



Shakopee Soccer Association
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General Board Meeting Minutes January 6, 2008

1. The general board meeting of the Shakopee Soccer Association was called to order at approximately 6:10 p.m. at the Log Cabin by Tom Temple.

Present: Dan Meehan, Tom Temple, Mike Poole, Mickey Willard, Dan Kubitz, Cheryl Besser, Steve Curren, Jon Poppen, Darla Teslow @ 6:46 pm, and Mark Teslow @ 6:46pm.

Not Present: Michele Monroe

Guests: John Obarski
2. **Approval of agenda:**
Agenda amended to include discussion with John Obarski. Motion to approve the amended agenda made by Dan K, second by Dan M. Motion passed.
3. **Approval of minutes:**
Minutes from December 2, 2007 were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes made by Dan M, second by Mickey W. Motion passed.
4. **Discussion with John Obarski:**
Mr. Obarski has some questions on how the U9/U10 teams are formed. His daughter was put on the Gold team last year after she was only able to make 1 of the 2 tryout dates. She was frustrated on the Gold team, wasn't being challenged and the team wasn't that successful. This year they made sure to make both tryout days. Again she was placed on the Gold team. He has questions on how she is able to get on the better team where she would be challenged and better able to develop her skills. It seems to them that if a player is not in the group of soccer girls that was playing together throughout the year, as his daughter plays other sports during the winter, the player ends up on the Gold team. Some frustration comes from the fact that there are younger U9 girls on the Maroon team. Tom explains our tryout policy. He explains that we bring in coaches independent from SSA and they evaluate the kids playing soccer, their ball handling skills, game skills etc. They evaluate each child and give each child an evaluation score. The teams were formed based on their evaluation scores. Realizing that a player may not perform their best at tryouts, we also take the coaches evaluations into account. Jon Poppen asks John if his daughter will do winter training, explaining that during winter training, Jon could take a look at John's daughter and get an idea of her skills. Mr. Obarski states that Monday nights aren't good for her due to conflicts but they discuss possibilities of her being able to come perhaps one night or set up another night so that Jon can evaluate her. John questions how 2 others moved from the Gold to the Maroon. Tom explains that that was due to the coach from last year bringing in his evaluation/perspective. Jon Poppen explains his duties as a coaching director will be to watch and review players throughout the year and that going forward that will also be used in conjunction with the evaluation process. Mr. Obarski plans to contact Jon regarding a time to review his daughter.
5. **Director reports:**
Treasurer:
Mike finally got everything put into QuickBooks, charge accounts, etc. He got everything balanced to November and as of the end of November we have \$23,000.00 in checking, \$10,000.00 in Savings. Tom shows Mike an online report that can be generated from the online registration and asks him if Mike needs something like this to categorize the deposits received



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through the online registration. This report is from Cognan Systems, Tom believes that we could also access a similar report from the credit card company. Mike says it doesn't show him enough information. Tom mentions that we can modify what columns display on the report and that according to Cognan Systems' web site we should be able to do categories, but so far he has not been able to. They will review.

Registrar:

Currently 57 registered for Winter Training. Mickey asks what our limit is, Jon Poppen says all are welcome. Current numbers: U8 (4), U9 (9), U10 (5), U11 (10), U12 (6), U13 (6), U14 (7), U15 (4), U16 & up (7)

Tournament Coordinator:

Tom says we are online with MYSA for registering for the tournament, and it will be opened up to U13 and U14 also. We can bring in 4 teams at each bracket and bring in more teams than last year. We had 54 last year, our capacity is 72 this year. Our tournament fee was \$125 across the board last year. This year the U11-U14 will go up to \$150. Everyone in Shakopee will have space, all Shakopee teams are ½ price. Mickey asks if he will have something available for tomorrow's Team meetings and he says yes. Darla mentions she is running to work after tonight's meeting to print the packets for the Team meetings and if Tom has it available she can include it. Mickey asks if C2 and C3 can play in the tournament and they can. Tournament is May 17.

Referee Coordinator:

No report. Waiting to hear from clinics

Coaching Director:

Jon discusses winter training. For U9-U11 age brackets, he has all the sessions written up for coaches that do come. Each week has a different theme. Especially at the younger ages it will be on the ball stuff to begin with. Mark asks if we are going to do anything on a regular basis for the goal keepers. Jon will offer goalkeeping training for kids who may be interested. For the U12-U15 he has the first five sessions written up. The remaining may change based on numbers. He has the equipment set up. At the younger ages, he needs to find somebody to help based on numbers. Mark mentions he will introduce Jon tomorrow night at the Team meetings and Jon will talk about his plans and winter training.

