

## Freeport Soccer Club Board Meeting – Mar 8, 2009

Call to Order – 5:32 pm

Board Members present: Sarah Hasken, Julie Grunewald, Jane Slick, Jamie Graf, Steve Grunewald, Mel Graham Absent: George Yartzak

Guests: Kim James, Heidi Ludolph

Approval of Minutes from February 8, 2009

Jane motioned to approve, Julie seconded. All were in favor.

Vote on Bylaws change

Change in Board Format – format will change to 6 officers and 6 members-at-large

Scholarships – limits to scholarships will be removed.

Scholarships will always be Board approved and families receiving scholarships will be expected to participate in all club fundraisers and help out in a volunteer capacity, i.e. league concessions, 3 on 3 tournament, etc

Jamie made a motion to approve the bylaws change. Jane seconded. All in favor.

New Members – With the bylaws changed, Kim James and Heidi Ludolph were welcomed to the Board. Heidi will be taking over the role of Secretary and Kim will be a member-at-large. Shannon Hansen has also agreed to become a board member-at-large. We are still looking for two more people interested in serving on the Board. Sarah will continue to contact people on her list.

Financial Report

Ending February balance - \$11,139.38

Mel is changing from Excel software to Quicken so financial report will look a little different than previously. Sarah made a motion to approve the financial report, Julie seconded. All were in favor.

Julie presented a comparison of our spring tournament costs and how much our spring fees would cover. The club will be picking up about \$1200 of the total tournament cost for the spring season, which makes those fundraisers very important in order for us to keep our club costs low and affordable.

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Soccer Expo – March 21 in Schaumburg – more info @ [www.iysa.org](http://www.iysa.org)

New U15B coach – Rich Graham will assist Dan.

A goalkeeper camp is being scheduled with Dean Smith for Saturday, March 28. After Steve confirms with Dean, an email will be sent to all coaches encouraging at least three participants from each team. Cost will probably be between \$10-20 per player for a 2 or 4 hour camp.

Steve is also looking into a team camp being offered specifically to club players during the week of July 27-30. A "team" can be from several of our own teams, as long as the players are close in age and ability. Team cost will be \$875-\$950, which will be divided among the number of players comprising the team. The more players on a team, the cheaper it will be per player.

#### Fundraising/Merchandising

Cookie dough vs. Discount cards – Sarah made a motion to use the ValuCard fundraiser this spring instead of selling cheesecakes/cookie dough. Jamie seconded. All were in favor.

The cards will sell for \$10 and will have local businesses on the card. But the cards can also be used nationwide at participating locations. Board members were asked by Jane to send her a list of local businesses that we would like to see on the card. ValuCard will contact these businesses on our behalf.

New uniforms will be in March 20. Team benches that were ordered are backordered until early April.

Referee kits – New referees who attend the referee training at the junior high are asked to go ahead and order their referee kit and equipment. Turn in your receipts to the Club and you will be reimbursed up to \$40.

Website – Pat Winter is willing to help Julie. Julie discussed the possibility of transforming the website into a more user-friendly page.

#### Registrar

Tournaments are being registered for.

ILLOWA schedule (preliminary) should be up March 15.

3v3 Update-Their last meeting went well. Registration form needs to be updated so Special Olympics category is included. Kiwanis and MetLife are both interested in sponsoring a team. Jamie has a list of businesses for their sponsor letter to be sent out to.

#### Other Business

Scholarships – Jane motioned to approve a ½ scholarship for a player. Sarah seconded and all were in favor. Steve motioned for two full scholarships to be given to two players. Jane seconded. All were in favor.

Inventory – to help keep track of inventory, over each summer or at tryouts, inventory will be taken of coaches' equipment, to see what needs to be ordered or replaced, etc.

Tournament Parking Issues – Many tournaments are requesting parking fees to be sent in ahead of time. There was a discussion about the best way to handle this. Team managers will still need to collect for parking fees for this spring and then turn into the club. The club will write a check to cover the fees and keep track of who has not paid for their parking fees. For the fall, parking fees may be added on to the total registration cost. More discussion about this later.

Sarah made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:06p pm. Jamie seconded. All in favor.

Next meeting: Sunday, March 29 @ 5:30 pm in FJHS Conference Center

(Our next regularly scheduled meeting falls on Easter Sunday. The May meeting will most likely change also as it falls on Mother's Day.)

Executive Session – if necessary