

Montgomery United Soccer Club Recreational Board Meeting February 18, 2010



Location and Time – Montgomery Township Building; 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Attendees: - Jim Boyle, Chuck Vesay, David LaRosa, Robert DePascale, John Stewart, David Jones, Rich Schwengels, Mark McMahon, Jim Houlihan, Brian Durkin, Jessie Jastrzembski

Meeting brought to order at 7:15pm

Board Responsibilities and Overall Direction of Club

Jim Boyle opened the meeting by going over the Recreational Board (the “Board”). He discussed the responsibility of the Vice Presidents (VPs). He stressed that the VPs need to obtain information from the division managers and forward the information up to Jim Boyle and Chuck and timely distribute information to the Division Managers. The Board will meet every 2 or 3 months and every month during the summer and fall season. Jim mentioned that each person’s email and phone will be published on the Recreational Board site of the MUSC website and the members should expect to receive unexpected emails and phone calls from unknown persons. Jim finished by saying the Recreational Board minutes and calendar will be posted on the MUSC website. After responsibilities of the Board were finished Jim discussed the overall direction of the recreational program by stressing that we would like to make it a year-round program like Travel. Coaches can arrange to have their teams play indoor soccer and if the whole club brings several teams such as 20, the Club will have quite of bit of bargaining power with the facilities in arranging for blocks of time. Jim Boyle mentioned that the indoor and Spring participation should be continued under the Select Division.

Rec Select

Bob DePascale spoke next. First he explained the Rec Select program to the Board. He said it consist of the best available players in the Rec program. They play 3-4 tournaments in November and December and possibly one or two tournaments the following spring. The formation of teams begins by obtaining the player ranking from the coaches and tryouts held in October. The weighting for the U8-U12 Divisions consists of 75% tryouts and 25% player ranking. The U16 and U19 Divisions are selected strictly by coaches’ selection due to the fact that they are very familiar with the players by this time.

After Bob discussed the Rec Select program the date of the Boys Roger Erb Tournament was brought to discussion. Due to the fact that it has conflicted with the Hempfield

Tournament it was brought to a vote to move the boys date to the Saturday after Thanksgiving. The Board unanimously agreed in the vote to move the date.

Photographs

Chuck opened the discussion concerning the Club photographer. C&C in Chalfont has been used for the past 5 years. The Club obtained 2 other competing bids and they were around the same as C&C. The Club liked the bid it has received from C&C and Chuck recommended C&C for the 2010 season. A vote was brought to keep C&C and the Board unanimously agreed.

Rostering Plan, Database & Scheduling of Games

Different people contributed input on changing the rostering plan. The overall consensus was to keep the kids together by showing preference to location, using the child's school, which will keep the kids with kids they know. Once we have kids together by location we can work on balancing the teams based on the player's ability. This will be accomplished by obtaining as much information at registration. The goal is to improve the database by obtaining the school the child attends and the parents email addresses. By having email addresses the Club can send out blast emails announcing certain events such as Rec Select tryouts. As Jim Boyle stated "The database is the Club's greatest asset."

Jess discussed the scheduling of the games. Most division managers preferred to have the computer schedule games; therefore, it was decided to continue using the computer to schedule the games.

Uniforms

Chuck and Jim mentioned that the Club owns a pressing machine to press numbers and logos on uniforms. Rec uniforms were outsourced in the past, but could be done in-house, which would save the Club thousands of dollars in costs. Dave Jones said he and his team performed the task for the Shoot for the Cure tournament in a full day. Dave said he could lead the process for the Club. A vote was placed before the Board to bring the pressing of numbers and logos in-house and the Board unanimously agreed.

Special intramural tournament date

Jim Boyle next brought up the discussion of having a special one day divisional tournament for the younger ages. This has been done for the U12-U19 Divisions with great success. The issue is field space and planning the day. We would cut the game times in half to fit it in. The Board decided to try and implement for a few age groups and leave an open date in the schedule for the special tournament date. The discussion was tabled until the next Rec Board meeting.

U6 Boys and Girls

Chuck mentioned that he proposes keeping the U6 boys and girls separated for the next season. He spoke with Greg Brigidi, the 2009 U6 girl's Division Manager and the girls seemed to do better being able to play together without boys. Dave LaRosa mentioned that the boys seemed to be more physical without the girls while coaching this year and other parents concluded the same. No objections were placed to keep the U6 girls and boys separated and the Board unanimously agreed to keep the division the same for 2010.

Policies and Procedures

Chuck and Jim mentioned that policies and procedures will be distributed to division managers and Chuck and Jim asked everyone to read the Recreation Program Rules and Procedures distributed and communicate any possible changes that need to be made to them.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm.



David LaRosa, Secretary