

SCOR March 2014 Board Minutes  
March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2014

Present:

John Healy  
Keesh Rao  
Steve Sasse  
Mark Vanni  
Stacy Hynes  
Paul Murdock  
Tim Benedict  
Mary Maue  
Peter Coffin  
Seth Critchell  
Pete Collins

Also present: Phil Bergen, Hillary Lust

Meeting start: 6:50pm

Introduced: Bob Dolan, Director of Sales at TRIAX Technologies, discussing his company's technology-headbands that register in real time the impact of a force hit to the head. He emphasized that the technology does not assess or confirm a concussion, but does measure the number of times the head is hit and with what force. PS-there is no definitive 'force' number that is a good/bad measure for all people; number is relative. Mr. Dolan also noted that concussion 'knowledge' is in it's infancy stage and his company is just one of many data collectors that researchers will eventually / can use to compile and study. Cost: \$149 per headband wore by the player, and \$500 base station to be hooked up to a computer to register and send alerts. Discussion by board after presentation: interesting technology but could easily be misused by nervous parents; good practice is already in place with the eyes of the coaches and interview process with player after taken off field. End of discussion: may be interesting to have a team sample the service for a game/season but no decision to move ahead; cost prohibitive and not preventative.

Approval of January 2014 & February 2014 Board minutes.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **President:**

-Missed the last couple of SWD mtgs due to work travel; next mtg around the 20th if anyone wants to go; sent SWD update via email to Board members which includes the following:  
-changes to some rules re: standing and playoffs, more than 3 teams being tied, scheduling of games-\$150 penalty for forfeit.

### **Coaching:**

Everything is coming together for the Spring season; various meetings scheduled; teams and coaching matched up for Monday's mtg  
Offering winter make-up sessions but scheduling has been difficult due to many snow days

Indoors going well

Coaching status: Kevin not coming back; coach for U10,11,12 boys; DTS limiting his U.S. opportunities; One new coach coming on board-excited about Spring season  
Spring camp-waiting to hear from HS players to help;  
13 interns coming in for 30 hrs/week for 5 weeks  
Please send suggestions to keep them busy

### Travel

Here is the travel update for tonight's meeting. Registration is progressing. Good movement on the numbers in the last week. We currently have 307 players registered that will likely support 17-20 teams depending final roster sizes.

The following divisions have potential issues with their registration numbers.

U12 Boys (27 – 14 Black, 8 Orange, 5 New)

U13 Boys (20 – 8 Black, 10 Orange, 2 New)

U12 Girls (24 – 12 Black, 10 Orange, 2 New)

U14 Girls (25 – 13 Black, 11 Orange, 1 New)

We also have 22 players registered for the HS Boys. We will need to sort out age appropriate teams, 1 possibly 2. Only 2 players registered for the HS Girls. They will likely be redirected to the House program or other options.

Stacey, Phil, Hillary, and I will be meeting to review final numbers by team on Monday, March 10th. Phil will use the coach evaluations to then set the rosters. Teams must be registered with SWD by March 16th.

Stacey and I have also started working on backfilling the team manager positions and will be scheduling an upcoming managers meeting for late March/early April.

April 6th - start of season

Discussion as to where we can have parent/coaches mtg: Wooster?

### House:

Registration is UP-all the blasts worked!

Issues in Upper House-we have 25 registered-not enough for 2 teams-possible HS girls will trickle down to House

Will not have a HS boy teams

Next steps: end of the week downloads to be sent to Div Directors

Uniform orders to be sent out next week

Uniform order: iTown for lower house / Challenger-Upper House-(country themed ones are Challenger)

Pursue sponsorship on the travel team jerseys

Contract with Adidas is up-HS and Soccer and Rugby are going NIKE

Question re: new uniform

Let's get the price points on NIKE - currently the HS kit is 87.50-custom made shirt is \$90 for HS-shirt, short and socks w/ discount: \$47

FES is Rugby field-question re: field lining

Fundraising:

Followed up on \$4500 outstanding sponsorships  
sold out Pre K -1st: \$2200

Pricing:

\$750 per age group / \$350 team for house  
Volkswagon-renewing sponsor: 6 teams  
now 13 teams committed (with 2 from DCA)  
Neighborhood of \$7500 for the spring  
John will send out spreadsheet  
5/6 (5 teams) and 3/4 (11 teams)

Website/Communications:

Calendar is back up

Paul working on Crosslinking FB and Website

Tim Benedict (VP Communications): thinking of putting out Newsletter seasonally-biggest  
challenge: Content

He's a writer-Paul will help with format/technology

Copies of old newsletters: Paul Murdock doesn't have copies; doesn't have the ones the site  
generated

Subject/themes:

Coach's Corner

Super Sponsors

First week of April publication

Special Programs:

Second session numbers are better than we thought-

185 second v 181 first

Little bit more than last year!

For the most part, not much change in registration:

Weather created a lot of back and forth with Wooster bc they needed their space for make-ups  
as well-

Danbury Dome: indoor games over the weekend-good for the kids -

Steve would like this to be considered next year for all travel teams; to be discussed and  
communicated with managers/coaches in the fall

Academy:

AI and All up 20%

All flat yr over yr

Academy budget should be at least break-even before overhead

Fields:

In absence of Fields VP, Travel and House to coordinate with Aimee, cc Steve and Terry  
Steve will ask Terry for a job description

The Board took a vote on Tim Benedict joining the board as VP Communications/Newsletter  
motion made by Peter Coffin / Steve seconded-all agreed-welcome Tim!

Meeting adjourned 8:40pm