

Meeting Minutes for May 2009



Members Present: Kurt Schodorf, Kevin Otto, Bill Randolph, Deb Kositske, Frank Talaga

Mar 17, 2009 8:00pm @ Menasha Community Building
Meeting Adjourned at 9:30pm

The meeting started 30 minutes late. The meeting was called to order by Kurt. The minutes for April were not available for approval. They will need to be reviewed and made available for approval at the June meeting.

Treasurer's Report (Jeff Watt)

Jeff was not present to share his report. Kevin passed out the current income sheet and balance statement. Kurt collected invoices and checks to pass on to Jeff.

Equipment (Frank Talaga)

Frank had nothing to report this month.

Concessions (Lisa Schodorf)

Kurt stated that we brought in about \$3,000 in concession revenues at the classic tournament this past weekend. Kurt raised a question about the Referees that we need to think about and address at a later time. We paid out over \$500 in concession sales for Referee food. What can we do to reduce this amount? It was mentioned that Justin was passing out extra tickets whenever a referee would ask for them. Kevin commented that he can take the tickets back once the Referees have received their initial tickets so that they are not available to be passed out anymore. Everyone felt that was a good idea. Bill stated that we need to provide for the Referees. They are onsite all day and for the most part, working hard. Other tournaments are more liberal that we are. The Flat grass tournament gave each referee a handful of tickets and each ticket was good for anything the referee wanted – not just one item per ticket.

Coaching Coordinator (Mike Kinser)

Mike was not present at the meeting to share his report. Mike had informed Bill beforehand that he had nothing new to add for this month.

Fields/Grounds (Kurt Schodorf)

Kurt stated that he had nothing new to report on the fields.

Sponsors (Mike Mericle)

Kurt stated there was nothing new to add.

Photos (Kurt Schodorf)

Kurt stated that we have a small problem with the photos. The parents that filled out the forms did not fill in all of the requested information. The photo company is requesting a list of teams and players. Kevin stated that he can provide a game day roster printout that protects the players personal information from being shared. Kurt asked Kevin to do that.

It was also stated that the photos are not being mailed to the homes this year. That was considered to be a step backwards in what we have come to expect for the photo services. When the photos are delivered, we will need to have the coaches pick them up from the concession stand for their team.



Referees (Kevin Otto)

Bill mentioned that Jim Rader reminded everyone at the East Central meeting that the coaches cannot use the team roster for the game day carding roster report. The referees were asked to bring copies with them to the games. Technically, the game cannot continue if the coach does **not** provide the center referee with the game day carding roster report.

Kevin stated that he wrote over \$14,000 in checks to the referees for the tournament. Bill asked if this was more than last year. It was. Kevin did not know why though. Bill suggested it was because we were paying the 4th officials the same rate as the A/R. At the Flatgrass tournament, the referees were not paid to check in the teams. There were no 4th official fees. We will look at removing that for next year. The referee working the next game should be able to check in the players for the game he is going to be working in.

East Central Report (Bill Randolph)

The district Calendar of events can always be viewed at: <http://www.eastcentralsoccer.org/Events/general.jsp> Bill did not have a written report this month. He mentioned that the Peter M. from the state was at the meeting. He offered one good idea that Bill passed on to the club. We should consider paying the player fees for the adult team players if they agree to coach a club team.

Bill gave a short recap of the schedule changes that were discussed at the EC meeting. The talks are still ongoing, but it looks like there will be some changes for the league. Namely, the American, World, and National nomenclature would change to A, B, and C to match the rest of the state and country. The A league would be like the National league. Those teams would likely play in spring and fall. Leagues B and C would play in spring only – up to U14. The high school girl teams would always play in Fall. The Recreational leagues would follow the B and C schedule. Additionally, the spring season would officially end by the 4th of July. They proposed bringing back the LCS in July. The teams would have the option to participate in the LCS or not. Also, the LCS would be held at one location to avoid some of the problems encountered in the past.

Registration (Kevin Otto)

Kevin passed out his registration report that lists the number of players registered. He stated the numbers are really low. The numbers dropped again from last year. And, last year (2008) was lower than the previous year (2007).

Kevin is still waiting for player registrations from Randy and Tony. Those teams are not fully registered.

Bill mentioned that we need to campaign for the full month of July to encourage the players to sign up for next year before we lose control over them at the end of the current season.

Tournaments (Deb Kositzke)

Deb played a voicemail message from a coach from Howard. The coach was complaining about a team from Alloe. They had a player with a cast on that was allowed to play. Everyone agreed that it is the responsibility of the referees working the game to make sure players with hard casts are not allowed to play in the game. Everyone also agreed that it was ok for the team to file a complaint with EC. Deb was instructed to let the coach know that they can file the complaint.

We received \$80 from Tim's Toys. The wind on Saturday made it impossible for the inflatables to work well. We received over \$1,300 from the shirts. The weather helped boost the sale of sweaters. The scoops vendor did not fare well with the weather either.



Deb asked about letting state level teams play in the tournament. She received some complaints about it. Kurt stated that East Central allows state level teams to play in the league, but they are required to play up a level. It was suggested that we modify our tournament rules to state that teams may be required to play up a level.

Kurt stated that we had an encounter with some parents that had handicap stickers and no place to park. Kurt and Randy are working on addressing this issue. The orange cone is not good enough. We will permanently mark the parking spaces closest to field #2 and the concession stand as handicap parking. Randy is checking to find out how many parking spaces we need to reserve for our parking lot. We expect it to be 3 or 4 spaces, but are not certain of the count yet.

It was stated that we need more volunteers to run the tournament. Kevin and Kurt end up doing most of the work. Kurt stated we are the only club that does not charge the home classic teams. Other clubs charge the teams half price. Kurt also stated he was considering making the classic teams cough up one volunteer from each team to work the tournament – not just the weekend, but on the planning and ordering of the event as well. Bill suggested that we give the classic teams an option – pay the half fee or provide a volunteer.

It was stated that the Gerhardts had a nice tournament checklist. Bill was asked if he could email Dennis or Kathy and ask them if they still have a copy of it. If not, we need to make a new checklist for next year.

Fundraising (Della)

Della was not present to offer a report.

Grants and Marketing (Kay Wenger)

Kay was not present. Kurt stated that Kay will not be available to work with the club for a few months. Kurt and Mike will be getting information from Kay to work on some grants for Wittmann park.

Badger State Games (Kurt Schodorf)

Kurt stated the games were the weekend of June 27th. There was a discussion on providing concession stand options for this event. Deb asked about letting Classic teams raise money for their teams. This spawned a discussion on who would order the brats and hot dogs, etc... It was decided that the classic team would have to do it all. It was also suggested that Deb let scoops know they can work the event at Wittmann park.

Websites (Adam Schaefer Kemps)

Adam was not present to report. Kevin stated that they were waiting for Kurt to sign the forms. Kurt said he needs to read and understand them before he will sign them.

Uniforms (Julie Anderson)

Julie was not present to report.

Communications (Lauren Rushford)

Lauren was not present to report. Kurt stated that she should be back from school soon. He wants Lauren to work on the July campaign to get parents to sign their kids up for next year. He wants her to communicate to

the U8 to U10 players that they should consider playing classic. He wants her to use the british trainer AJ in her communications to encourage the players to play classic and sign up for next season.

New Board Members (Kurt Schodorf)

Kurt encouraged everyone to ask parents at the fields to consider becoming a member of the board. We need someone for the Photos, Grants, and Recreational Tournament.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm

Minutes submitted by Bill Randolph

