



Minutes Board of Directors Monthly Meeting

Time: 6:30pm

Date: February 10, 2020

Location: Marian U – Stayer Center – Room 212/213

FDLSA Executive Officers:

Chad Collett, President • Luke Newman, Vice President • Andy Gill, Secretary • Bob Van Kirk, Treasurer

Agenda:

- **Call to Order / Roll-Call: 6:32** Chad, Luke, Andy, Dan, Diane, Josh, Jess, Kali, Don,
 - **Absent:** Bryan, Justin, Jillian
- **Guest Open Forum:** Ryan Hilbert
- **Approval of BOD January Meeting Minutes:** Dan 1st, Luke 2nd - Approved
- **Approval of Financials:**
 - Emailed – Short discussion from Chad regarding financials.
 - Approved Luke, 2nd Josh – approved.
- **Treasurer's Report (Bob)** - Bob Not Present, Chad Covered High Level Overview.
- **President's Report**
 - Saturday, March 14th Luke Newman and Chad Collett will be attending the WYSA Annual Meeting and DOC Meeting in Milwaukee on behalf of the club.
- **Program Reports**
 - **Select League (Chad):**
 - End of January we concluded our indoor training at Marian University. Cost was \$3300 for use of indoor facility and coaching staff. We are still using YMCA each Sunday and beginning of March will have access to Fond du Lac Gym space. The initial schedule is out. We are currently collecting home game times from coaches, Chad will assign fields and then on Feb 26th the reschedule window will open. I anticipate the final schedule being out no later than March 16th.
 - Teams are currently getting registered for their two tournaments they will play this spring that is included in the player fee. Some teams plan to play three tournaments but the last tournament will be at their own expense.
 - We are still looking for an Assistant Coach for the U15-17 Boys Team.
 - Next Month we will begin to talk in more detail about the upcoming tryout process in June. We need to organize it in March, promote it in April and May and then early/mid-June will be the tryouts and offers.

- **Academy Program (Chad):**
 - Still looking for someone to step up to take over the academy. As a backup plan in case no one does, Chad has reached out to Challenger Sports to potentially hire coaches for the Academy program.
 - We are targeting to have Academy April 4th/5th and run until May 23rd/24th and still determining # of sessions each week (one vs two) and structure of training pools.
- **Recreation League (Luke, Chad)**
 - Rec League Registration is in full swing and numbers are on pace with last year. We currently have 900+ players registered.
 - Feb 3rd price increased from \$75 to \$90
 - March 15th will be the last day to register at \$90, on March 16th, price will increase to \$100
 - After March 16th, Luke and I will begin to form Teams
 - We will hold one more in-person registration for anyone that needs help with the online registration system or wishes to pay in cash or check.
 - Season begins May 18th (weather pending we are planning on doing a 'scrimmage week' the week of May 11th for organized practice with no refs.)
 - Picture Day and Spring Games: June 6-7 (U5 and girls on Saturday, U6 and boys on Sunday)
 - Will play 8 straight weeks including July 4th week and on Memorial Day
 - End of Year Tournament is July 11-12th - format TBD but likely similar to last year.
 - High School Rec will begin June 17th and run until July 29th - mid-July will start weekly "playoffs" for the teams. They will not play end of year tournament but do this playoff system instead (similar somewhat to Adult League). This will help with # of fields, availability of players, and allowing those who ref to make \$\$ vs play.
 - If anyone approaches you about financial assistance direct them to Luke. We have a form they need to complete and will assist them.
 - Sponsors: We have 70 teams spoken for so far which leaves about 50 more needed. (if we remain on target as previous years)
<https://www.fondysoccer.com/recteamsponsor> - sponsors need to complete this form and can pay online or mail in a check.
 - Coaches - Coaches sign up at same link as they register their kids, but mark being a volunteer.
- **Adult League (Bryan)**
 - Online Registration is built and is now open.
 - More info at <https://www.fondysoccer.com/adultleague>
- **Coaching Report (Chad)**

- We are holding a select coaches meeting at Marian U, Stayer Center room 212 on Tuesday, February 25th at 6:30pm to discuss the upcoming spring season.
- This spring Chad will be coordinating some coaches training from WYSA - Coach Jim Launder and Coach Craig Carlson. They will train players and coaches. This is part of a new coaches outreach program WYSA is offering to member clubs. We are targeting March timeframe once we have access to more gym space.
- **Referee Report (Chad)**
 - The State Referee Association hosted a recert course on Feb 2nd at the Fond du Lac High School. The next one for recert is March 15th and a NEW ref course on March 8th. Mid-March we will open up registration for rec league refs via Assignr.com
- **Concessions Report (Dan)**
 - Concessions Expansion Project Update: Concession Stand is done except for few small things. Dan is in progress of evaluating coolers and equipment we need inside.
- **Soccer Complex Maintenance & Grounds Report (Andy)**
 - Chad, Luke, Andy met with MPTC to discuss past and future projects. They are on board with all improvements.
 - Andy discussed with Country Touch about putting sod in all goal boxes as soon as the ground thaws. We were unable to complete in fall due to weather.
 - We will be removing landscaping beds and placing extra trees around the complex. This will reduce maintenance costs in the future.
- **Sponsorships, Donations, and Capital Campaign Drive Report (Andy, Chad)**
 - **TURF FIELD Campaign Update –**
 - Andy met with executives to discuss our project. They said we should focus on the 1700 families we serve vs the turf. Andy is rewriting a few donation requests.
 - **Gift Bricks, Banners, Online Donations**
 - Slow moving with these fundraising options.
- **Marketing & Communications Report (Diane)**
 - Discussion was made about spending money -\$3,000 over 3 months on electronic billboards in Fond du Lac to drive awareness to program.
 - Motion made by Diane, 2nd by Chad, approved.
- **Old Business**
 - East Side/UW Land Lease Contract Update: The lease extension has been signed by Chad Collett and submitted to UU-Oshkosh for the Chancellor's signature. This lease extends our use of that east side of our complex through December 31, 2026.

- **New Business**
- **Next Meeting: March 9th at 6:30pm – Stayer Center Room 212/213**
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