

**MEDFORD SOCCER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
SOUTH MEDFORD FIRE STATION
APRIL 14, 2008**

Present: Chris Smith (President), Ray Mitrano (2nd VP), Steve Lane (Treasurer), Nancy Avella (Secretary), Frank Cavallaro (Registrar/U12 Girls Age Director), Lael Smith (Parliamentarian), Tom Heinz (Town Coordinator), Butch Pierce (At Large), Paul Jacques (At Large), Charles Paclat (At Large), Emily Paone (At Large/U8 Age Director), Ellie Branley (U6 Age Director), Matt Avella (U12 Boys Age Director), Tom Bourne (U14 Girls Age Director)

Absent: Bill Carr (1st VP/Acting Boys U14 Age Director), Mike Cugno (Ex Officio), Ray deRosas (At Large), Joe Vaudo (At Large/U16 Age Director/U18 Age Director), Ann Marie Cugno (At Large), Jay Cirame (U10 Age Director)

Guests: Jonathan Arnold

Motion to call meeting to order at 7:40 pm by Chris Smith, 2nd by Steve Lane.

Constitution, By-Laws and Tryout Procedures:

Chris overviewed the document revisions and stated that the documents are a starting point and additional changes will be voted in the November General Meeting. The present version is a "Restated" version. **Motion** by Chris, 2nd by Charles to accept all documents, Constitution, By-Laws and Tryout Procedures for Medford Youth Soccer, Inc. d/b/a Medford Soccer as presented. Vote 13/0/0. **Motion** passed.

Fields/Equipment:

Ray Mitrano reported that all permits for the fields are set. Since the first and second weeks of games were cancelled, make-up games need to be scheduled. The City did not line the fields and therefore Medford Soccer lined Playstead. The City did get the High School field lined for Sunday games and will be lining Victory for makeup games this week. The lockbox was broken at Victory and the key would not work. The lockbox at Tufts field will be moved to Andrews.

Uniforms:

Chris reported that there are a few left. Just about everyone received them. New uniforms with new designs will be required for the Fall 2008 season. Chris will write up a RFP (Request for Proposal). The new uniform would include two different shirts, shorts and socks and should be less expensive. We could link with a fundraiser (Banquet/Fun Day) to help offset the cost. Chris reported that Tim Delaney would make a presentation to the Board in May or June.

Town Coordinator:

Tom H. reported that referees are not sending him their schedules. The new referees are feeling intimidated and the older referees do not want to ref the younger age groups because they get paid more for older groups games. He thought it would be helpful to have Field Marshals at the U10 games who

could introduce themselves to the coaches and refs (i.e. Medford Board members). Chris will send out an e-mail to coaches to remind parents of the rules of conduct.

Travel (Age Directors):

U12 Boys – Matt reported that they are all set.

U12 Girls – Frank reported that they are all set.

U14 Girls – Tom B. reported that they are all set.

In Town:

Ellie reported that the program will start April 20th and she is expecting addition signups.

Emily reported that she had a meeting with the U8 coaches. She needs a Division B Assistant Coach. Games are expected to start on the 26th. Rosters need to be up-to-date as she cannot put any additional players on until the 27th. She moved two Division B teams to Division A. There should be 10 kids per team and could go up to 12 for Division A. She is still looking for coaches. Mentors are scheduled for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Most of the coaches are pretty comfortable.

Treasurer/Financials:

Steve reported that the Federal Annual Filing Status 990 is due 4/15. The state form is pretty standard. Chris discussed the invoice for Play Soccer. The invoice must be resolved. **Motion** by Chris, 2nd by Lael to pay \$6,000 now and the balance in July. Vote 13/0/0. **Motion** passed.

Motion by Frank; 2nd by Ellie to accept the Treasurer's Report for March 2008 as presented. Vote 13/0/0. **Motion** passed.

Registrar:

Frank presented the Registrar's report. There were 12 roster changes. Registration will open for the Fall 2008 season on April 25. There will be a discussion of the registration process at the May meeting.

Player and Coach Development:

Lael reported that she released fliers to schools and a newspaper notice to advertise Spring 2008 registrations for in-town teams. Coaching clinics need to be set up for the Fall 2008.

Additional Items:

There was a discussion about coach/Board discounts going forward. **Motion** by Frank, 2nd by Matt to table the vote on discounts. Vote 2/9/2. **Motion** not passed.

Motion by Chris, 2nd by Steve that effective immediately U6 coaches and assistant coaches would receive free registration for their child that they are coaching and be reimbursed for classes they take to get a G, F or E license. Vote 10/2/1. **Motion** passed.

Motion by Chris, 2nd by Tom H. that effective immediately U8 coaches and assistant coaches would receive free registration for their child that they are coaching and be reimbursed for classes they take to get a G, F, or E license. Vote 11/2/0. **Motion** passed.

Motion by Chris, 2nd by Tom H. that effective immediately travel coaches and assistant coaches, conditioned upon their having an F certificate, would receive ½ off registration for their child that they are coaching and be reimbursed for classes they take to get a G, F or E license. Vote 8/5/0. **Motion** passed.

Motion by Chris, 2nd by Tom H. that effective immediately Board of Directors will receive free registration for all of their children and be reimbursed for classes they take to get a G, F or E license. Vote 2/7/3. **Motion** not passed.

Motion by Chris, 2nd by Steve that effective immediately Board of Directors will receive ½ off registration for all of their children and be reimbursed for classes they take to get a G, F or E license. Vote 10/3/0. **Motion** passed.

Secretary:

Motion by Chris, 2nd by Lael to accept the minutes for the March 10th Board of Directors Meeting. Vote 11/0/0. **Motion** passed.

Butch requested clarification of the procedure for closing the fields due to inclement weather. The policy is that once a field has been closed, it stays closed for the whole day no matter what the weather is.

Motion by Steve; 2nd by Charles to adjourn at 10:30 pm. Vote 11/0/0. **Motion** passed.

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy Avella
Secretary Medford Soccer