

General Soccer Meeting

July 11, 2022

Attendance:

President - Kris Bowes

Vice President - Aimee Strubinger

Secretary - Jessica Strohl

Treasurer - Annette Strohl

Board Members – Jamie Ciabattari, Alena Fischl, Frank Marotto, Renae Watson

General - Tessa Wallace, Jocilyn Steigerwalt, Heather Moore, Alicia Fox, Ashlee Malatak, Catherine Green, Paul Mallard, Jamie Klados, Emily Klados, Andrea Schlosman, Bear Acevedo, Nancy Acevedo, Radha Wallace

Meeting Start Time: 6:20 PM

Treasurer's Report: \$21,164.89

- Owe Fortunato's \$53 for jersey that was ordered late.

General Soccer Needs:

- The park will pay up to \$400 for paint, Aimee will call Marzen's for more paint.
- New pinnies are needed, we will be asking the township for these.
- New goalkeeper gloves are also needed, we will possibly be asking the township for these.
- If township will not purchase pinnies and gloves, we will gradually buy over time.
- Goals are currently in good condition.
- Mike Dudak said the school might donate goals; Frank is in contact.

Coaches:

- Coaches' meetings will be held Saturday, July 30th at 6 PM and on Sunday, August 7th at 4 PM.
- Coaches Etiquette:
 - Coaches will help with lining the fields during the season,
 - Coaches should attend board meetings during the season (or send a representative from their team).
- Coaches Training: U5, U7, U9 Coaches
 - TSC, Lehigh, and PV coaches will be invited
- Coaches reapply every season- seniority first

Fall Season:

- The season will start the 2nd or 3rd week of August.
- Games will start the weekend after Labor Day (2nd weekend of September).

Patrick:

- We will be checking with him on availability to help this season.
 - It has been confirmed that he will be coming Thursday nights.

Fields:

- Layout of fields will be adjusted.
- We would like to switch U13/U16 practice with game field.
- Frank will help Jamie learn how to line fields. Tentatively Tuesday, July 19th 4-5 PM.

Teams:

- Teams will be completed by August 7th
 - They will be sorted by previous teams, male/female, siblings, availability, medical conditions
- Once teams are picked and finalized, it is final.
- Age groups/levels are determined by EPYSA.
- Evaluations can be done to see if a player is eligible to move up.
 - Coaches input and separate evaluation are performed. The athlete will be watched playing for several weeks. Parents must sign a waiver.
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Coach Bear:

- Bear addressed why he can no longer coach with JTYS. Many parents arrived to support him and Frank said we look how coaches are best suited for a team. He had an assistant without permission from the club and did not follow proper coaching etiquette.
- Frank resigned due to issues last year, and Bear called Frank a joke.
- Andrea Schlosman addressed the club asking for more information. Kris stated that his assistant coach was not cleared as this person never coached for us.
- Craig Rosenberger was offered as an assistant for Bear and had his clearances done for the club.
- Frank tried to text Bear, and Kris as well, there was no response. Then he was told he would no longer coach since rule #6 was broken.
- We cancelled his practice and he had practice anyways.
- We could lose license, pay fines, etc. even if we have one infarction.
- They had a sit down meeting during the spring season as to why he was being pulled as a coach (Nancy, Tony, Annette, Kris, and Bear).
- Parents want him to have another chance, they think this should be excused. Andrea stated her kids won't play if he does not come back as a coach.
- Frank said there are rules to follow. Kris always advocated for Bear.
- Nancy said it was the person's fault who is in charge of background information.

- Bear brought up that referees do not have clearances, EPYSA does not require clearances.
- He wants to coach his 8-year-old daughter, and he stated that he only made one mistake.
- Radha asked why he was able to coach the rest of last season. The board decided to reinstate him after the meeting at the pizza shop because it was a mistake. Tony offered to help.
- Communication issues continued throughout the season. Lehighton had to reschedule a game and there was no communication back. Kris would text him; he would not respond.
- He would only respond in a group message for coaches/assistant coaches.
- Heather wants him to be an assistant coach. The board already decided he would not coach this season. We will discuss it at another meeting.
- Bear wants to coach and says we make no sense.
- Jamie said she was neutral and said to let it be and let it end for tonight. We can revisit this situation in another season.

Fundraising:

- Movie in the park will be this Friday, July 15 and we will be running the concession stand.
- Hoagie and pizza fundraiser is starting.

Meeting End Time: 8:12 PM