

# **North Royalton Soccer Club Board Meeting – April 10, 2013**

Meeting was called to order by Pete Ragone at 7:15 PM.

Members in attendance included Pete Ragone, Curt Keaton, Todd Kauppila, Darrin Kwiatkowski, Dave Saunders, Rino Costa, Jackie Miranda, Frank Werner, and Diane Harbart. Guy DiSiena (Referee Coordinator) and Steve Costa (guest) were also present.

A motion was made by Curt Keaton to approve the March minutes, seconded by Rino Costa, and approved unanimously.

## **I. Finances – Todd Kauppila**

Todd reported that the club at this time has approximately \$115,000 in its account with approximately \$10,000 in outstanding checks. Todd reported that no major purchases are predicted at this time.

Pete informed Todd that the city of North Royalton now wants all accounts to be more specific and detailed that are turned into the city.

## **II. Scheduling – Frank Werner**

Soccer Days will be Saturday, March 18 and Sunday, March 19. Soccer Days for munchkins will only be on Saturday. Munchkins will receive a medal and a ticket for popcorn and a drink from the concession stand.

Frank will order trophies for teams for Soccer Days and t-shirts for the high school league.

## **III. Referees – Guy DiSiena**

Guy reported that all but 3 concussion certificates for the referees are in and he will work to get the last three.

## **IV. Registration – Dave Saunders**

Dave reported that the club registered 142 new players for this spring. Club now has 894 total players (both travel and rec)

Registration for this fall will be available online only. Dave will put information about registration in the newspapers.

All munchkin players must be 4 years old by August 1 to be able to play in fall.

## **V. Picture Day – Rino Costa**

Rino reported that Picture Day went well. Rino will contact the photographer about getting the club's fundraiser money.

## **VI. Travel**

Some U8 travel coaches were confused about what size goals they should be using. Some were using big goals and some were using the smaller goals. Pete will put information on the website about what goals should be used.

## **VII. New Business – Pete Ragone**

1. Club needs to pay the school \$290.00 for the rental of the media center for the referee class.
2. Clubs 501(3)(c) status is good just need to send checks for this.
3. For the Strongsville soccer tournament, club will send them one check to cover the registration fee once all the teams are set. Club will get money back at tournament.
4. Concussion letter must be sent out to all players and their parents and the coaches for both travel and in-house players. All letters must be signed and coaches must turn in complete team sets to the board. All signed letters must be turned into the city of North Royalton no later than April 20, 2013. Any team that does not comply, their game will be forfeited.
5. The board discussed the subject of travel players playing on in-house rec teams. After discussion, Curt Keaton motioned that travel "A" players will no longer be able to play on rec teams. This was seconded by Todd Kauppila, and was accepted unanimously.
6. After much discussion about the direction of travel and talking with other cities, the board voted unanimously to stay with AASL (both boys and girls) under US Youth Soccer (OYSAN).
7. Pete has interviewed many people to fill the paid coaches positions for next fall and will announce them as soon as they are finalized. Travel "A" teams will have paid coaches.
8. Due to the hiring of paid coaches for fall, the club will be increasing the travel fees to help pay for the coaches.

9. The city asked the soccer club to donate money to help fertilize the fields at Heasley. The board agreed to donate the fertilizer but not money. Pete will get more information and will present to board at next meeting.
10. Club will post Serpentine signs at Heasley field to say thank you to them for all their donations to the club.
11. The North Royalton High School girls' soccer program asked the board for approval to use Heasley fields for their soccer camp July 24-25, 2013. A motion was made Darrin Kwiatkowski to allow the girls' soccer team to use the field, seconded by Todd Kauppila, and approved unanimously.
12. The North Royalton High School wrestling program asked for a donation to help build a wrestling room at the high school. Todd Kauppila made a motion for the club to donate \$500.00 to the wrestling program, seconded by Rino Costa, and approved unanimously.

Next board meeting will be Wednesday, May 8, 2013 at 7:30 PM at Heasley

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.