

**MEDFORD SOCCER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
SOUTH MEDFORD FIRE STATION
MARCH 9, 2009**

Present: Chris Smith (President), Ray Mitrano (2nd VP), Steve Lane (Treasurer), Nancy Avella (Secretary), Frank Cavallaro (Registrar), Lael Smith (Parliamentarian), Tom Heinz (Town Coordinator), Mike Cugno (Ex Officio), Butch Pierce (At Large), Paul Jacques (At Large), Charles Paclat (At Large), Ann Marie Cugno (At Large), Tom Bourne (Girls U14 Age Director), Matt Avella (U12 Boys Age Director), Natalie Miller (Girls U12 Age Director), Jay Cirame (Boys U10 Age Director), David Gontaruk (Girls U10 Age Director), Emily Paone (At Large/U8 Age Director), Ellie Branley (U6 Age Director)

Absent: Bill Carr (1st VP), Ray deRosas (At Large/Boys U14 Age Director), Joe Vaudo (At Large/U16 Age Director/U18 Age Director),

Guest: Ed Tupper (Captive Images)

Motion to call meeting to order at 7:20PM by Steve, 2nd by Matt.

Ed Tupper from Captive Images discussed his company and their new products and services.

Secretary:

Motion by Frank; 2nd by David to accept the minutes for the February 16th Board of Directors Meeting. Vote 15/0. **Motion** passed.

Chris reported that Joe Vaudo gave his resignation which opens up two positions – U16/U18 Age Director and At Large. These positions are open for all nominations.

Nomination by Chris; 2nd by Ellie of Ray M. to the U16/U18 Age Director. Ray M. declined the nomination. **Nomination** by Ray M.; 2nd by Butch of Charles to the U16/U18 Age Director. Charles accepted the nomination.

Nomination by Emily of Dennis Franczak to At Large position. **Nomination** by Ellie of Jonathan Arnold to At Large position. By a vote of 11 to 7, Dennis Franczak was elected to the position of At Large.

Chris reported that there were no additional waivers since the February Board meeting.

Chris reported that the storage unit was downsized from \$192.00/mo to \$126/mo, for a \$66.00/mo. savings.

Registrar:

Frank reviewed the latest registration numbers and also reported that he is still missing some pictures for passcards.

Treasurer/Financials:

Steve reviewed the Treasurer's Report for February 2009. He reported that the Collection Committee is making progress. Channel One updated the website software so that it checks for previous balances. Based on the input provided by the Age Directors, as of 3/6 the registration budget is projected to be below the BOD Approved 2009 Spring Registration Budget by 39 registrations and 8 additional U6/U8 coaches or approximately \$5,500 in fees, net of coaching and other discounts. Partially offsetting this shortfall, the Uniform Order came in under budget by approximately \$2,100 and rent another savings of \$500.

Motion by Mike; 2nd by Ellie to accept the Treasurer's Report for February 2009 as presented. Vote 18/0/0. **Motion** passed.

Age Directors:

Motion by Tom B; 2nd by Charles to allow a GU14 player to be placed on the GU14 Team 1 Spring 2009 roster even though she did not tryout (as required by **ByLaw Exhibit A, Tryout Procedure**). The **Motion** passed by a vote of 11-2 with 4 abstentions. The Board has chosen to include the following items for clarification on this motion and explain why the exception was granted: (i) GU14 Team 1 has been dropped by MYSL into Division 2 and GU14 Team 2 is also placed in Division 2, so there are no Medford GU14 teams in MYSL Division 1 this Spring 2009 but there are two GU14 teams in Division 2; and (ii) GU14 Team 1 lost three (3) players from its Fall 2008 roster of seventeen (17) players and needed to add players due to a shortage of players.

At a Tryout Committee meeting held on February 12th at which five members were present, the Committee voted unanimously that you needed to attend tryouts to be placed on Team 1 for both U12 and U14. This vote did not specifically address the issue of GU14 Team 1.

Town Coordinator/Referees:

Tom Heinz reported that the Middlesex coaches meeting is scheduled for March 26th, girls at 6:30PM and boys at 8:00PM. The referee's meeting is on March 23rd at 7:00PM. Both meetings will be held at the Joyce Middle School in Woburn, MA. The season starts April 4th, weather permitting. Game time requests should go to Tom H.

Parliamentarian:

Lael was pleased to see all items posted on the website.

Player & Coach Development:

Steve presented a Spring 2009 Training Recommendation on behalf of the U6, U8 and U10 Age Directors and Lael (Player and Coach Development). Ellie discussed the U6 program with Play Soccer. Emily reported that she and Dennis will be sitting down with Play Soccer to discuss how to approach the U8 training program. Dennis will oversee the program. Emily mentioned a mentoring program for those U8 players moving up to U10 whereby U8 and U10 players play together at a jamboree and have evaluators there. Steve mentioned that we need to be diligent with this proposed

increase in spending on Training and watch our Registration numbers for the Spring and the Fall 2009 as we need to manage our end of year cash balance.

Equipment/Fields:

Ray M. reported that he spoke with Bob Maloney and the Medford High School field availability is still uncertain due to the Field of Dreams plans. Ray is planning for 3/28 as a field day to get all the fields ready for the season (Playstead, Victory and Andrews). He has a call into the City of Medford to coordinate their plans with Medford Soccer's. Permits will be applied for next Tuesday. They would allow the fields to be used by April 1. U12 goals have not been ordered yet.

Uniforms:

Chris reported that the supplemental uniforms have come in. Challenger does not have the reverse colors (white with navy trim) as an alternative jersey.

Additional Items:

Frank reported that the Tryout Committee is still working on the dates for tryouts. He noted that the Budgeted amount does not cover the cost for 6 raters. The Committee will be meeting to discuss.

Motion by Chris; 2nd by Ellie to add Tom B. to the Tryout Committee. Vote 12/0/3. **Motion** passed.

Motion by Chris, 2nd by Matt to accept the estimated program cost for training in Spring 2009 of \$6,600. Vote 15/0/0. **Motion** passed.

Motion by Chris; 2nd by Ann Marie to adjourn at 9:50 pm. Vote 15/0/0. **Motion** passed.

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy Avella
Secretary Medford Soccer