

North Royalton Soccer Club Board Meeting – Sept 12, 2013

Meeting was called to order by Pete Ragone at 7:46 PM.

Members in attendance included Pete Ragone, Curt Keaton, Todd Kauppila, Dave Saunders, Rino Costa, Frank Werner, Diane Harbart, and Guy DiSiena. Denzil Antonio and Larry Zajac were also present. Darrin Kwiatkowski and Jackie Miranda were absent.

Guests present included Mark Breen, the U10 girls travel assistant coach.

An incident occurred at the Bay Cup Challenge Soccer Tournament Labor Day weekend and so the NRSC Board asked Mark Breen to address the Board with his side of the incident. The Board listened to his version, asked him some questions, gave him some advice on how to handle the situation better, and then gave him a 2-game suspension which he had served prior to coming before the Board. Mark sincerely apologized for his actions and promised to never let it happen again.

August minutes were sent via email to all board members. Jackie Miranda made one change that she was present at the meeting not absent and then the minutes were approved by the majority prior to the meeting.

I. Finances – Todd Kauppila

Todd reported that the club has \$146,000 in the bank. Club still needs to pay for uniforms (\$12,000) and for the paid travel coaches (\$20/hour). Pete will send an email to Darrin and Jackie for them to send an email to all paid travel coaches to submit their hours to Todd each week

Board also discussed payment of travel coaches for tournaments that they enter. Board concluded that the team pays for the tournament, but the club will pay for the coach. For indoor sessions, club will pay coaches for games but not for any practice that they choose to do.

II. Scheduling – Frank Werner

Frank reported the season is going well except for a few problems. At the high school co-ed division, there is a problem with slide-tackling that is being done dangerously. Board discussed and agreed unanimously that the club is eliminating slide-tackling. Frank will let all the high school coaches know of this change. First game after change is in affect any slide-tackling will be a yellow card. All following weeks, it will result in a red card.

Frank also reported a problem with a U11 girls coach. Coach yelled at a ref after the game. Board discussed and decided a board member would attend his game the following week to watch him and then speak to him about his actions.

III. Referees/Fields – Guy DiSiena

Guy reviewed all the sizes and striping of Fields #1, #2, and #3 at Heasley. He found that some changes need to be made. Board will review his findings after the fall season and make changes in the spring season.

Guy also reported that the city doesn't put back the goals after cutting the grass. Pete will speak to the city about doing this.

IV. Registration – Dave Saunders

Dave passed out a new player evaluation sheet for the Board to review. Denzil and the rest of the Board okayed it. Coaches are asked to complete the evaluation form for each player at the end of fall season and spring season. Curt will post to website. Dave will send out an email to all the in-house coaches to complete the form after the fall season.

V. Uniforms/Equipment – Rino Costa

Rino reported that all uniforms have been distributed. Club needs to pay Gearin' Up for the uniforms. Rino also suggested we remove the line on the registration form for in-house for uniform size. Club doesn't use this when ordering uniforms so not everyone gets the size that they put on the registration form.

VI. Website – Curt Keaton

Curt would like more people to use the NRSC website so he suggested that club put something on the website that would make people go there (example, a coupon for a discount at the concession stand). Curt will work on this.

VII. Sponsorship – Larry Zajac

Larry wrote a letter to send to all past sponsors in hope the past sponsors would make a donation to the club. The Board reviewed the letter and okayed it. Letter will send letter and sponsorship form out.

VIII. Technical Director – Denzil Antonio

1. Denzil watched a few games and suggested that teams need to be less rigid in their positioning. He will try to speak to the coaches about this.
2. Denzil also suggested that the club needs to document the rules for all coaches and the consequences for breaking these rules. Pete will look at other cities and clubs to see how they handle any problems and report back what he finds. Rules and consequences will be discussed at a future meeting.

IX. **New Business** – Pete Ragone

1. Larry Zajac and Denzil Antonio attended a meeting to discuss the formation of the Cuyahoga Valley Soccer Academy (CVSA) that would include the soccer clubs of North Royalton, Brecksville, and Nardonía soccer which is made up of Sagamore Hills, Northfield Village, Macedonia, and Nardonía. A community meeting will be held Sunday, September 22, 2013 at 7:30 PM at Brecksville Middle School. The CVSA will give kids an alternative to playing club and will also help alleviate any single-carding problems. All travel and rec programs will stay the same. CVSA is looking to form teams at the high school level first and then add younger teams.
2. A suggestion was made that the club should have a meeting with all the new travel coaches at the end of the fall season to review how things are going and to answer any questions. Denzil will head this up.
3. The boys U8 travel team does not have a “qualified” coach but is paying the higher fees so the club needs to help this team out. Denzil will help this team.
4. Royalton Fieldhouse is holding time for a NRSC indoor coed league. Club not sure if response will be great enough so Fieldhouse (Rino) will look into combining North Royalton with Strongsville to form teams.

Next board will be Tuesday, Oct 15, 2013 at 7:30 PM at Heasley.

Meeting adjourned at 10:26 PM.