



**East Greenbush Youth Soccer League
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, March 8, 2011
East Greenbush Soccer League**

Minutes

Present: D. Washock, President; L. Rosi, Secretary; K. Lindemann, Director; P. Laya, Director; J. Simkins, Director; J. Sabo, Director; B. Hutton, Director; J. Curtin, Director

Absent: J. Thomas, Treasurer; M. Appelbaum, Director

Other: A. Beber; G. Smead; T. Bruno; M. Guigno

Meeting began at 7:48, quorum present – 7 out of 10 seats present, 5 seats vacant

Topic: February 2011 Draft Meeting Minutes

Discussion: Board reviewed and accepted draft January meeting minutes as written.

Motion: Accept draft February meeting minutes

Action: Approved; 1st K. Lindemann; 2nd J. Curtin.; J. Sabo-abstained.

Follow-up: February meeting minutes will no longer be in draft form and will be posted to website.

Topic: Age Matrix

Discussion: There may be an issue because of kids aging out of U-12. Players who have aged out but still want to play have the option of becoming involved in a pickup league. A small fee will be charge to begin a pickup league. Angie knows a couple of coaches who will coach the pickup league. Interested players will register for insurance purposes.

Topic: Girl Scouts and Recyclables

Discussion: Josh definitely has a Girl Scout troop to claim the recyclables that get disposed.

Topic: Financials

Discussion: Review of financials provided by Jim Thomas.

Motion: Accept financial reports submitted by Jim Thomas.

Action: Approved; 1st J. Curtin, 2nd J. Sabo, All Approved

Topic: Afrim's Paid Trainers

Discussion: There was some concern voiced with the performance of some of the paid trainers that the club gets from Afrims. The reason for the trainers is to bring someone who can teach skills that the team's coach might not be capable of doing. It is really a case-by-case basis, with each coach each year determining whether his team would be better served by bringing in a paid trainer from Afrims or doing the skills training themselves. There was also the discussion of doing Academy-style training for the younger teams where the focus would be skills development.

Topic: Training Time for Travel Teams

Discussion: There was a discussion for the need for practice time at Phillips Road in the spring. Goff is not a viable alternative as there are no longer any goals there. This will need to be coordinated with the travel and recreational soccer game schedules.

Topic: Marketing

Discussion: Letters are being prepared to be sent to our current sponsors asking them to sponsor the club again in 2011.

Topic: Recreational Soccer Advocacy

Discussion: It is a quiet time right now; Jeff would like to get older travel players to assist on recreational teams similar to what happened last year.

Topic: CDYSL Meeting

Discussion: Greg Smead filled the club in on the happenings from the latest CDYSL Meeting. CDYSL approved a guest club for the 2011 season. Berkshire Hills (from southern Berkshire County) will have one U17 boy's team playing this spring. All coaches, assistants & managers will be required to wear yellow lanyards if they are on the teams' side of the field. There was a conversation on "Zero Tolerance". Greg discussed a letter that a different club is distributing to all travel players' families. They are requiring that the letter be signed & returned to the club. Greg recommended that we distribute a blast email to all travel players' families. The mandatory coaches' meeting is Saturday, 4/2. There are both morning & afternoon sessions. Schedules will be handed out at the meeting. Each team needs to have a representative.

Topic: Travel – Club Payment

Discussion: The final installment for the annual club fees was due 3/1. Some players still have not paid the second installment. The club will withhold player passes, meaning the child won't be allowed to play outdoor tournaments or outdoor games, since passes are checked by referees.

Topic: Afrim's

Discussion: Indoor Practice Schedule - The last week of indoor practice is the week of 4/1 through 4/7. No coach is allowed to schedule additional time at the club's expense (if they can get some free time that is permissible.)

Summer Camp – Afrim's will be running a summer camp at our Phillips Road fields. It is tentatively scheduled for 7/11 – 7/14 (Monday through Thursday), with Friday, 7/15 as a rain day. The club would get a set amount per camper. In 2010, it was \$15 per camper, for 2011 it will be \$20/camper.

Meeting adjourned

1st K. Lindemann ; 2nd J. Curtin; All Approved

Next meeting scheduled for April 5, 2011 at 7:30 at St. Mary's Church on Columbia Turnpike