

Illinois Fusion - Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, September 8, 2010

Present: Tim Kelly Brenda Seger Marc Toulon Brian Beaver
Tammy Kemp Julia Turner Kathleen Lorenz Roger Bainbridge

Not Present: Craig Lee; Due to a previously scheduled Fusion practice session until 8:30 PM (tonight).
Bob Turner; Due to receipt of a large uniform shipment & preparing unfulfilled orders.

The meeting started promptly at 7:05 PM.

1. Club Manager Update – Tammy Kemp

- The upload to "Got Soccer" was successful. Kudos to Brian on this.
- We have all the player cards from "Got Soccer" as well.
- Brenda Seger is laminating cards from the back of her van over at Eastview Christian Church tomorrow 9-9-2010 from 6-7 PM. Emails were sent to all teams/team managers on this.

2. Team Issues – Team Managers

- We have team managers for all teams now!
- Thanks to those parents who volunteered to assist in the Team Manager role!

3. DOC Update & Report – Craig

Programming Update

1. Tots w/ BP&R begins next Wednesday
2. Goalkeeper Training begins next Wednesday
3. Technical Training begins next Wednesday
4. OSEC –
 - a. Fall Speed & Agility begins 9/20
 - b. Offering a program specifically for u8-u10 players beginning 9/27
 - c. Tots going to be offered in November as well as Jan/Feb during daytime
5. Gametime Tournament – They want some part of the registration fee in case no one shows up. They were going to submit a counter-proposal.

Practices

1. Monday/Tuesday practice times will need to be pushed back for some of the teams going late due to diminishing sunlight – coaches and managers have been notified
2. Additional fields have been requested for training at Community Fields on Mondays/Tuesdays due to crowding
3. Eastview closed for training on Friday, Sept 17 and Oct 1; we have been cleared to use Community Fields those days

Games

1. 95/96g were finalists over the weekend at NSR Gold Cup
2. 01g and 99g Blue are in Springfield for Governor's Cup this weekend
3. Most other teams begin their CIYSL Schedule this week
4. Tournament registration has been submitted through Fishers Tournament

Issues

1. 01g Assistant Coach. This is being worked out by Craig Lee & Coach Mark Rampey. There will be a licensed coach available to serve as a back up in the event a contingency is needed.
2. Expanding Tots
3. Exceeding game recommendations

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4. Program/Policy Update – Marc Toulon

- The fundraising policy is being reviewed/re-written.
 - This was an outstanding item from the August Board meeting.
 - This will be completed and presented to board members via email for review, final updates and subsequent publication to the Illinois Fusion website.
- Reviewed Performance Appraisal/Assessment for Craig Lee with the group.
 - The Board of Directors thank Craig for another year of service to Illinois Fusion, our student athletes & their families.
 - Feedback from a variety of sources was aggregated into the appraisal.
 - We built consensus on the appraisal & designated Board representatives will discuss the appraisal with Craig shortly.

5. Tournament Update – Brenda Seger

- The Board of Directors is starting to talk about dates and field locations for our 2011 Tournament Weekend.
 - Will the Sale Barn fields on State Route 51S be available? Construction schedule, etc.
- The number of teams may be impacted by the availability of potential field locations.
- Things like High School Graduation (for all community schools) will also impact potential tournament dates.
- A recommendation was made to reach out to Eric Summers to assist with the tournament.
 - The Board will definitely leverage this opportunity and appreciate the willingness of our parent volunteers.
- The Board of Directors/Tim Kelly will reach out to Advocate Bromenn to talk about potential sponsorship during the 2011 Tournament.
- Illinois Fusion still has not received our check from the Bloomington/Normal Convention and Visitors Bureau. We are following up on this outstanding receivable.

6. Equipment/Uniform Update – Bob Turner

- Bob is working on getting all uniform issues resolved.
- Large uniform shipment came in this week and outstanding orders are being prepared to be fulfilled no later than Sunday 9-12-2010 - this includes 01 Girls & and others.

