.
- Sue thinks that there will be coaches willing to help since there are a lot of coaches involved with Rec.
- FJ suggested sending an email to the Rec coaches that we are going to offer this in the Spring and appreciate them being involved.

G. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY-CHAD BRADT

- Chad is looking into setting up a forward on the emails so they all go to the info@fiftyfc.com account that way they can be tracked on a spreadsheet and get to the right person accordingly.
- He also shared that he has not gotten anything for Instagram

H. REGISTRAR-JESSICA VEEDER AND BRIAN BREWER

Not present at the meeting

I. FUNDRAISING/SPONSORSHIP CHAIR

J. CDYSL REPRESENTATIVE- NICHOLE SCHEMERHORN

- FJ said that he attended part of the last meeting and said they were setting the rules.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

See VP of Committees Report

V. OLD BUSINESS:

See the Officer's Reports

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

- **Utica FC**-Jenn C and Kristin arranged a trip to the Utica FC game earlier this year. Some players from our U8, U10, and U12 teams went and had a great time! Jenn received an email from Utica FC asking if we would be interested in coming back! A promotional flyer will be sent to all families to have a "FIFTY FC" afternoon at the game! All tickets will be in the same section. If enough tickets are sold the players will be able to play on the field at half time!

- **Burnt Hills Ballston Lake Booster Club**-We should address the information that was presented at the last Booster Club Meeting. We want to point out that we are the community club and open communication with them. FJ is going to contact the Booster Club President.

VII. NEXT MEETING:

Our next meeting will be held on December 13, 2023 at 8:30 on Google Meet.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50pm

**Respectfully submitted,
Megan E. Jeffers
Secretary**