



# SCOR – February 2012 Minutes

February 6, 2012 7:00 PM

## Attendees:

Steve Sasse (President), Peter Coffin (Vice President), Rob Jasminski (Treasurer), Mark Vanni (Secretary), Dan Collins (VP House), Scott Kemp (VP Academy), Aimee Berger-Girvalo (VP Travel), Joe Buczek (VP Travel), Tom Cherner (VP Web/Comms), John Healey (VP Fundraising/Tournament), Phil Bergen (Coaching Director), Hillary Lust (Registrar), Jen Scott (Field/Ref Assigner)

### 1. Meeting called to order 7:10 PM

### 2. SCOR Minutes from January 2012 approved

### 3. Committee Reports:

- a. **Treasurer (Rob):** Will review spring budgets with the division heads this month and report back at the next board meeting. Cautioned that cash flow can be tight, so we need to plan for large expenses carefully. Discussed winter program expenses and whether based on current registrations it would breakeven, make or lose money. Tabled a discussion regarding the mission of the winter program and other specialty programs (e.g. Summer Camp) and whether they should be viewed as profit centers or simply breakeven development and outreach programs. Peter took an action to look at whether a division head should be created for specialty programs. Discussed the need to reduce spending authorities from \$5,000 down to \$2,500. Joe took an action to draft the proposed changes to the bylaws. Communicated that we had been awarded a grant for \$1,500.
- b. **Web/Communications (Tom):** New site and generally supporting registration well. Requesting that division heads update and proof their content. Past board minutes and agendas will be posted to website before next meeting.
- c. **Travel (Aimee):** Registration numbers are down YOY. Registration still closing on February 21. Pushing the late fee from February 7<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup>. Reconfirmed decision to run an ad in the Ridgefield press. Phil took the action to place the add. Dan and Tom took actions to post to the Patch and Talk of the Town.
- d. **Academy (Scott):** Scott has received orientation and guidance from Phil and Peter on how to manage the program. Agreed that practice will start Wednesday April 4<sup>th</sup>. Games likely to start April 28<sup>th</sup> after the holidays and spring break. Final decision and plan for how to make use of the holiday weekends will be presented at next board meeting.
- e. **House (Dan):** Reviewed proposed schedule for spring season. Recommending that games not start until weekend of April 28<sup>th</sup> due to holidays and spring break. Final decision and plan for how to make use of the holiday weekends will be presented at next board meeting.

- f. **Fundraising (John):** discussed opportunity for a race/walk event on March 25<sup>th</sup> with no upfront cost and the potential to generate 2-3K in proceeds. Rob and John took an action to discuss offline and determine if it was doable and made sense.
- g. **Tournament (John):** John present the pros and cons of moving the date of the traditional SCOR Labor Day tournament to Columbus Day. Main pro for moving is less competition for teams. Fairfield Tournament is a single day format that is attracting more teams at the expense of the SCOR tournament. Main con for moving the tournament is not having Diniz and Onalfo. Main pro for leaving tournament is tradition and potentially better weather and field conditions. Board discussed the pros and cons and decided to move the tournament to Columbus day where there would be less competition from other tournaments and that the field situation was manageable. Discussed that the new league athletics software driving the new website would be used to manage and schedule the tournament enrollment. Confirmed that it is in place and ready to support the Fall 2012 tournament. Noted that additional paperwork will need to be filed with CJSA to register the new tournament date.
- h. **Coaching (Phil):** Phil notified the board that he is participating in the Olympic Development Program (ODP) in a paid position. Felt that it was developmental for himself and gave SCOR exposure and not a conflict of interest. The board agreed.

#### **4. New Business:**

- a. **SWD Meeting Debrief (Steve):** Spring season will be 9 weeks with a minimum of 8 games. Scheduling will be down via a spreadsheet upload. Hillary said she was familiar with the process. Supported Mark Glass on VP position at CJSA. Need to look more closely at risk and audit functions within the club. Specifically need to ensure that all volunteers are completing CJSA background checks. Can no longer allow volunteers to participate who have not completed check and need to audit that this process is being enforced. Discussed the high cost SCOR has relative to other clubs for fees owed to the town. SCOR is \$35 per enrolled player. Most towns are \$0 to \$5.
- b. **Parent Volunteers (Hillary):** Hillary outlined a process for on boarding parent volunteers that is more informative and easier, but will ensure compliance with CJSA background check requirements. She took an action to work with Tom to implement the program. Critical to the program is that she will send lists of cleared volunteers to division heads (Academy, House and Travel) to ensure that all parent volunteers are cleared before they start participating.

#### **5. Next board meeting March 5<sup>th</sup> 7PM B&G Club.**

#### **6. Meeting adjourned at 9:00PM**