

CONCORD SOCCER ASSOCIATION
May 16, 2006 MEETING MINUTES

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ATTENDANCE

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Bruce Haberman	Dan Hammond	Steve Jones
Barbara Kirsch	Janet Leary-Prowse	Chris Lee
Connie McKelvey	Dave Penkrot	John Weaver

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT

Steve Fisher	Peter Flanagan	Walt Francis
Darren Schulke	Joe Williams	

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by John Weaver, in Joe Williams' absence. The group was one member short of a quorum at this point. A quorum was reached at 7:55 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MONTH'S MINUTES

Motion: Delete last sentence of paragraph regarding land/capital campaign (regarding parking lot). Seconded and approved with that change; all in favor.

REPORTS AND PROGRAM UPDATES

Representative Teams –

Boys – Connie McKelvey reported on coaching changes for the upcoming season.

- ?? Bruno Faris will be the new coach for the U-13 Titans, replacing Jim Kiss. Jim has agreed to remain as an assistant coach. Connie McKelvey will be manager if her child makes it to this team. Parents have agreed to this and the team is thrilled. Bruno will be paid for assuming this position.
- ?? Ramone Janiero will be the overall age-group coach for the U-9 boys. Bruce Haberman will be coach for the U-10 Athletico.
- ?? Wayne Kingston is a new U-10 boys' coach.

Girls – In Pete Flanagan's absence, the girls' rep report was presented by Dave Penkrot.

- ?? The report of a CSA coach recruiting players from outside the club, potentially displacing established CSA players and reducing playing time, was discussed. Altercations between coaches, and unsportsmanlike behavior on the field, were discussed. An article was placed in the News Journal regarding fall tryouts. While a great idea, and good advertising for the club, only certain teams were named, and prior Board approval was not obtained.

- o Do coaches, parents, and players know the guidelines/bylaws?
Every boys' rep coach signed guidelines last fall.

Motion: Notify all coaches of the guidelines regarding adequate playing time. Approved and seconded; all in favor.
Following discussion of player development (below), motion was amended as follows: **Each rep team coach will be notified in person** of the guidelines regarding adequate playing time. Approved and seconded; all in favor.

Instructional Teams – Chris Lee

The annual Soccer Fest will be held Saturday, June 10th. Chris will send a reminder e-mail about helping with this activity. T-shirts, gray with the capital campaign logo, will be given to the p layers.

Adults – Barbara Kirsch

The two adult teams are getting ready for playoffs. C-division team is in 3rd place. Chad Hughes is making T-shirts as a fundraiser for the fields.

Player Development –General Discussion

- ?? A suggestion was made to survey parents partway through the season and ask how effectively the Board is delivering information.
- ?? Meeting between rep team coordinators and coaches should occur shortly after tryouts end. Rep team coordinators should meet with individual coaches and stress the importance of player development.
- ?? Information packets will be assembled for coaches and parents. Included will be uniform guidelines and information about the registration database Count-Me-In.
- ?? Monday's tryouts were rained out. Will be rescheduled for next week, depending on the U.K. Elite's schedule.
- ?? Hockessin posts tryout results on their website. Parents are given 2 days to respond (as to whether they accept their child's placement). We will consider implementing this next year, when our new and improved website is up and running.
- ?? Mike Finizio, Connie McKelvey (boys' rep coordinator), and Pete Flanagan (girls' rep coordinator) will meet soon to make a calendar of events for next year.

Equipment/Uniforms –

- ?? As of September 2006, we will have a uniform policy in place, with which all coaches must comply. Include uniform guidelines in the packets we will hand out to coaches and parents in the fall.
- ?? A "uniform fitting night" will be held following tryouts. This is a chance for the new teams to get together.
- ?? Discussion of whether to continue using Bill Boyer as our uniform supplier, and whether he wants to be involved with the Instructional league.

Camps – John Weaver

Applications have been made for fields for camps.