7. Administrative Update – Tim Kelly

- Fusion Coaches salaries have been finalized.
 - Draft copies of salary proposals have been shared between Tim, Roger and Craig & are waiting to be finalized.
- Meeting with PCSL/Frank Schuller went well. Illinois Fusion values the relationship we share with Prairie City Soccer League (PCSL) partners.
- Background Checks on all carded coaches are completed as part of the registration process at www.gotsoccer.com.
 - The candidate/coach is responsible for completing this process.
 - A coach's card is not issued until a successful background check is returned for the candidate.
 - And as of now, we are pleased to report that all coaches have passed their background checks for the season.
- Still working on staffing options for an ADOC and a Club Admin.

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8. Marketing Update- Kathleen Lorenz

- Worldwide Day of Play on 9-25-2010. Kathleen manned the table back in May 2010 over the Tournament Weekend.
- This was a good opportunity for exposure/PR for Illinois Fusion.
 - Do we want to do this again on 09-25-2010?
 - Yes, we do but this is 17 days away (from the date of this board meeting).
 - The Board elected to leave this up to Kathleen and Craig to make the decisions for this, how to present Illinois Fusion, etc.
- Fundraising Update:
 - Kathleen would like to get her committee working on a possible "Fall/Winter Raffle" or other activity (Minerva) to serve as a Fundraiser for the club.
 - Work with Pantagraph (Brandon Menke) continues.

9. Technology Update - Brian Beaver

- Got Soccer is working out great.
- A lot of emails to get this set up, a lot of time spend coordinating the data uploads.
 - But, this will save time and help greatly in the future because it's a repeatable, time saving process.
 - Dave Hicks at CIYSL printed off the cards, everything is pre-printed now.
 - Roster information/all player information is available!
- The one piece of information lacking is uniform numbers, but this is being worked out.
 - Need an email to the Team Manager with their roster list as an attachment.
 - We can request their assistance in obtaining the uniform numbers from the players, updating the roster listing attachment and returning it to us.
 - This could be a potential task for the proposed new admin.

10. Treasurer update – Roger Bainbridge

- Discussed Parking for Tournaments:
 - Roger has not submitted any parking fees for planned tournaments.
 - But, several Team Managers have been reimbursed for parking fees paid out of pocket during their registration of teams for tournaments.
- Referee's Fees:
 - This has been completed for the Fall season.
 - We need Craig (or the admin) to aggregate future schedules (i.e. spring schedules) for league so Roger can cut checks for referees.
 - Referee fees were taken directly from the CIYSL website.
- Received some feedback regarding checks that haven't cleared.
 - Since some teams are still in flux, Roger is waiting for the dust to settle prior to depositing some checks.
 - This prevents the treasurer from having to cut refund checks after they have been deposited.
 - In the event there are player changes, the original check can be handed back to the athlete's parents.
- For student Athletes whose current fees are not in "current" or "paid status" (fees brought current and/or current with any payment schedules) player cards will be held and they will not be allowed to play.
 - We regret that this has to be discussed and articulated, but Illinois Fusion can't continue to float receivables.
- Offer from Bloomington Vocational Center for some help with facilities management.
 - This is being socialized within PCSL
 - Focus right now appears to be demolishing the small shed to prevent problems with rodents/vermin.

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11. Recreational update – Roger Bainbridge

- PCSL Board meeting is this coming Monday 9-13-2010.
- Illinois Fusion's prior meeting with PCSL went well.
- Illinois Fusion values the relationship we share with PCSL.

12. Communication Update – Brenda Seger

- No updates were provided. We continue to remain on track.

13. Volunteer update - Julia Turner

- No updates were provided.

14. Old Business

- A. Review Administrative Office Assistant Position
 - Options were discussed.

15. New Business

- No updates were provided.

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 PM with a total meeting duration of 2 hours and 8 minutes.