



## **General Board Meeting Minutes May 4, 2008**

1. The general board meeting of the Shakopee Soccer Association was called to order at approximately 6:06pm at the Soccer complex building by Mark Teslow .

Present: Mark Teslow, Darla Teslow, Michele Monroe, Cheryl Bessær, Mike Poole , Tom Bailey, Dan Meehan, Jon Poppen, Tom Temple @ 6:15 pm , Mickey Willard @ 6:20 pm , Steve Curren @ 7:10 pm.

Not Present: Dan Kubitz .

Guests: Karen Bohn.

2. **Approval of agenda:**

Motion to approve the amended agenda was made by Darla Teslow, Tom Temple 2nds. Motion passed.

- Add Skill-based awards under Coaching Director Reports.
- Add Tournaments #7

3. **Approval of minutes:**

Minutes from April 20, 2008 were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes was made by Michele Monroe, Darla Teslow 2nds. Motion passes.

4. **Director Of Coaching Report:**

This is the first weekend we had on-the-ball training. For off-the-ball training, this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> week, and numbers are getting better. We still want to see 30 to 40 kids. Jon Dovolos expressed concerns with his team's attendance, the U15 girls. Jon thinks Dave is doing a good job and that as the kids stick with it, they will get more out of it.

Jon has ideas and thoughts for Winter training next year. Jon believes if we can get the whole dome next winter, we can make get the training done in 3 hours each day. He is looking at January 12 through March 16. He would like to get some licensed coaches from the local community to work with the kids. The coaches will be a little higher cost, would be roughly between \$4000 and \$5000 for the 10 weeks. Goal Keeping training would be a 5 week program. Jon is thinking we should rent the boarded field if that is possible. He has some goal keeper coaches in mind to bring in. For off the ball winter training with Dave Hauger, Jon is looking at 10 weeks in local Shakopee gyms. He is estimating a total coaching costs for On-The-Ball, Goalkeeping and Off-The-Ball of between \$6,200 to \$6,600. Michele will check with Andy and see what it would cost us for the whole dome and half of a boarded field and whether they are available.

Coming up in June 23<sup>rd</sup>, Jon is heading out of town to a Y-licensing course sponsored by USSF that focuses on U6 through U12 age brackets. Jon believes that Rec is going well. Jon and Steve are discussing Fall Rec already. Jon is concerned about his time crunch with Fall Rec because he will be busy with high school soccer and many of the trainers and coaches he used for Spring Rec will also be busy with high school soccer during Fall Rec.

- a. Skill based awards. – Mark handed out a brochure from MYSA with information on Bragz tags that each player can be rewarded with for different skills they have achieved. Discussion held with regards to how we could implement. Jon had ideas on having two groups of rewards, on-the-ball and off-the-ball.



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### 5. Director reports:

#### **Treasurer:**

Mike Poole states he has the 990 pretty much done. He thinks we need to file also with the attorney general. He finished the tax return, that is due May 15.

- a.) Tax Implications of Concession stand – Mike thinks we need to pay state sales tax on the goods we sell, he is going to check on that.
- b.) Mark also states that this year before any referees get a check that pushes them over the \$600 mark, they need to turn in a W9.

#### **Registrar:**

Tom states that he is getting coaches turning in registrations for additional players which requires us to turn in additional submittals to MYSA. We are allowed one per week and each extra submittal in a week is a \$25.00 charge. Tom is concerned with the charges we have been incurring. Coaches have been trying to fill out rosters and he will get an additional registration at the beginning of a week, and if he submits it, before the end of the week another coach brings him another registration which costs us the extra charge. Tom states that everyone who has birth certificate either turned in or on file and has paid, has a player pass issued. We have some NSF checks. Mike Poole will come up with some verbiage from his accounting firm for a letter to send out for those whose checks bounced.

#### **Referee Coordinator:**

We are having the same issue as last year, all refs play Tues/Thurs and all our games are on Tues/Thurs. The same communication went out to every referee and some jumped on immediately. They went crazy. Darla states that she only allowed them to sign up for 5 games within a 12-hour window, but next year she may limit it further because we have so many referees and many have complained that there were not any games left. She wants to have a meeting, but she needs to connect with Andy Unseth who was going to help her. He does seem busy though, and so she states she could also work with Gary who did get to the mentor class. This first week we are short refs, Monday and Tuesday. Discussion is held.

#### **Communication Director:**

Regarding the school flyer, Dan is not entirely sure it went out because he hasn't seen one in his kid's folder. He will be checking with Sherry Dvorak on Monday. He is developing the flyer about the Kicks Camp to be handed out at the Rec program. Mark wants all flyers or forms that we have on file and he wants them posted in the soccer building. Dan will provide.

#### **Equipment Coordinator:**

Regarding the current uniforms, we had a little issue in that Dave at Valley Sports is charging \$48 rather than \$40. We are pretty low on uniforms, but Dan believes he has filled all team orders. He states that we may not have enough for blood jerseys. Unfortunately new players are getting added to the rosters and that is limiting the remaining jerseys. Discussion held about using old jerseys as the blood jersey or having white or red T-Shirts made up with our logo to use as the blood jerseys. He stopped at Soccer USA to talk with Paul about new uniforms. Dan says Paul is very interested in helping our association and would be willing to give us a discount. Mark would like us to have a jersey by the Annual General Meeting that we can show everyone. Dan also mentions Select Gear which he and Tom Bailey checked into last year. They make their own uniforms and they look to be of good quality. Select Gear has a points program where as you purchase from them, you get points to spend on other equipment, etc. Dan believes he can get a uniform around \$65 to \$70.00. Tom says we should get some samples and be able to look at them and see and feel their quality. We will try to keep the price under \$80.00. Dan will order the goals Mark mentioned. Idea presented that warm-ups should also be purchased at the same vendor. Once we pick the uniform vendor, we will get all our apparel through that vendor, particularly since we will get a volume discount.



