

## **FIFTY FC BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE: FEBRUARY 21, 2024**

**TIME: 8:30-9:57**

**LOCATION: GOOGLE MEET**

- I. **ATTENDANCE:** FJ Zwickbauer, Kristin Armstrong, Sue Torelli, Brian Grimmick, Brian Brewer, Chad Bradt, Kara Winchester, and Megan Jeffers
- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes from the January 10th meeting were approved.
- III. **OFFICER'S REPORTS:**
  - A. **UNIFORM COORDINATOR-JAMES PREECE (5 MIN)**
  - B. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT-FJ ZWICKLBAUER (5 MIN)**
    - **Open/Soon to be Board Positions-**We need to get information to the club regarding the open board positions. The goal is to make a smooth transition from the current person holding the position to a new person. All nominations for the positions are due by **March 13th** and will be shared at the Board meeting that night. Positions to add to the posting are Presidents (2), VP of Coaching, and also IT Director.
    - **Tournament Director-**We need to find someone to take on this position so we can have our Father's Day Frenzy Tournament. It should not fall on the Board to do everything. The Board can start the process in terms of submitting the paperwork, in hopes that someone will step in and take it on. There is a \$1,600 stipend for this position.
    - **Tournament-**Our Father's Day Frenzy Tournament prior to Covid brought in a lot of money (estimated \$10,000-12,000). We didn't make a ton of money on registrations, it was mostly from sponsors (ex. Stewarts, First National Bank of Scotia etc). Last year's estimate was a couple thousand dollars. We need to get the paperwork in to secure the date in June. We also need to get people to come and play at the tournament-Fun Day with Fifty FC! If we don't have the tournament, then we may need to raise the fees again. Chad said he will update

the website with information about the tournament. We will continue this discussion at our next meeting.

- **Fifty FC Camp**-We need to find someone to run the FIFTY FC Camp this year. It is a stipend (amount has not been decided) position. In previous years, it has had around 100 kids. FJ has been in contact with people who might be interested in running it. Brian asked if there could be a goalkeeper part of the camp. We need to advertise the camp within our club, on the website, and also in the schools.
- **Pavlo State Cup**-He entered a U12 team in the State Cup Tournament. He needs to have a field lined by March 1st at Malawycyk. His games are scheduled for March 8th and March 9th. FJ said that he looked into Afrim's and if it doesn't snow, the game could be played there for \$300. He also talked to Burnt Hills about using their turf. They said it could be used for practices only and the cost would be \$60 an hour.
- **Pillars and Cornerstones**-We need to share our pillars and cornerstones with the entire club. Everyone needs to read, understand, and believe in Fifty FC! Three key areas are: Honor, Character, and Fundamental Soccer Skills!
- **OJay**-no information on his case at this time
- **Nick Southworth**-He lives in Schenectady and works at GE. He is looking to get back into soccer. He played soccer in college. FJ is interested in giving him some per diem training spots. A vote was taken and it was supported by Chad, Morgan, Megan, and Kristin.
- **Beestera**-Beestera has been doing a wonderful job filling in gaps in our schedule with training sessions! Lots of positive feedback from parents and coaches! FJ suggested offering them a long-term contract in the future since they have lots of resources available to share. Sue commented that it is a step in the right direction for the club. Kristin commented that Curtis is hoping to continue the relationship with us. That he, Tucker, and Matt enjoy working with all the players and coaches. A proposed model is to use Beestera. We would still use Jay, Nick, and anyone else who expresses an interest in offering training sessions.

Chad and Brian are in favor of using Beestera as well.

**C. VICE PRESIDENT**

**1. VP OF COACHING-KRISTIN ARMSTRONG (5 MIN)**

Two new U14 players (Girls and Boys Maroon) have joined our club within the past month. Since they are joining mid year, it was suggested that we reduce the registration fee. It was decided that the registration fee for the players be cut in half.

**2. VP OF SCHEDULING-MELODY KOT (5 MIN)**

**D. TREASURER-PATRICK AND MORGAN (5 MIN)**

Morgan shared that at this time there weren't any outstanding bills. He has been in contact with someone at Awards By Walshes in regards to ordering swag for the Board members.

FJ asked if there was any record of the net amount of money that people paid last year (donated) for not volunteering. He suggested using some of that money to put toward the swag for the board. Sue checked into it and it is \$4,800 (24 people at \$200 each). FJ suggested using \$2000 toward the swag.

**E. SECRETARY-MEGAN JEFFERS (5 MIN)**

I will update the Open Board Position list so it can be sent out to the club.

**F. PAST EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER-SUE TORELLI (5 MIN)**

She is considering posting the Tournament Director position in a separate email to the club

**G. RECREATIONAL SOCCER DIRECTOR-KARA WINCHESTER**

- **Dates-May 4th-June 8th (with soccer Memorial Day Weekend)**
- Got Sport is updated and ready
- Need to figure out how the practices will work-Kristin shared that Jay suggested last year doing mini stations. Brian said that he thought smaller groups would be better.

- Pinnie Order-She is going to double check the pinnies in the barn one more time before ordering 400 youth and 100 adult. She was quoted \$5,975 for the pinnies.

#### **H. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR-CHAD BRADT (5 MIN)**

Tournament flier will be put on the website tomorrow  
Board Meeting Minutes are up to do date on the website

#### **I. REGISTRAR-BRIAN BREWER (5 MIN)**

- Pavlo's team roster-the roster to be eligible to participate in the State Cup Tournament has to be in by next week. He will have it resolved tomorrow.
- Registrations U12 (Boys and Girls)-all set
- Registrations U14-missing registrations, Kristin said that she has been in contact with U14 families and is getting responses that families are out of town for the week.
- **CDYSL Rosters need to be submitted by February 29th**
- Minimum number on a roster is 9
- Kristin shared that U14 Boys Maroon may be rostering 17 or 18 players while the Black team is going to roster 9 since the two teams are small.

#### **J. CDYSL REPRESENTATIVE-BRIAN GRIMMICK (5 MIN)**

- **Guest Teams**-It was approved by a 26-1 vote on February 8th (Boys U12, Girls U12, U13, and 2-U14)
- **Guest Pass**-No quorum was held during the electronic vote in January. A revote was done the week of February 12th and no information has been released if they had 23 people voting
- Ref Shortage-There are only 108 certified refs right now.
- New CDYSL VP-Jon Caraco, from Fulton United Soccer Club, is the new CDYSL VP. It is a 22 month term position.
- It was announced at the meeting that meetings are going back to in-person in April. There will be a \$100 if the club is not present. If this happens, we may need to find someone else to attend the meetings to avoid paying a \$100 fee.

- Sue asked if FJ would send an email to CDYSL expressing our thoughts on the meeting's switching format.

#### **IV. OLD BUSINESS (5 MINUTES)**

#### **V. NEW BUSINESS (5 MINUTES)**

#### **VI. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR (5 MINUTES)**

- Goalkeeper Training Equipment: Brian has been talking to Kristin about purchasing some training equipment for the goal keepers. He said the price is about \$350. FJ told him to send the information to him and he would order it.

A vote was taken: Sue, FJ, and Megan voted to order the equipment.

#### **VII. NEXT MEETING: MARCH 13, 2024 AT 8:30**

#### **VIII. ADJOURNMENT-Meeting was adjourned at 9:57pm**