

SCOR BOD Meeting Monday Oct 5th 2015

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Frank
James
Seth
Stacy
Hillary
Mary
Mark
Peter
Tim

Guests:

Steve Harrington
Julian Trotman
Renaldo Aloy
(Executive Directors of House program)

September 2015 BOD Minutes approved

WEBSITE:

Best month in website traffic-FB preferred method of communication
Social flow software~Frank is going to change email domiciles after the tournament.
Week after Nov 7th-email maybe down one day. Then we can access Google docs

Travel:

Tournament this w/e
127 teams maybe 129 teams
difficult schedule
\$45K in registration fees on 20/25K budget-should be a financial success
Concern: more boys than ever, less girls then ever-difficult to support some age groups-
combining A & B bracket (ie: 9am / 3pm game 6 hr break in between)
Calling in food-not doing concessions: TH will have pavillion
SRMS, Scotland, just drinks at VP & ERMS
Selling T-shirts

VOLUNTEER issue:

Poor response from U11 parents for volunteering-we're going to have to decide as a club if we want to continue to run this tournament-question: do we want to put the U10 parents in a role of apprenticeship (each year U11 manage and orchestrate with U10 parents helping/being cc'd)
Even saw it with the managers-17 new managers out of 23 teams - some returning bc no one else would step up:

Leagues are not being run well-A teams playing in C brackets-it's a mess

Question: a club our size does not have a commissioner on the CJSA board

Could we source out the tournament like Lewisboro does? Would not make alot of \$ - but might be an option to consider this option bf cancelling it. Peter's thought: make the position a PAID position?

Another issue: Tournament is about travel which is only 25% of club membership; it'a alot of work. Mark guesstimates 20 hrs per week 1 month prior....

There was absolutely no response from U11 parents to take on a part of the tournament \$20K to participate/\$20K earned in tournament: so by hosting the tourney, it's \$20K for 2 tournaments i/o \$40K

Girls' Travel:

Hosting Girls U12 playoffs: 3 divisions 6 games on Sat/3 games on Sunday-not responsible for refs but flags and goals: trophies? Complaint about how the girls are scheduled this year- Columbus day w/e

Girls travel teams are ball girls for the Varsity games-all going well

Ancillary Programs:

Winter programs all organized and orchestrated and ready to go
James Jordan voted in as VP of Ancillary Programs~welcome James.

Coaching:

Things are going well-6 SCOR coaches are also coaching at RHS -good for familiarity but schedule conflicts arise-Carl Charles has advised if we don't provide the coaches, he'll go back to using teachers for coaches-Phil wants to avoid that! Not surprisingly, there's a correlation bt how well the team is doing vs. the complaints.

Re-considering the WHITE travel teams-too many kids on the roster-should be considered strictly a developmental prgm (should be redefined as House Development team?) At registration, we spell out : You're trying out for Black, Orange or House Dev team (no 3rd travel team)

Middle House: struggle to find parent coaches for older grades - they need support. Coaching clinic to equip parents with the skills to tackle a coaching session. Phil can address but he needs TIME Problem: weekday practices for parent schedules? Maybe also put adults with HS kids for training for House coaches. Maybe an incentive initiative:

quarter-zip sweatshirt/outfit them to make them stand out as a coach, and extra sponsor incentives.

Earlier deadlines is essential to smooth registration and staffing (poach the pool for coaches earlier)

Memorial Game for RYAN cannot be orchestrated via RHS-has to be orchestrated through SCOR/ Phil would like to name a SCOR scholarship in Ryan's name

Fields:

For the tournament~all port a potties will be serviced/delivered on Friday.

Pks & Rec will mow late in the week-turn off sprinklers on the fields this w/e!! Relining of all fields, moving some goals, net repair and replacement should be light-garbage pu at end of day Saturday.

Pks & Rec update:

Steve and Peter met with Paul Roche and Bobby Schneider at Pks & Rec-P & R is VERY interested in SCOR leading the mission for turfing Onalfo - failed in 2008 bc of a small group of concerned parents. Pks and Rec feels like they can't go after this pjt again bc it failed 2x; the town was going to issue a bond to pay for it (1.6MM)-they handed off all their documentation (drawings, plans) everything already approved by P & Z commission (lights not approved) - the idea is do we want to privately fund this pjt? The underlying tone is: This could be SCOR's home base-we would use it exclusively BUT we would have to clarify that we would not LOSE

any other field space. The other issue: PARKING? The town is planning a parking lot right next to ERMS which was supposed to break ground this fall.

Replacement fund for SRMS: they won't have the \$ for another 2 years. The other issue is different types of turf for those parents who are 'against' turf

Mark's thoughts: we need lighted practice fields, esp in the fall

Discussion of SOCCER fields: SRMS, TH, THII. Onalfo-

Construction loan from Fairfield County Bank for renovation fund?

Again, the idea of a separate committee to spearhead this issue/pjt

House:

Coaching ideas & recruiting:

890 registration for House

tough team formation for 3/4 girls, 7/8th gr

Sold out PreK 10 teams of 12 kids

4 good weeks/6 weeks to go

Rec Plus is underway

Steve/Julian/Reynaldo: House Exec Dir Upper, middle, lower house

14 team sponsors this Fall-Kelly Speiser will follow up

Stacy & Mark to follow up with Travel info for Fall newsletter: age change Fall 2016 or 2017

Maybe tournament follow-up and then a request for volunteers for next year

Decision to ELIMINATE photo day as of Spring 2016 season

Insurance question: Tim wanted to confirm that any Ridgefielder soccer player playing soccer on one of our fields anytime during the season will be covered under the supplemental ins rider of the CSJA

Academy (sent via email):

1. This season:

As reported last month, Academy numbers are great at record levels. Thanks to Hilary for her help dealing with our wait-listed players; most of which were ultimately offered a space. The season is going well as we integrate new coaches - and player turnout has been strong.

2. Photo day:

We offered Photo Day again this year for Academy III. In my poll of parents, 7 voted to discontinue Photo Day at the A3 level while 1 voted to keep it. Many a3 teams organized their own photo shoot rather than come early and pay the vendor. I will leave it to my successors to decide if Photo Day makes sense for A3.

3. Tournament:

Planning for the u9 portion of the tournament is going well with most of the logistics and volunteer staffing in place. We were able to accommodate all of the 3rd grade players that expressed interest.

Parents were required to sign up 3 hours of volunteer service at the time they registered their player for the tournament. Like last year, almost all of the parents have cooperated - except a couple of really vexing difficult ones.

Thank you to Mark V, Sarah P, Phil B and Shawn M for their gracious assistance to date. Thank you in advance to Aimee for the refs - and the rest of the Board for their efforts in making this event happen.

I also want to call out the u9 tournament planning committee as this is a strong group who should be thanked - and could be very helpful in the future. Suzanne Sherter is leading the way given her invaluable past experience last year. Mark Wilkinson, Mike Pearl and Reynaldo Aloy are newcomers that have also taken on key leadership roles.

850pm adjourned