Soaring Capital Board of Directors- Meeting Minutes

August 18, 2024

Soaring Capital Soccer Club-Zoom Meeting

Members Present	**Guest Present**
Derek Hamilton	Kurtis Hall
Chad Sustello	
Michelle Augustine	
Sarah Crouse	
Kyle Adriance	
Jillian Mastronardi	
Josh Miller	

Meeting Summary:

The meeting was called to order at 8:36 p.m. by Derek, who confirmed the attendance of the board members. It was a shorter meeting as many members were not present.

Presidents Report

Derek initiated the meeting with the President's report, focusing on uniform ordering for the upcoming Fall Season. Sarah suggested that ordering should be done in bulk and volunteered to coordinate with the coaches to place the order. Derek proposed a streamlined approach for uniform numbers: assigning sequential numbers from 1-20 for a team of 20 players. Jillian raised a concern about accommodating trainers who might be required to participate in a game at short notice. Chad proposed a temporary solution of using a white shirt and pinnie, while Derek suggested ordering an additional 1-2 uniforms per team. Sarah confirmed that each uniform would cost $33. Chad asked Derek to document this discussion for the Executive Committee for a formal vote.

Financial Report

Renee was unable to provide a financial report due to a power outage at her residence.

Director of Coaching Report:

Josh presented the coaching report, mentioning that the selection of coaches for the fall season was yet to be finalized. He proposed an hourly rate to attract more coaches. Derek inquired about adequate coaching assignments for the fall season, to which Josh responded affirmatively, mentioning that there were volunteers ready to assist if needed.

Chad advised that we would not be paying an hour rate for fall coaches.

Committee Reports

Registrar Report:

Jillian advised there are 98 returning players for Fall. Jillian's had sent the Executive Committee a tryout logistics plan which was screen shared with the group.

-Table under a Soaring Caps tent- that way people know where to go to sign in and get shirt.

-Coaches will all have same color shirts and each will have a numbered flag so when a player signs in they easily know where to go.

-Jillian suggested we invest in numbered flags and numbered pinnies that we use year after year.

-Chad commented that he loved her ideas, but we have minimum people to help. Derek felt it ran smoothly last year, but we could incorporate some of her ideas for it to run smoother. Josh and Sarah said they would help Jillian with this.

-Last year was the first year we asked players what size shirt they want.

-Derek explained to Josh about last year's ID camp. Josh asked if there were any cuts last year. Chad advised policy is not to cut players but there were some that were told they would only have the training option and some players decided not to move forward with that option.

Scholarship Report- Stacey not present

Fundraising- Sarah had a conversation with Derek regarding offering training sessions for players on Saturday who are not playing fall season. Need to figure out where to have and who would be available for training.

Derek acknowledged that golf tournament is still an option for next year. If we have it, Derek would like to name it Brian K. Adams Memorial Soaring Capital Golf Tournament, who was a past president and did a lot for the club.

Facilities-Derek advised indoor facility was purchased by Chemung Supply/Marc Stemerman. He mentioned no immediate changes to lease but has mentioned providing a heating option for the facility.

Other Business

Kurtis Hall discussed the charges at Maranatha. He received approval to train there from Zach Sarno. His team trained there 1x a week and supplemented a 2nd day with Adam Pitcher's team, who were training at another facility with minimal attendance, so they made it an optional training for both teams. Kurtis was not sure what the club's concern was with the bill. Chad advised the original concern was if the club was being double charged due to the optional 2nd training per week with Adam's team. Derek commented that Maranatha's rates are double what other facilities charge and that the club would not support the use of that facility next year unless the team wants to contribute to the cost. There is another team, (Henry's) that trains there, however the team pays for the cost.

Jillian commented that coaches need better communication regarding expectations.

Action Items

- Executive Board to vote on 1-2 extra uniforms per team for fall season

Derek moved to adjourn the meeting. Chad seconded the motion.

Notes submitted by Michelle Augustine-Secretary