

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

Present: Chris Smith (President), Bill Carr (1st VP/Acting Boys U14 Age Director), Ray Mitrano (2nd VP), Steve Lane (Treasurer), Nancy Avella (Secretary), Frank Cavallaro (Registrar/U12 Girls Age Director), Tom Heinz (Town Coordinator), Paul Jacques (At Large), Butch Pierce (At Large), Charles Paclat (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), Tom Bourne (U14 Girls Age Director)

Absent: Lael Smith (Parliamentarian), Mike Cugno (Ex Officio), Joe Vaudo (At Large/U16 Age Director/U18 Age Director), Ann Marie Cugno (At Large)

Guests: Michael Kelly

Motion to call meeting to order at 7:40 pm by Ray M., 2nd by Paul.

Secretary:

Motion by Ray M., 2nd by Frank to accept the minutes for the June 9th Board of Directors Meeting. Vote 14/0/0. **Motion** passed.

Chris brought samples of uniforms and informed the Board that we have five weeks to get them ordered. Therefore, the order must be placed next week. Please review samples and there will be a vote at the end of the meeting.

A fundraising dinner and auction is set for Friday, September 12 at the Irish American. Expect to have corporation raffles and representatives from the Boston Breakers and Revolution to attend. Many donations have already been established. There should be raffle baskets from each team, a 50/50 raffle, etc.

Chris reported that he held a silent auction at a function held at his house and raised \$900. This money will be used for U12 nets and to offset the uniform cost.

There will be a sponsor link added to the website.

There was a discussion about an advertising program to recruit new players. \$800 is the cost for 20,000 3x8 coupons for the Val-Pak mailing (4 cents per household). It was agreed to table this for execution in January.

There was a discussion about the Channel One website. Renewal for Tony Pino is in December. It was decided to discuss in August any changes we want to make or who we would rather go with for a new website. Discussion would include cost issues.

Motion by Chris, 2nd by Steve to pay off the Play Soccer remaining balance of \$7,230 by the end of July. Vote 13/0/0. **Motion** passed.

Passcards from Spring 2008 need to be turned into Frank ASAP for coaches and players.

Treasurer/Financials:

Steve reviewed the Treasurer's Report for June 2008. He suggested that we maintain a cushion but not have too much in the bank. There was a discussion comparing previous expenses with current figures.

Motion by Emily; 2nd by Ray M. to accept the Treasurer's Report for June 2008 as presented. Vote 14/0/0. **Motion** passed.

Steve reported that he will be sending e-mails to families with outstanding registration fees for Spring 2008.

Registrar:

Frank reported that there are 496 current registrations compared to 754 for last season. U6 and U8 are still expecting to have additional sign-ups. Please send Chris e-mails with constructive suggestions about how to help Ellie and Emily with player and coach development.

Age Directors:

In Town:

U6 – Ellie reported that the Andrews fields need to be mowed and maintained. There were golf balls found which could cause player injuries. She only have 4 people complain about the season.

U8 – Emily reported that she sent out e-mails about coaching and has heard from two but expects to hear from more. She also sent e-mails for players to register.

Travel:

U10 Boys & Girls – Jay reported that the boys teams are all set. The girls teams are not improving. There are four teams of 9 but would like 11 for each team.

U12 Boys – Matt reported that there are five teams, one less than last fall. The Division 1 team has kids who did well at the tryout but did not sign up yet.

U14 Boys – Michael Kelly questioned the process of making teams including coach's discretionary picks. Chris instructed Michael to present any issues to the Try-Out Committee for their deliberation.

U14 Girls – Tom B. reported that there are 70 girls for four teams.

Town Coordinator:

Tom H. reported that he needs a coaches list and placement request. He reported that the Federation has changed the referees' recertification fee from \$10 to \$100. Middlesex is going to be using on-line registration. Courses are coming up in 8-10 weeks. Would like to have e-mails sent out to sign up new referees.

Fields/Equipment:

Ray M. reported that he did not know whether there were any conflicts with the Medford High School lacrosse team. Medford Soccer will be responsible for the maintenance of the Andrews School fields. Need volunteers for this. Ray reported that the City of Medford would take on lining all the other fields. There needs to be a meeting with him to confirm expectations. There are some equipment needs but it does not look like a big list. The irrigation pipe at Victory is still an issue. Ray suggested that there be a schedule set up for the September meeting on which coaches could volunteer to be a mentor.

Uniforms:

Chris is looking for someone to take over as Uniform Coordinator and he will work with that person to transition them. After everyone had a chance to view the uniform samples, there was a **motion** by Ray D., 2nd by Matt to go with Challenger Teamwear. Vote 14/0/0. **Motion** passed.

Additional Items:

Chris reported that he will not be able to attend the next Board meeting schedule for August 11.

Chris reported that Ann Marie and Mike will be getting back to him with more details for Fun Day.

Motion by Bill.; 2nd by Frank to adjourn at 10:15 pm. Vote 14/0/0. **Motion** passed.

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy Avella
Secretary Medford Soccer