

**MEDFORD SOCCER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
SOUTH MEDFORD FIRE STATION
SEPTEMBER 15, 2008**

Present: Chris Smith (President), Bill Carr (1st VP/Acting Boys U14/Girls U12 Age Director), Ray Mitrano (2nd VP), Steve Lane (Treasurer), Nancy Avella (Secretary), Frank Cavallaro (Registrar), 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),

Absent: Lael Smith (Parliamentarian), Mike Cugno (Ex Officio), Joe Vaudo (At Large/U16 Age Director/U18 Age Director), Ann Marie Cugno (At Large), Tom Bourne (U14 Girls Age Director)

Guests: Natalie Miller, Rick Todhunter, Mary Pierce, Al Vilar

Motion to call meeting to order at 7:35 pm by Ray M.; 2nd by Steve.

Secretary:

Motion by Frank., 2nd by Steve to accept the minutes for the August 11th Board of Directors Meeting. Vote 13/0/0. **Motion** passed.

Fundraising: Chris reported that the Fundraiser brought in a net total of approximately \$14,000.

Motion by Chris, 2nd by Ray M. that effective immediately Natalie Miller be assigned as U12 Girls Age Director. Vote 13/0/0. **Motion** passed.

Motion by Chris, 2nd by Frank that effective immediately Ray deRosas be assigned as U14 Boys Age Director. Vote 13/0/0. **Motion** passed.

Chris discussed needed improvements to the U6, U8 and U10 programs. Ellie reported that Sean Falvey will be helping her as U6 Assistant Age Director. The U8 group is the most critical. Chris suggested that there be a new board position created – Director of Development. Emily reported that she has some U14 players who volunteered to help with the U8s. There should be a program set up for the Spring. Bill presented some ideas for improvement. Charles will work on a questionnaire to be discussed in October.

Treasurer/Financials:

Steve reviewed the Treasurer's Report for August 2008. Budget should be presented at next month's meeting. By the middle to end of season we should have the cash plan set aside and how to spend the fundraiser money. Outstanding fee registration letters have been sent. We need some kind of scholarship/hardship program.

Motion by Matt, 2nd by Frank that effective Spring '09 any player who has a balance outstanding will not be allowed to be put on a roster for the upcoming season until the balance has been resolved. Vote 12/1/1. **Motion** passed.

Motion by Frank; 2nd by Ellie to accept the Treasurer's Report for August 2008 as presented. Vote 14/0/0. **Motion** passed.

Registrar:

Frank reported that there are 630 assigned players for the Fall. Player and coach pictures are due to Frank by September 28. There will be no in person sign-ups. U6 and U8 late registration date for the Spring is March 31, 2009.

Age Directors:

In Town:

U6 – Ellie reported that there has been a clinic but no games yet. One day a week is working very well. Wants to see the fields lined.

U8 – Emily reported that there are Division A teams playing 6v6 and Division B teams playing 4v4. This is working. The fields need to be mowed.

Travel:

U10 Boys & Girls – Jay reported that there are 6 boys playing down and 2 unassigned. The girls are up to 45 players with 4 signing up due to the bring a friend program. Most teams have a full roster with one at 10 players. One player wants to go back to U8.

U12 Boys – Matt reported that the teams are all set but one coach is having problems. He will speak with parents about issues.

U12 Girls – Natalie Miller is the new Age Director.

U14 Boys – Ray deRosas is the new Age Director.

Town Coordinator:

Tom H. reported that there will be a vote at Middlesex on Rule #12 about games being postponed and shutting down the entire league. Our 8v8 fields have center circles which are half the size they should be. The Middlesex League has electronic registration and will have a template for the data.

Referees:

Tom H. reported that there are not a lot of referees available for morning games. We need three times as many refs as we have.

Fields/Equipment:

Ray M. reported that there has been no response from the Board about rearranging the fields. This cannot be done unless a committee is formed to handle it. He needs volunteers to break down the fields in the Fall. Age Directors should tell their coaches to let Ray know if they have any equipment needs.

Uniforms:

All travel teams have received their new uniforms.

Motion by Chris, 2nd by Jay to buy nine \$25 gift cards totaling \$225 to give to the kids who helped at the fundraiser selling raffles. Vote 14/0/0. **Motion** passed.

Motion by Frank; 2nd by Steve to adjourn at 9:15 pm. Vote 14/0/0. **Motion** passed.

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy Avella
Secretary Medford Soccer