

SCOR February 2016 Board Meeting. Minutes

February 1, 2016 - 7:00 PM

Meeting Called to order at 7:05 pm.

Mark Vanni, Frank Speiser, Stacy Hynes, Kishore Rao, Dean Craig, Steven Dougan, Peter Coffin, Shawn McGrath, Phil Bergen, Hillary Lust.

1. Approve January 2016 minutes.

Approved.

2. Committee Reports (focus on Spring 2016 and planning process for Fall 2016)

- President - Mark

A lot of talk regarding age change and small sided fields at President's level across the district. Age change going to happen for Fall of 2016. Small sided games/sides will probably not happen in Fall of 2016. Likely district to have U14 and U15 teams for Fall of 2016. Most towns will probably take their U14 teams and enter them in U15 divisions. From SWD meeting - Team managers are not permitted to get involved with issues on game days.

- Vice President - Steve - No report.
- Treasurer - Rob/Kishore - No report.
- House - Tim - As written.

SCOR House Program Update – February 1st, 2016 – Tim Benedict

Spring Season Planning

Spring planning underway – key updates:

1/28 Spring House planning session attended by 10 people

Besides House leadership team, Phil Bergen & Shelley Terry also attended along with

Derek Montaner (pre-K director) & Pete Getchell (2 girls coach), both interested in getting more involved

Only Divisional Director hole at this point is 3-4 girls (Julian looking for suggestions)

HS boys interested in modified program where they scrimmage each other during the week on our fields & don't need jerseys (question for Board – would we be open to modifying their rate for this scenario to a lower fee covering admin, insurance & fields – perhaps \$75 for the season?)

Kelly Speiser confirmed w/ \$4,000 across six sponsors thus far & looking to wrap up entire sponsor group by 3/1 (also has broader SCOR program ideas she will run by the Board)

Program enhancement for Spring – doing two pre-season coaches clinics (3/13 & 3/20) – House coaches do training with Phil's team, receive certificate and new SCOR sweatshirt & tee

Other key Spring House dates:

-3/8 initial registration deadline

-3/28 parents meeting

-4/3 coaches picnic & equipment handout

-4/4-4/8 first week of practices

-4/9 first game (then 11 straight weeks to 6/11, hoping to play 8)

Working w/ Kishore & Julian on Wednesday & Friday Diniz practice coordination across Academy & House (will have a "House Captain" practicing on that field on both days to ensure coordination & teams stay in field spaces)

Spring supplies (balls, med kits, ice packs, pinnies) ordered in concert with Academy & Travel and will need by 4/3 coaches handouts (question for Shawn, how are goals & nets doing for Farmingville & Onalfo / Diniz?)

Future Planning

Starting to examine age group changes for Fall and how / whether House would realign to be consistent with Travel – gathering more information and eager to help on a SCOR-wide game plan and communications plan for rolling out to SCOR membership

Communications / Other

Article on Holland program from Fall newsletter ran in Ridgefield press online & print, posted to SCOR website late December / early January

Steve Sasse 2015 Presidents Summary distributed to membership, posted to SCOR website early January

Taking topics & ideas for Spring newsletter – expect / hope to publish in late April

- Academy - Kishore/Julian

Communication will be sent out to all SCOR families to let them know about the age change.

2007 families to be notified about age change. This age group will be affected by this because they could potentially go from All to U10 travel.

ACADEMY FEBRUARY 2016 BOARD REPORT

I. Academy Team Development

- In addition to Julian Trotman (JT) joining the Academy leadership team, Steve Dougan, Shelley Terry and Reynaldo Aloy have also been active participants in our preparations for the coming Spring season. This group also forms the nucleus of an expanded Academy leadership team heading into 2016-17 and ensuring strong succession.
- We have also begun to discuss our communications/marketing plans for the Fall season, in which we intend to launch re-branded Academy 7, 8 and 9 offerings. These programs will be largely similar to the current Academy I, II and III offerings, respectively but the change from grade-based to age-based cohorts will require additional communications. Typically, parents of these younger age groups are the least familiar with SCOR's offerings.

2. Academy III update

- **A3 "guaranteed" registration has closed with 65 boys and 40 girls registered.**

- **A3 is now taking applicants on a "wait list" basis through 2/22 . . . pending our ability to secure more field space.**
- Including the current wait list applicants, we have 74 boys and 42 girls interested thus far. More are expected.
- The DOC can secure additional pro coaches to accommodate this higher demand.
- **But Academy needs additional field space - on Wed and Fridays at 430 pm - to accommodate the additional A3 boys.**
- This season, A3 boys practices were moved to 430 pm to clear up field space at 6pm; this was done to accommodate House coaches' request for late practice times.
- Academy and House have agreed to talk in late February on Academy's proposal to adjust field allocations (e.g. increase Diniz allocation from 50% to 75% on Wed and Fridays at 430 pm).
- **3. Academy I and II update**
- **A1 and A2 are still open with 66 "guaranteed" spaces still available across all 4 of those programs. Based on prior registration behavior, I expect all of those guaranteed spots to be filled concurrent with the House registration deadline.**
- If those guaranteed spots are filled, we will take on wait list applicants . . . and then discuss with House, the possible need for additional Diniz allocations on Monday at 430pm (for A1) or 530 pm (for A2) to accommodate our members' interests.

4. Communications Plans for Travel tryout procedures and "new" Academy offerings due to Age-based cohorts

- **Given the new need to communicate different Travel tryout procedures to different age cohorts in A3 (e.g. 2007s going to u10 vs 2006s going to u11), our communication plans are to act early and often by:**

- a. including the Travel Tryout "save the date info" for U10 and U11 in the A3 Welcome letter, which is to be distributed in mid-March
- b. devoting most of the A3 parents meeting on March 30 to this topic
- c. provide additional communications during the Spring season
- d. KR will lead these efforts working closely with the DOC
 - **Given the new need to communicate newly-branded Academy 7, 8 and 9 offerings (Fall 2016) to parents of current Pre-K, K, 1st and 2nd graders, we plan to act early and often by:**

- a. devoting most of the A1 and A2 parents meetings in early April to this topic.
- b. provide additional written communications during the Spring season and summer registration periods
- c. JNT will lead these efforts while working closely with the DOC (and KR)

- Travel - Stacy/Dean

Travel Meeting to be scheduled for mid March to inform parents about age changes and how it will affect the teams going forward.

Equipment has been organized for Spring. Tryout dates have been scheduled and will be communicated in due course.

- Fields - Shawn

Field meeting is on Feb 25th for allocation. Additional field space for practice to be requested.

- Web/Communications - Frank

Twitter at 331 facebook 551. Will create a password management process.

- Special Programs - James - Phil

Phil reported that indoor program has been very popular and registration numbers are over 200 for session 2.

- Special Projects - Peter

Spoken with Rudy Marconi. Briefly discussed lights at Scotts Ridge. Will be a long process.

- Coaching - Phil

Busy with preparations for Spring. All coaches want to return.

3. Old Business

4. New Business

Adjourn at 8:10 pm