

**MEDFORD SOCCER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
SOUTH MEDFORD FIRE STATION
FEBRUARY 11, 2008**

Present: Chris Smith (President), Bill Carr (1st VP), Ray Mitrano (2nd VP), Steve Lane (Treasurer), Nancy Avella (Secretary), Frank Cavallaro (Registrar/U12 Girls Age Director), Lael Smith (Parliamentarian), Mike Cugno (Es Officio), Charles Paclat (At Large), Butch Pierce (At Large), Ann Marie Cugno (At Large), Paul Jacques (At Large), Ray deRosas (At Large), Emily Paone (At Large/U8 Age Director), Ellie Branley (U6 Age Director), Jay Cirame (U10 Age Director), Matt Avella (U12 Boys Age Director), Bill Carpenter (U14 Boys Age Director), Tom Bourne (U14 Girls Age Director)

Absent: Tom Heinz (Town Coordinator), Joe Vaudo (At Large/U16 Age Director/U18 Age Director)

Guests: Tim Lambert, Melanie Porcaro, Larry Finison, Rick O'Sullivan, Paul O'Hare, John Prestigiovanni, Don Walker, David Rand, Nancy Albanese, Dino Cattaneo, Jon Arnold

Motion to call meeting to order at 7:40 pm; Motion by Mike Cugno, 2nd by Ann Marie Cugno.

Discussion with Coaches:

Chris welcomed and thanked the coaches for attending. He introduced the Board members. He reviewed the coaches' duties and responsibilities including a discussion on ethics. CORI Forms must be completed and coaches need to respond promptly to Age Directors requests. Coaching courses will be held for G & F licenses on 3/8 and 3/15 at Medford High School. The E license course will be held in Arlington on 3/15 and 3/22. Chris also discussed the current financial situation of Medford Soccer and asked that each coach step up and pay for the Spring season for their children. If there were any hardship problems, please speak with him privately. One of the coaches present raised concerns about the elimination of the coach's discount and possibly losing coaches because of the policy change. Chris reiterated his offer to speak with any coach regarding a possible scholarship.

Presentation of Plaques:

Frank Cavallaro presented a plaque to Rick O'Sullivan for his many years of service with Medford Soccer.

Ray Mitrano presented a plaque to Mike Cugno for his many years of service with Medford Soccer.

John Miele (absent) was acknowledged for his service with a plaque.

Ray deRosas mentioned the upcoming try-outs and asked for coaches to volunteer to help with rating players and coordinating the event.

All coaches present were welcomed to attend the Board Meeting.

Secretary:

Motion by Chris, 2nd by Steve to accept the minutes for the January 14th Board of Directors Meeting. Vote 16/0/0. **Motion** passed.

Fields/Buildings:

Ray Mitrano reported that the nets at Playstead were secured to the fence. Paul Jacques volunteered to fix one of the crossbars.

Equipment:

Ray Mitrano reported that there are equipment needs – balls, corner flags, ice packs and first aid kits. Pinnies are needed but are very expensive. Need to decide whether to give each team a set or have them signed out and returned. Ray gave Chris a list of needed items.

Uniforms:

Score has uniforms and equipment request for Spring; will be sending quote back to us shortly. A request for proposal (RFP) will be sent out in April to a number of vendors. Responses would be by end of May.

Travel:

All Age Directors updated the Board on the status of their teams and coaching placements.

In Town:

Ellie reported that the U6 program will be run academy style once a week for 1½ hours. The first hour will be instructional with stations for different drills. The last half hour will have kids split up for games. No set teams.

Emily reported that the U8 program needs coaches as some are leaving.

Treasurer/Financials:

Chris reported the need for a Fundraising Committee. Some ideas include getting sponsors for the web page, having a banquet, silent auction, raffles.

Chris requested that all Board Members that have spending requirements need to provide information to be included in the upcoming Spring/Fall Budget.

Steve presented the Treasurer's Report which included a year to date cash flow comparison and a reconciliation summary. **Motion** by Frank Cavallaro; 2nd by Bill Carpenter to accept the Treasurer's Report for January 2008 as presented. Vote 17/0/0. **Motion** passed.

Registrar:

Frank updated the Board on registrations and rosters.

Parliamentarian:

Lael reported that she is still looking for past minutes to help complete the By-Laws and Constitution.

Player and Coach Development:

Joe Vaudo is talking with Coach Mike Petrides about running a clinic at Playstead for the spring.

There was a discussion about having experienced coaches act as mentors to new coaches. Perhaps draft up basic information for coaches and include web sites that are helpful. It is important to have a recruitment program due to the low number of coaches.

Additional Items:

Tryout dates: Finalized as follows:

- U14 Boys on Friday, May 16th from 5:30 to 8:30. Rain date Friday, May 30th from 5:30 to 8:30.
- U14 Girls on Saturday, May 17th from 5:00 to 8:00. Rain date Saturday, May 31st from 5:00 to 8:00.
- U12 Girls on Sunday, May 18th from 5:00 to 8:00. Rain date Wednesday, May 21st from 5:30 to 8:30.
- U12 Boys on Monday, May 19th from 5:30 to 8:30. Rain date Thursday, May 22nd from 5:30 to 8:30.

Bill Carr reported that Medford Soccer sent flowers to a current hospitalized player.

Bill Carr reported that George Scarpelli gave his two week notice and will be working in Somerville.

Bill Carr reported that there were no bidders on the cell phone issue for the Field of Dreams. They are sending out a new request for bids in March.

Motion by Steve; 2nd by Lael to adjourn at 10:15 pm. Vote 16/0/0. **Motion** passed.

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy Avella
Secretary Medford Soccer