

Freeport Soccer Club Board Meeting
Call to Order 6:10pm February 8, 2009

Present – Sarah, Mel, Jamie, George, Jane, Julie, Steve

Approval of January Minutes

Jane made motion, Jamie second - all voted in favor

Financial Report – ending Jan balance \$10,247.67

George presented two checks from Uniroyal in the amounts of \$500 and \$212 for tire sales last fall.

Julie made a motion to approve the financial report, George second, all voted in favor.

DOC – need a few teams yet to turn in tournament selections

U12B –There was a discussion of possible coaches for this team. A motion was made by Steve to approve Steve Waters and Vince Jankewicz as coaches of this team, seconded by George. Voting in favor – Sarah, Mel, Jamie, George, Julie and Steve. Voting against – Jane. Motion carried.

Steve presented the idea of having trainers within our club. These trainers are people who are knowledgeable about soccer and have played the game themselves. They will be responsible for training various teams in soccer skills, footwork drills and speed and agility drills. Training schedules will be worked out between the coach and the trainer assigned to that team.

To go along with the trainers, Steve requested three sets of training equipment as well as DVD's be ordered. Each trainer will be given this equipment to use as long as they are serving in the capacity of trainer to our club. Motion made to approve the equipment, seconded. All voted in favor.

Coaches E license training in Atkinson, IL, Mar 7-8. \$160 fee would be paid by the club. Same with U10-12 youth module training fee of \$85, which is April 5 in Hoffman Estates.

Rockford Rampage offered to hold a camp in Freeport this summer. 5 days – ½ day \$90, full day \$125

A British soccer camp is also coming to Freeport this summer, hosted by park district. More discussion at the March meeting.

Fundraising/Merchandising – Thank you to Jane for organizing the Rampage game outing for our club. All had a great time!

Jane presented a potential fundraiser that could replace the annual cookie dough/cheesecake fundraiser. Our club could sell discount cards for \$10. These cards could be used nationwide instead of just locally like many cards sold around here.

All teams that play with a U5 ball will get a new one this spring.

Team benches will be ordered to use at home league games.

Website – A link to Eurosport will be placed on our website. If anyone orders anything from Eurosport online and uses our club link, then our club will receive a 7% percent profit from that sale.

Julie is looking for someone who would like to maintain or help her with the website.

Registrar – tournament registrations will begin about the middle of February.

New player information and payment is due by March 1 to ensure uniforms arrive in time and to get players registered with the state in time.

3 v 3 Tournament Update – Volunteers are still needed to help with this. Plans are still moving forward at this time. If interested in helping, please contact gyarzak@freeportsoccerclub.com or jgraf@freeportsoccerclub.com.

Sarah made a motion to proceed with 3v3 plans, seconded by Steve. All were in favor.

Bylaws Update – discussed changes again to the bylaws. The main change will be to the structure of the board. Instead of every board member being an officer, the new bylaws will state that our club will have six officer positions and six board member positions. The officers will be elected from within the board instead of through the club membership. A vote to approve these changes will take place at the next meeting. Sarah will call potential board members.

ILLOWA update – first weekend is April 4-5. Easter Weekend will have no games scheduled. The last weekend of play will be June 13-14 with the rainout weekend being the following weekend. They will try to use more experienced referees at the younger age groups as the parents of these players tend not to understand the rules as well and are more vocal with the referees.

Referee Training – next weekend Feb 14-15. Today was the last day to register. When last checked, the number signed up was at 18. The club has offered to buy a starter kit for anyone associated with the club who signs up. This kit would include the basics that a referee would need for the job.

Other business – none

George made a motion to close the meeting, Jamie seconded, all voted in favor. Motion carried and meeting closed at 9:10.