



Grove United Board Meeting

DATE: 10/22/2013

LOCATION: Alcott Center, Buffalo Grove

MEETING START TIME: 7:38 PM

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:30 PM

EXECUTIVE ADJOURNED: 10:00 PM

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Board Present: Priscila, Craig, Joel, Dan, Will, Bill, Matt

Board Absent: Dave, Larry

Directors & Guests: Laura, Rachael, Henry, Garry

2. Guest Speakers

None

3. Officer and Committee Reports

Calendar Review

1. High School Teams

- Registration set up
- Monday night practices at dome
- **Matt:** Let's put this on September calendar earlier in year to promote fall tryouts including Fall festival

2. Other Reports

- Winter practice schedule is finalized and communicated
- Benefit night at Red Robin
- Tournament committee - many contracts signed
- Discussed having high schoolers bring friends to the November practices
- Fall recruiting - players are participating with the teams
- Bill to research a Feed my Starving Children as a community service projects

DOC Updates

- Most coaches are turning in weekly lessons plans
- Board provided some escalation guidance for the situation where practice lessons planned are not turned on.
- Player evaluations due November 10
- Coaches Evaluations will be done prior to January
- There is a monthly coaches meeting
- Thanks for all the coaching equipment/gear
- Inquired about approval for reimbursement of coaching education costs such as Youth National - Board will take up the request in executive session.
- Rachael met with parents of the U11 boys to talk about their future and understand any concerns
- Rachael plans to run practice and meet with Parents on the U9 Girls Premier
- Priscilla is working on a U11 Girls team for the Spring
- Joel brought up an idea of leveraging IWSL website to add a couple more players at the older levels.
- There is an issue with the GK clinic registration page - Priscilla and Will to look into it.
- BG Senior night went pretty well. Garry and Smurlo did it for U10/U11 boys
- Stevenson senior night with U8 girls was well attended
- Northwestern game and pre-game clinic well despite the weather. U8-13 girls and couple boys attended
- High 5 Stars Clinics are on the website.
- Want to get a regularly planned Fall/Spring Stevenson game and Fall/Spring college game. Put on the calendar.

Treasurer Updates

- Receivables - Green
- Some passes have been pulled temporarily
- Proposed using a new Audit firm. Provided credentials and costs.
- Board recommended going back to the audit firm and getting more concrete financing terms
- Board gave Craig permission to negotiate within parameters to close the deal.

5. Old Business

Motion: Approve a Club Heat Policy (Larry)

- In Favor: Priscila, Craig, Joel, Dan, Will, Bill, Matt
- Result: **Motion Passes**

Guest Play (Bill)

- Priscilla to come up with a process to better define guest play

BGHS Turf Field (Matt)

- Matt has talked to Rachael about it
- Matt to meet with BGHS to figure out next steps
- Henry gave feedback on the state of our fields in the Fall and the benefits in recruiting by using better fields such as BGHS
- Bill to schedule annual meeting with park district
- Matt wants to form a committee to talk to the high school. Wants the committee to include a parent.

Parent Participation (Will)

- Will presented some concepts on using club emails and Facebook fan page more effectively.
- No objections by board members.

Grants (Rachael)

- Matt and Rachael to work on getting parent involvement to write grants

YSSL player passes (Craig)

- Any team manager can go into the YSSL system and add players.
- Concern is that some managers are not communicating to the coaches and VP of Girls/Boys in advance
- Board is aware of the potential issue. No next steps.

Increasing the Efficiency of the Admin Process (Matt)

- Discussed timeliness of cutting checks, distributing mail, and faxes.
- Bill to own the next step on the mail and fax delivery

6. New Business

Referee Assignor Proposal (Craig)

- Proposal declined in its current form.
- Bill to follow-up with the person about expectations for next year

Winter Options for Teams (Matt/Rachael)

- Put into brochures or pre-registration materials that winter will be either leagues or tournaments/practice

Discuss whether to switch audit firms (Craig)

- Discussed in Treasurer update

7. Adjourn

Executive Session

Executive Session was held