



Columbus Express Soccer Club

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Date: November 6, 2008 7:00 PM

Location: Duke Energy - Columbus, IN

Name	Signature	Present
President	Chip Orben	Yes
Vice President		
Secretary	Sean Deak	Yes
Treasurer	Andrea Davis	Yes
Registrar	Julia Likens	Yes
At Large	Jenny Carlson	Yes
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Others Present:

Kenrick Ramirez (Girls DOC), Jeremy and Adam (Acceleration Indiana)



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Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

Acceleration Indiana Presentation

1. Acceleration Indiana representatives Jeremy and Adam were in attendance to discuss what they do and what they can do for our Club. They are currently working in Columbus and considering/actively looking for a new location as their lease is up at the end of this year. They are hoping to remain in Columbus, and are looking for ways to expand their business.
2. They discussed a possible partnership with our Club. They are willing to volunteer their time for company exposure. They offered to have a tent set up at Club events, provide training information on the website, help structure warmups and training (in- and off-season), and volunteer in many other ways.
3. Discussion continued including paid services that they offer for individuals and teams. They gave us pamphlets on their various programs.

Finance Review

1. State/Challenge Cup made about \$3000. We funded an account with \$10,000 and ended with \$13,000. Andrea recommended actively searching for better deals by taking competitive bids using a wider variety of vendors. Julia provided a historical account of how this was done.
2. Team fees were discussed. All deposits are non-refundable. Above the deposit, there is a policy currently in place. Andrea will be reviewing this policy for next year. Andrea and Julia are working on collecting H.S. fees and went reviewed the list of H.S. teams and players paid. Deadline has been extended to Dec 3 due to Parks & Rec increase.
3. Chip reviewed the fees spreadsheet. The Parks & Rec and scholarship fees have increased. Andrea and Chip will meet and review expenses to make sure everything is "on track".
4. Deadline for fees for younger ages was decided. January 16 deadline for \$100 deposit with balance of fees due on February 13. Leave it up to the manager on how to turn in deposits. Andrea recommended collecting deposits at the end of fall for younger ages. Coaching fees are staying the same for Spring 2009.



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5. The point was brought up about different ways to structure fees. Recommended comparing with other clubs. Discussion for a later date.
6. Cup entry fees were discussed. Applications are published before teams start practicing. When application is published, coaches must be aware and decide if they are entering their teams. Managers will collect and pay these fees as they would any other tournament. The Club will pay only for teams making it to the finals weekend.
7. Andrea discussed the current account balance for the Club.

Uniforms

1. Jenny discussed the progress of collecting current uniforms for logo application. Module closes on Jan 15.
2. Backpacks are optional for U13 teams and above.
3. Discussion about Soccer Village and needing a deadline. They still owe us contract completion. Contract has not been signed by us yet. Also brought attention to the \$2500 credit at Soccer Village - make sure it's spent.

Vacant Board Positions

1. By-Laws were briefly discussed. Chip and Sean still need to complete rough draft and present to the Board for discussion. Discussion on including the Annual General Meeting prior to tryouts in June.

U9 Academy Review

1. Kenrick reviewed Academy items - past & future. U10 is no longer in the Academy structure and fees need to change to reflect this. Chip moved to raise DOC fees from \$10 to \$20 for U9 and U10. Move was seconded and passed.
2. Academy title will be removed from the "Academy" uniform logo. Sean will change this and send to Soccer Village.
3. Andrea stressed the importance of keeping all communication open to all Board members. We all need to be aware of all changes and happenings in the Club and IYS.

Scholarships

1. Deadline is December 3.



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Coaches

1. Kenrick reviewed the list of coaches. Julia will update the list. Developmental players (club team) were also reviewed. Also pointed out that Roger Wicker's GK fee comes out of the Capital Fund.

Website

1. Open Registration for Academy to be placed on the website.

Parks & Rec Fee Increase

1. Mark Jones is on vacation until Monday. Chip will discuss fee increase with Mark at that time. Recommend that we do not change fees until Fall 2009.

Capital Projects

1. Fence Proposal for south end of parking lot. P&R will give us labor if we get materials. Chip recommended that if it is less than \$4000, we proceed. Motion to accept - seconded and passed.

State & Challenge Cup Changes

1. IYS is considering separating the tournament into two weekends. Julia will present our view that one weekend is better at the next IYS meeting.

Other Discussions

1. Tournament. Still unsure on how to proceed. Andrea recommended that we have someone whose sole job in the club is tournament director.
2. Survey the General Membership for input on various items.
3. Discussion on filling board positions.
4. Discussion on concessions. Policy needed for teams using as a fundraiser.

Next Meeting

1. Thursday, December 4, 7:00 pm
2. Reminder that meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm unless it falls on a holiday or event. January meeting will be on January 8 instead of January 1.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm