

Strykers Soccer Board meeting
Sunday, October 1, 2017
Thrivent Financial office

Board members present: Kara Wagoner, Kenzie Schoby, Ryan Kuker, Adam Hartford, Jennifer Dodd, Matt McNeal, Kirk Beaubien, Jill Vierkandt

Approval of meeting minutes from 8.13.17: Kirk B made motion to approve minutes, Adam H seconded (with amendment to include Barlow Foundation information from previous meeting).

Kenzie reported on finances and balance was discussed by board members. Kenzie shared that he referee uniforms had been ordered and arrived. She has also purchased additional paint for the field. Kenzie will email out the checking balance to board members. The board made plans to update the signature card at Greenbelt Bank and Trust. Signees will be Kenzie Schoby and Sara Truesdell. Motion to approve new signature card and financial update by Jill V, seconded by Jennifer D. Motion passes.

Barlow Community Challenge Update: We will be running an ad in the paper on October 4th. Matt has been working with the newspaper on the ad and it will likely run twice during the challenge. Tshirt sales are now open and will close on October 20th.

Strategic Planning: Continued discussion was held about what the club will look like in the future. The board discussed L2 vs. L3 a great deal, with input from the Iowa Soccer Association. After much discussion, the board continues to determine that our goal/priority remains to build numbers, have fun, and teach the fundamentals of soccer to as many participants as possible.

Next spring, we will look to register our skill-appropriate CISL and ISL-Central teams in the L3 league, but up a tier in competition following the fall season. The determination of tier-level will be made in the winter when spring rostering occurs.

Discussion was also held about team tournaments. The Strykers will be sending two teams to the Target Cup in October (U12 girls and U14 coed). The board wants to continue to encourage coaches to participate in recreational tournaments for our teams during the league season on open weekends. However, after much discussion, the board unanimously decided that we will not support coaches creating select teams to participate in tournaments during the Strykers regular league season (coaches may take their rostered/state approved teams to in season tournaments, with appropriate guest allowances). Such "select" participation creates miscommunication and unrest within the club. Coaches, players, and parents are encouraged to seek out, participate in, and roster/guest roster for tournaments out of season.

The board discussed spring registration dates and efforts to better balance rosters. Both the U14 and U12 rosters are full and such rostering affects practice times/game times/playing time. In an effort to seek a healthy roster size balance (coaches/state will provide input and guidance), the board may shorten registration date to encourage early registration and roster as registrations arrive.

Jill inquired about a team for U15 in the spring. She and Sara T will contact Kyle Kinney to ask about it league participation.

Referee training camp: Matt suggested looking into a referee training camp/clinic. Matt asked if Jen would speak with Doug D to look into hosting a clinic. We may be able to offer to pay a fee for volunteers, then offer to pay even more per game if they are certified. Jill suggested the idea of using a U12-U14 practice to teach referee skills to encourage them to volunteer to ref U6-U10 games.

Skills Clinic Update: Skills with Coach Micah continue to go well. He is averaging 10-12 kids per clinic evening. The board discussed having Micah put together a camp in the spring/summer. We could also look at the possibility of doing a winter skills clinic once a month in January, February, and March.

A small group of board members will plan to meet with Coach Micah to discuss how the fall season is going, as well as his potential future involvement with the club. Sara T will contact Micah to set that meeting, and the attendees will share about the meeting at the next board meeting.

Field maintenance: We will look to hire someone more consistently in the spring to mow and paint. Dr. Pisney has requested additional money for grass seed. A motion was made by Kirk B to give Pisney \$250 again this fall, seconded by Ryan K, motion passed. Sara T will deliver the check and thank you note to Dr Pisney.

Discussion continues about a potential uniform change for the spring season. We will continue to seek out uniform packages, as well as contact other clubs to learn how they have approached uniform changes and cost.

Motion to adjourn by Kirk Beaubien, seconded by Kenzie Schoby.