

**CONCORD SOCCER ASSOCIATION**  
**October 17, 2006 MEETING MINUTES**

> Indicates action item

**ATTENDANCE**

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT**

Peter Flanagan	Bruce Haberman	Dan Hammond	Darryl Huber
Janet Leary-Prowse	Chris Lee	Connie McKelvey	Dave Penkrot
Adam Raben	John Weaver	Tom Wiechecki	Joe Williams

**VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT**

Anne Connolly                      Barbara Kirsch

**GUEST PRESENT**

Mark Peipher

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Joe Williams.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MONTH'S MINUTES**

August and September meeting minutes were reviewed.

**Motion:** Accept August and September meeting minutes. Approved and seconded; all in favor.

Meeting minutes will be typed and sent to committee members within 10 days of a meeting.

**REPORTS AND PROGRAM UPDATES**

**Representative Teams**

?? Darryl Huber discussed a parent's complaint about use of a training game known as "Butts Up." He brought copies of the description from a book entitled *The Vision of a Champion, Advice and Inspiration from the World's Most Successful Women's Soccer Coach*, by Anson Dorrance and Gloria Averbuch. In this game, the losers bend over with their rears in the air, and the winners shoot soccer balls at them. This is too much like hazing, and the Board agreed it is an inappropriate activity.

**Motion:** CSA teams are prohibited from using the "Butts Up" drill. Approved and seconded by all 10 members present during discussion; all in favor.

> Joe Williams will send an e-mail to all coaches (instructional and rep) regarding this decision.

?? Reminder of protocol for addressing issues raised by parents of rep team players:

1. Talk to the coach.
2. Talk to the rep coordinator for that age group.
3. Talk to the overall age group coordinator.
4. Bring the concern to the Board.

?? **Boys** – Connie McKelvey

- o Three teams won over Columbus Day weekend.
- o Charles Borromeo (Boys U-16 Mustangs) requested permission to play on the Garnet Valley turf field.

?? **Girls** – Peter Flanagan

- o Issues regarding usage of Ursuline fields – PAGS charges a \$50 rescheduling fee.
  - ~~o~~ Next year, teams must tell us up front that they want to use Ursuline fields so we can register the fields with PAGS.

?? Discussion of Count Me In, the online registration system

**Motion:** Starting with spring registration, rep teams will be required to register online. In May, all rep teams will register on Count Me In. Approved and seconded by all 11 members present during discussion; all in favor.

- ?? Would be nice to have teams to status reports - - how they are doing, how money is being spent, what money is coming in, etc.
- ??  Defer to Tom's subcommittee on Coach development.

**Instructional Teams** – Chris Lee

- ?? Indoor registration is open. Deadline is November 13<sup>th</sup>.
  - o U-14 teams will referee, with money earned going back to the refs' teams.
  - o Locations: 2 gyms at Springer and 2 at Hanby have been confirmed
    - ~~o~~ Cost: free during the week; pay on Saturdays
    - ~~o~~ Availability: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, both gyms at Springer are available now through the end of November; 2 sessions per evening.
  - o Important dates: December 2<sup>nd</sup> is opening day, a play day; December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> T-shirt sales
- ?? Adam Raben recommended switching from the overgrown tennis balls to the futsal soccer ball. The main difference between a futsal ball and a typical soccer ball is that the bladder is filled with foam. That makes the ball heavier and have less bounce for use on a hard playing surface. Using this type of ball will give the players more of a soccer experience rather than bouncing the ball off the walls.
  - o  The big gym at Springer will get the futsal balls.
- ?? Photographer
  - o Request by photographer Scott Bechtel to take action shots of kids during games.
  - o CSA will get 10% of sales.

- Password-protected website; we will not put a link on the CSA website to the photographer's website.
  - Joe commented that we already have a photographer we have worked with.
  - ☑ Get proposals from both photographers before making a final decision.
- ?? Upcoming tournaments
- Western YMCA will host the YMCA of Delaware Cup on November 4th and 5th.
  - Kohl's Cup will be held at MOT Soccer on November 11th and 12th. Registration deadline is November 3rd.

**Adults** – Barbara Kirsch

- ?? Discussion of lower age limit for participating in adult winter indoor programs was tabled until Barbara can be present at the meeting.

**Player Development** – Connie McKelvey

- ?? The following skills will be taught during indoor season: foot skills, goalie, speed, strength, and agility.