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Discussion held regarding what signs we need. We will get the SSA banner from storage that was created for the Derby Days parade and put it up in the complex building. We can take it down for Derby Days when needed. Darla mentions also Referee Sign-In stand up signs and a concessions sign. Comment also made that people don't know where the restrooms are, many board members have received numerous questions on restroom location. Mark says we will talk to the city about putting up a restroom sign with an arrow on the side of the building. Tom is going to talk with Scott Rein regarding the signs.

### **Field Coordinator:**

Field #5 is going to be used as a U11/U12 field at the Festival, it needs goals brought over from Tahpah and then it needs to be striped for the Festival. Tom would like it striped by the 15<sup>th</sup> and would like it striped yellow, not white. Darla says there have been some reschedules. Mark states we need to be clear next year at the Coaches meeting to get all their team schedules prior to the Parameters meeting through MYSA so we do not have reschedulesthis close to the start of the season.

### **Volunteer Coordinator:**

Mickey says we have the email out for the volunteer opportunities. Mickey has assigned 4 people per shift at 2 hour increments starting at 7:30 in the morning and ending at 5:45 pm. Tom mentions we will also have a speed kicktent, so Mickey will get that staffed with volunteers also.

### **Rec. Coordinator :**

Review of rec start-up – Steve feels it is going real well, even better than Fall Rec. We have a lot of kids. Mark mentions he would like it if Jon is able to float to all fields. Right now he has a group the first and 3<sup>rd</sup> hour and cannot float. Jon says he will try to get some additional coaches in to take the groups so he can float. Mark also feels we need to have someone here every Saturday available for questions, perhaps another volunteer position. Tom wants to discuss Fall Rec. We are getting calls for being able to register ready because it is in the Parks & Rec book. Discussion held on details of Fall Rec. Decision made that Fall Rec will start Aug 11<sup>th</sup>, run for six weeks. It will be \$65.00 and will be for ages 8 to 12. We will open it up online. Days of the week could be Mondays/Wednesdays before school starts and Mondays/Fridays after school starts and then there will be 2 Saturdays they can do training with the high school teams.

### **Boys/Girls Director:**

No report.

### **Project Director:**

Tom posted the project schedule on the board web site and sent it out to everyone. Mark asks Tom to capture the information when we do a review of a project, i.e., Spring Rec, what works and what didn't work so that when we get ready to plan the next year, we have that review to use.

### **6. Concessions Stand Update:**

Karen Bohn reports that items are selling. She thinks once it warms up a bit, the volume will pick up. Saturday no one wanted to stay at the complex due to the weather. Shakopee Festival refs got vouchers last year for free concessions and we will do that again this year. Mark asks about the beverage cooler. Darla was told that May 15<sup>th</sup> it is suppose to arrive. The biggest problem right now is volunteers. Mickey will send the flyer out to the travel program that was originally sent to the Rec program. Tom can place a calendar on the web site with volunteer opportunities with a ability to sign up online. They need an NSF refrigerator and freezer. Mark has found some under the counter ones for \$500 to \$600. We need a garbage can in the building and stools/chairs for the concession stand.



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### 7. **Tournament:**

Tom reports that we have 71 teams. Maximum capacity would be 72. We have gone over on the U9B, U10 B & G. He has a tentative schedule. Tom is hoping to have the schedules finalized and posted by Wednesday. We need to have some setup done Friday night prior to the Festival. We will have setup start at 5:00 pm. We will make the storage room the ref room. Registration will be in the main area of the complex building. We will get concessions setup and ready for Saturday morning as well. This year we will be handing out pins. For the speed kickbooth we are going to do trophies per age group, boys and girls. We need tables, chairs, flags, trash cans. We will update the website to note that parking is available at Sunpath as well. Tom will do a 30 x 40 sheet for the corkboard with the field locations.

### 8. **Team Pictures (When and do we include Rec):**

Dan contacted Sunshine Photo, we are looking at June 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, & possibly 17<sup>th</sup>. Decision made not to include Rec. Mark asks if we can see if Sunshine would be willing to send a cameraman out to the complex on one of our fun nights to take a big picture of everyone for our web site.

### 9. **Internet Access At The Complex:**

Internet access at the complex – Mark asks if we need internet access, if we would do registrations out here. The city is not returning his call for a phone line. So far, the thought is that we would not use it enough to justify the costs.

### 10. **Adjourn Meeting:**

Motion to adjourn made at 9:00 pm by Michele, Dan 2nds. Motion passed.

### Upcoming Events/Calendar Review:

5/5/2008

*Summer Travel League Play Begins*

**Phone message pick-up duty for**

**May 5 – May 18:**

**Michele Monroe**

**May 18 – June 1:**

**Mickey Willard**

Minutes submitted by:

Cheryl Besser

Secretary