Communication Director:

Dan states flyers went out to the school. He checked with Sherry because his school didn't receive any. She said they all went out. He shows us what the flyer looked like. Mickey and Cheryl do not remember seeing one come home from SACS either.

Equipment Coordinator:

Dan shows us some of our logo wear. He shows some sweatshirts that we will have tomorrow night. They won't have the logo, but just to get the sizes figured out. He shows a tricolor sweatshirt. He says Dave at Valley Sport is supposed to have all the sizes available for us to show tomorrow, but Dan isn't sure that will be a given. Dan has the form for the logo wear and he will have copies made for the meeting tomorrow which has the prices, sizes, etc. Mark mentions that Sharon Walsh is also interested in providing logo wear. She cannot carry stock, but Mark says Valley Sports hadn't been willing to carry stock either. Sharon wasn't able to get it ready for Monday. He is interested in using Sharon being that she has a vested interest in this club. Discussion held that we can maybe do some online stuff with Sharon and if they want it quicker, they could go to Valley Sport and order it. Sharon wants to provide this and Valley Sports isn't really responsive. So Valley Sports could be a backup. Dan is going to bring some sample uniforms tomorrow for sizing. He needs adult small and adult extra-large if anyone has any as



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examples because he is missing those. He will be putting together an equipment order for the summer equipment in the next couple weeks.

Field Coordinator:

No report.

Volunteer Coordinator:

Either Mark or Mickey will talk tomorrow that everyone needs to volunteer this year and give specific volunteer opportunities. Mickey has been trying to get in touch with Sherry Meersman who had some ideas. She has not been able to pin her down yet.

Rec. Coordinator :

Mark says Steve, Jon and Mark need to get together to discuss getting things together for Spring. Darla will check when the Spring information comes out from the City.

Boys Director :

No report.

Girls Director:

No report.

6. **Team Meeting :**

We sent out flyers, emails and are calling coaches. Hopefully we got the word out about tomorrow night. Our goal is to start the meeting as a big group, Mark will talk, Jon will talk, Mickey will talk. Then we will break into the teams and players will talk with their coaches.

- a. Sample logo wear – Dan will have some there. Sharon had some ideas on water bottles, backpacks, etc.
- b. Registration – Mark knows that there will be some girls who want to register tomorrow. So we will need registration forms.
- c. Setup – we need to be there at 5:30 to set up.
- d. Agenda – Darla put together packets for tomorrow, so that each parent has a packet and can take it home. She color-coded it so we can say look at this colored sheet, etc. She will also have a tournament flyer and registration forms for those who may not have registered yet. She covered the agenda that was put together, the order of the night. There will also be a condensed calendar for 2008 so that the parents have important dates ahead of time, a list of all the board members, the contact information, the website, etc. Tom asks if we are going to have a coaches meeting prior to the team meetings Michele was emailing out and telling them to be there 15 minutes early. Mark asked Michele to request that the coaches bring digital cameras and get the pictures out of the way tomorrow. Jon mentions that he plans on having coaches meetings throughout the winter and he has many things to cover, but that we can bring in someone to cover the matches reports, creating passes etc. at that time. Tom is going to have rosters for the coaches, he wants them turned back in to him with checkmarks as to who attended. Jon has some possible coach contacts in particular to help out with the winter training, but could be potentials for summer travel. No one has any changes for the proposed agenda.

7. **Winter Training :**

Discussed above in Coaching Director report. Mark asks if Jon is going to check players in at training or assume they are checked in. It is decided to have them checked in and Tom, Mark and Darla will come and check in.

8. **Coaching Vacancies:**



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Mark had hoped Michele would be here to cover this. Mark will have Dan K check on gym time we could have available for the teams who may want to get started with practice as we get closer to Spring.

9. **Communications Director Search:**

Mickey and Mark have been talking with Sharon Walsh who has a marketing background.

10. **Adjourn Meeting**

Motion made to adjourn meeting at 7:43 by Darla T, second by Tom T. Motion passed.

Upcoming Events/Calendar Review:

1/7/2008

Team Meetings

1/14/2008

Winter Training @ Soccer Blast begins

Phone message pick-up duty for

January 7 – January 20:

Steve Curren

January 21 – February 3:

Michele Monroe

Minutes submitted by:

Cheryl Besser

Secretary