**Coach Development** – Tom Wiechecki

- ?? Coaches' program will be put into place for fall 2007.
- ?? Committee will include Tom, Connie (boys' rep), Peter (girls' rep), Adam, Darryl, Joe, and Mike Finizio
- ?? Tom will set up a coaches' meeting to get input from instructional and rep teams. He will also get buy-in from a local official (respected coach or trainer with soccer experience) - - someone from outside CSA.
- Have a meeting of all involved people from the Board, outside, and coaches. Define roles within the coaches' association. Programs will be set up.

**Equipment/Uniforms** – Joe Williams

- ?? Joe talked with a rep from Adidas. They offered \$60,000 for a 24-year contract. Nike's offer was not even close.
- ?? We would be on a 3-year buying cycle (uniform style gets updated every 3 years).
- ?? Joe is working on getting a sponsor to buy uniforms for our teams.

**Motion:** Give Joe authority to meet with Adidas to negotiate this contract. 10 for, 2 against. John will review the contract prior to Board review.

**Camps** – John Weaver – nothing to report

**Land/Capital Campaign** – Dan Hammond

- ?? Capital Campaign
- Major Events Committee is planning another event.
  - Team fundraising – Some teams are participating.

- Instructional League will host a night at Five Below on October 30<sup>th</sup>. CSA gets 10% of sales that evening.
  - Major grants – Targets are high net worth individuals and corporate captains & small businesses.
- ?? Land
- Tom and Joe will meet with the County.

**Newsletter** – Janet Leary-Prowse

**Referees** - Nothing to report

**Website** – Barbara Kirsch – Nothing to report; Barbara absent

**DYSA** –John Weaver

- ?? John discussed penalties for dissent on the fields.
- ?? Referee re-training will occur in December.

**Fields** – John Weaver

- ?? Lights – A question was raised as to whether we have a budget for lights. No, our budget does not have line items for renting lights and purchasing storage containers.
  - Regarding light rental, have teams decide at the beginning of the season whether they intend to use the lighted fields and indoor facilities, or include light rental in the registration fee up front.
    - ~~??~~ Rep team fees have already been raised. If lights are included, fees would be approximately \$200.
    - ~~??~~ Light rental costs \$3,500 for 4 weeks, plus fuel costs.
    - ~~??~~ Lights were on the field as of October 4<sup>th</sup>.
    - ~~??~~ CSA will pay the first two weeks of light rental, because no one used them during this time. Maybe we got them too early this year
    - ~~??~~ We will have lights for about 7 weeks, not including playoffs.
  - Connie, Peter, and Darryl will work out the costs.
- ?? All applications are in for winter locations. Springer is available now.

**Treasurer's Report** – Dave Penkrot

**Motion:** Late fees for instructional league shall go to the capital campaign. Approved and seconded by all 9 members present during the discussion. All in favor.

?? Dave, Peter, John, and Connie will form an ad hoc committee to work on a detailed budget. (See previous comments regarding lights.)

?? Dave presented the monthly treasurer's report.

**Motion:** Approve Treasurer's report. Approved and seconded by all 10 members present during the discussion. All in favor.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- ?? Guest: Dave Cornisch from U.K. Elite ([davec@ukelite.com](mailto:davec@ukelite.com)) presented survey results from this summer's U.K. Elite camps. Comments were very positive.

- ?? Invited guest players and invited practice player policies –
  - If invited players are not carded or in the Instructional league, they must sign a waiver. Waiver should be made available on the CSA website.
  - If players are invited to open practices, this is a liability issue.
  - ☒ Joe will add this issue to his e-mail to coaches regarding the prohibited drill (discussed earlier in the minutes).
- ?? 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Blue-White Senior Boys All Star Soccer game will be held November 21<sup>st</sup> at Wesley College in Dover. CSA will advertise in the program as we have for the past several years. Proceeds from the game benefit teens served by the runaway & homeless youth project in CHILD Inc.'s youth development program.

**Motion:** Spend \$200 to advertise in the Blue-White Game program. Approved and seconded by all 10 members present during the discussion. All in favor.

- ?? Annual holiday party will be December 19<sup>th</sup>, instead of the monthly Board meeting. Purpose is to thank volunteers and coaches.

**Motion:** Joe will check prices of locations other than Stanley's and follow-up at the November Board meeting. Approved and seconded by all 10 members present during the discussion. All in favor.

- ?? Fundraising Raffle

- 3<sup>rd</sup> prize \$125 numbers 01099 N. Roselli
- 2<sup>nd</sup> prize \$250 numbers 03549 E. Hager
- 1<sup>st</sup> prize \$500 numbers 02278 T. Miller

All winners are Kiddie Kickers!!

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING** - Next meeting is Tuesday, November 21, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Leary-Prowse  
Secretary