

North Royalton Soccer Club Board Meeting – May 1, 2012

Meeting was called to order by Pete Ragone at 7:12 PM

Members in attendance included Pete Ragone, Frank Werner, Darrin Kwiatkowski, Todd Kauppila, Rino Costa, Curt Keaton, Jackie Miranda, and Diane Harbart. Larry Zajac (adult coordinator), David Cooney (sponsorship coordinator), and Guy DiSiena (referee coordinator) were also present. Karen Grasso was absent.

Guest present Steve Costa.

Board reviewed the April minutes. An amendment was suggested by Larry Zajac to change the vote for a motion made by Karen Grasso for a \$5 increase for only U11 and younger from 7-1 against the motion to 7-0 against because Karen Grasso had left the meeting before the vote was taken. All agreed. Motion was then made by Larry to approve the minutes with this addition, seconded by Darrin Kwiatkowski, and approved.

I. Treasurer's Report

Todd Kauppila reported that the club at the time of the meeting had \$35,420 in checking and \$83,200 in savings.

From the referee class that was hosted by the soccer club earlier this spring, the club took in \$920 from the class. After paying the \$200 instructors fee and \$175 for lunch for the participants, \$545 was left. The club decided they did not want to make money off the class so the club divided that money amongst the North Royalton participants and gave each kid \$40 in the form of a Dick's gift certificate.

II. Travel

Jackie Miranda reported that one girls' travel team tried to change a game after the cut-off date for all changes and so the change was denied by the league.

Travel tryout dates were set by the board. Travel tryouts will be Tuesday May 29, Wednesday May 30, and Thursday May 31. Tryouts will be run by the existing coaches, but players will be evaluated by the high school coaches.

Jackie and Darrin will send out notices to the travel coaches about the tryouts and the evaluation process, and set their time slots.

Curt Keaton will post the tryout dates and times in The Post and The Royalton Recorder.

III. Scheduling

Frank Werner reported that Soccer Days schedule was done. Soccer Days will be 2 weekends, May 19 and June 2. Frank will order the trophies and Rino Costa will order t-shirts for the high school league.

Board also decided to order labels to put on old trophies in storage and give them out to MVPs for in-house team. Frank will order labels.

The May 12th games for the U8 in-house division are canceled due to conflicts with First Communion, and all games have been rescheduled for May 15-17.

IV. Registration

Registration for the 2012-2013 season will be Saturday, May 12 and May 19 from 9:00-5:00 at Heasley Field. Registration can also be done by mail.

Pete discussed with the board that there were many problems with this year's spring registration season and that Pete was going to address these problems with Karen Grasso to resolve them. Board may look to replace Karen if the problems are not resolved.

V. Equipment

Rino Costa reported that the club had enough equipment for the fall season except for corner flags for the fields and so he will order some.

Rino picked up all the sponsor plaques, and the sponsor coordinator will deliver the plaques when he approaches them for next year's sponsorship.

VI. Referees

Guy DiSiena reported that there were no issues with the referees and everything was running smoothly.

VII. Old Business

1. Players can still get the old uniform style from Gearin' Up if needed.
2. Pete reported that the footskills clinics for in-house players (munchkin, U8, and U11) were going well, and the club is getting great feedback from the parents.
3. Goals were finally put on the Valley Vista fields.

4. Pete spoke with the city again and they have agreed to take down the old fence on the east side of Heasley and clear the area. The club will pay to have a new fence put up this summer.

VIII. New Business

1. Pete questioned the board when he took over as President about the status of the club, and all existing board members did not know. So Pete looked into the club's status, and the club as of this date does not have a corporate status because the old status was not renewed by past board members. This issue needs to be addressed. Larry and Todd will look into this and present information to the board at the June meeting.
2. David Cooney was appointed Sponsor Coordinator by the board and Craig Zeleznik will help him.
3. Pete reported that the Lady Bear Camp was approved by the city. Then Pete asked for approval from the NRSC board to have the camp at Heasley. The camp will be July 25-27 for all girls munchkin – U15. The camp would be at Heasley on Wednesday and Thursday, and at the stadium on Friday with the Alumni Game to follow. Curt Keaton motioned to allow the camp, Larry Zajac seconded it, and it was unanimously approved.
4. Otto Orf runs a camp every summer at Heasley, but he has not approached the club for permission so Pete will ask him to come to the June Board meeting to ask for permission and then board will decide.
5. Sam Grida is sponsoring a program called Operation Hope. They are collecting new and used soccer equipment, shoes, and apparel to send to Africa. Club has agreed to be a part of this and will have a truck at Heasley during registration and Soccer Days for collection.
6. Club needs to put a calendar of events on the website. Board will address this issue at the June meeting.
7. The reverend from St. Matthews contacted Pete about the NRSC giving a donation to the church to help repave their parking lot. The board decided that they would not give them a separate donation but increase the yearly donation from \$250 to \$400 for use of their field.
8. Steve Costa presented to the board a proposal for an indoor co-ed soccer league for winter. NRSC would handle registration but the Fieldhouse would do all scheduling. The Fieldhouse will hold the space for winter now. Board will discuss this option at a future meeting.

Next board meeting is set for Tuesday June 5, 2012 at 6:00 PM at Heasely with the Trustees meeting to follow at 7:30 PM.

Pete motioned to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Todd Kauppila. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 PM.