Coaches –

Motion: Approve Bruno Faris as the new coach for the boys' -13 Titans, replacing Jim Kiss. Approve Ramone Janiero as the overall age group coach for the U-9 boys. Approve Wayne Kingston as a new coach for the boys' U-10 team. Approved and seconded; all in favor.

Land/Capital Campaign – Dan Hammond has a meeting tomorrow (May 17th) with a loan officer from Wilmington Trust to discuss a bridge (construction) loan for the new property. Joe Williams is working to get the grass cut as inexpensively as possible. The coupon fundraiser being conducted by the Instructional teams is wrapping up. In hindsight, this could have been better organized. Instructions to parents could have been clearer, especially regarding how to return checks and unused coupons.

Dan spoke with Rosi Crosby from Bloom Consulting. Rosi suggested that she take a break from the capital campaign project.

Motion: Stop paying Bloom Consulting after May. Later this summer, re-evaluate need for a consultant. Seconded and approved; all in favor.

Newsletter – Spring newsletter was distributed in mid-May.

Referees – General discussion

Requests by teams for payment of referee fees are due by June 30th.

Website – Nothing to report.

DYSA – State Cup draw went uneventfully.

Fields – John Weaver

?? Applications have been made for fields for camps.

?? Dan will talk with Bob Weiner, New Castle County Representative for the 2nd District (including Brandywine Hundred), about solutions for the surface water problem on the Talley Day Park fields, which were caused by the new walking path. County Coordinator of Fields says the “ponds” can’t be filled in. Maybe drains can be installed?

Treasurer’s Report – Dave Penkrot

?? Teams need to be responsible for submitting requests for payment of referee fees. Deadline for the spring season is June 30th.

Motion: Requests to pay referee fees from spring season must be submitted to Dave by June 30th. Seconded and approved; all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

- ?? Discussion of an increase in rep team registration fees. The reason for this increase is that by switching to the online registration program Count-Me-In, we lose approximately \$5/player in credit card fees. The benefit of using Count-Me-In is the ability for coaches to make their own rosters and have their own websites. Once contact information is in the database, we will be better able to communicate with families. If parents provide the name of their employer, that will be helpful when targeting area businesses for the capital campaign.

Motion: Increase rep team registration fees to \$175 for a full year. Cost is \$125 for ½ a year. Seconded and approved; all in favor.

- ?? Discussion of CSA taking out an ad in the Blue and White Girls' All-Star Game program, at a cost of \$200. We will make sure the capital campaign is mentioned.

Motion: Take out a full-page ad, at a cost of \$200, which mentions the capital campaign, in the Blue and White Girls' All-Star Game program.

- ?? Dan asked that the treasurer show teams what they're getting for their money. For example, are we spending more on rep teams than we're taking in?
- ?? Barbara requested that rep teams register players through Count-Me-In, which is currently being used only for Instructional teams.
- ?? Nominations for Board of Directors for 2006-2007:

President	Joe Williams
President Elect, Field Coordinator	John Weaver
Treasurer	Dave Penkrot
Secretary/Newsletter Editor	Janet Leary-Prowse
Director, Instructional Coordinator	Chris Lee
Director, Boys' Rep Coordinator	Connie McKelvey
Director, Uniforms & Patches	Bruce Haberman
Director, Land Committee Chair	Dan Hammond
Girls' Rep Coordinator	Peter Flanagan
Director	Barbara Kirsch
Director	Anne Connolly
Director	Darrell Huber
Director	Tom Wiechecki
Director	Adam Raben

Motion: Hold the annual CSA Board meeting/elections the third Tuesday in June (June 21, 2006), at Stanley's Tavern. Approved and seconded; all in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING - Next meeting is Tuesday, June 20, 2006. This is the annual general meeting, at which next year's Board will be elected. Meeting will be held at Stanley's and is open to Board members as well as coaches.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Leary-Prowse
Secretary