**Present:** Brenda Seger Julia Senn Marc Toulon Sonya Shoemaker

Debbi Wolford Linda Bawulski Shane Cisco Kris Nutt

Teresa Dubravec Steve Schuette Jackie O’Brien Julie Hinman

Myron King Ed Duran

**Absent:** Jeff Arseneau

☺ *WELCOME TO ILLINOIS FUSION LINDA!!!!* ☺

*☺ And Thank you to Sonya for everything you have done throughout the years to help this club be a success! You will be missed! ☺*

***The meeting started promptly at 7:35 PM***

**General Discussion Topics:**

**President’s Update (Brenda)**

* We will wait on the Coaches Code of Conduct until fall. This is just due to a matter of timing.
* June 13th will be a special dinner for Sonya. Time & place will be announced!

**Team Manager Updates (Debbi W).**

* In the process of doing some training/knowledge transfer sessions between Sonya, Debbi and Linda.
* Tryout information/Registration dates is out on the website.
* We are also doing a billboard on Veterans Parkway to promote/support tryouts.

**Administration (Sonya)**

* A lot of updates mixed in with others!
* Working on finishing up transfer of my duties to others.

**Tournament Update/Volunteer Update (Teresa & Steve)**

* Volunteer Signups are active out on the web – tremendous response for sign-ups!
* We added extra spots for parking and there are about 30 field Marshall spots left!
* How do we handle drink donations now that fields are closed?
  + Can we send a communication with drop off times?
  + Sonya will send out a communication with a drop off time of tomorrow 5-7 PM at Community Fields
  + Next Thursday from 5-7 @ Eastview CC & all day tournament Friday; 5-16-2014.
  + Next year, we need to remember Community Fields is closed a full week before the tournament!
* 3 Tournament Locations:
  + Community Fields, Sale Barn Fields & RT Dunn Fields (Behind the Armory on 51/Main St)
* Field setup help will be needed the Thursday 5-15-2014. We will have help from the HS Boys Team.
  + Steve will contact Dayna Brown-Nielsen and have her coordinate.
* Steve will need access to Got Soccer to print off score cards, etc.
* Tents will be brought out on Tournament Friday; we need to go to Town of Normal to get tables.
* Tournament schedules have been finalized; click [HERE](http://events.gotsport.com/events/Default.aspx?eventid=36294) to check them out - Friday night games are scheduled.
* Parking fees are included in the Tournament Fee.
* We have 153 teams this year!
* Everyone seems very excited!!! Vendors are in the works!
* Arrangements for awards have all been made too; bleachers will be set up for the awards area…

**Marketing (Julie H)**

* Status update on Dine to Donate – June 2nd (all day) at Avanti’s on Empire Street; this is to benefit our scholarship program.
* Tee shirts are all set up and we are good to do – via web store and on site at the tournament.
* Update on trainers for the tournament.
* No tickets will be issued for referee meals this year. This is not that big of an issue & we will continue to manage it appropriately.

**Treasurer/Financial (Jacki O/Julia S)**

* Are any fee increases planned for next year?
  + Tryout fee has increased to $15.
  + There will be no player fee increases for 2014-2015.
  + When a player moves from “Training Player” to “Rostered Player” there is a $30 fee charged for the player card – this covers the CIYSL Fees. Also, a medical waiver needs to be completed.
* Updates on balances, down to 13 that owe and 3 others that need additional discussion.
  + Awesome job in reducing/managing the overall receivables.
* Discussed coaching stipends, these will increase pursuant to our discussions.

**Policy Updates (Marc )**

* The Parent’s Handbook needs to be updated in time for tryouts.
* Unfortunately, I’m unable to locate my paper notes with some of the changes we discussed.
* Please forward any updates you have so I can make them.
* Also, I do not have access to “Google Drives” so I will need the most up to date original MS word version of the document so the changes can be made and re-uploaded to the Google Drive.
* I also wanted to share that I am officially tendering my resignation to the Board of Directors.
  + I’m requesting that this be effective on or around 8/1/2014; or at whatever time my replacement is brought on/up to speed.
  + Brenda and I discussed this last month but I wanted to share with the entire board.
  + I would also like to thank everyone with whom I have served - both past and present – for a phenomenal opportunity to jointly serve our kids and promote the love of soccer in this community for over 6 years.

**Communications (Kris)**

* Working with Dayna Brown on the possibility of watching a USA World Cup Match at one of the local high schools; other options didn’t pan out.
  + There may be some fees associated with the Unit 5 technicians to run the audio/video equipment.
  + An idea was also proposed to charge a $1 or 2 door fee with any “post fee” proceeds going to our scholarship fund.

**Technology/Web Updates (Shane)**

* Blue Sombrero is a free web hosting and registration service owned by Dick's Sporting Goods.
* Jackie, Myron and I had a conference call with them to discuss their capabilities.
* Blue Sombrero could replace Sports Ngin which costs us $900/year.
* We are positioned to give them a shot.
* There is an open question regarding what Dick's Sporting Goods may do with member data.

**Adult League Update (Ed)**

* Adult League is going very well, games are being played and overall positive response.
* Signups for summer will be starting very soon!
* We need corner flags for our fields.

**DOC Update (Myron)**

* Very busy and good season.
* Coerver was very good tonight! Would like to see some more teams.
* Met with the Adult League/”Bloomington Normal Chapter” of the American Outlaws. Items discussed included:
  + They want to come out at the Fusion Tournament. Some are available on Tournament Friday.
  + Discussed World Cup in a “family friendly” zone at Pub II.
  + They would like to start to provide scholarships to players but this will take some time to develop.
* Does the board want to work together with The American Outlaws? YES
* Curtis Alden will be stepping down as the referee assigner for Bloomington. This is a particularly large hole to fill for High School, Adult League and regular league play.

**Uniform Updates (Jeff – en absentia)**

* Tryout shirts have been ordered.
* Trying to connect with Jeff Walsh on the clothing/equipment sale.
* More to come next month.

**Looking Ahead:**

***2014 Meeting Schedule – Please mark your calendars now***

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| May 7, 2014  *Moved to the 7th from the 14th* | Friday June 13, 2014  *Group Dinner – time and place to be determined and shared by Julie H soon.* | July 9, 2014  July 20, 2014  *Annual Strategic Planning Meeting… Recommendations from the group on alternate dates?* |
| August 13, 2014 | September 10, 2014 | October 8, 2014 |
| November 12, 2014 | December 10, 2014 |  |

***All Meetings will be held at the Fusion Offices @ 7:00 PM***