

## **Strykers Board of Directors Meeting**

Sunday, January 15, 2017

Board Members Present: Mike Truesdell, Sara Truesdell, Kenzie Schoby, Doug Dodd, Jennifer Dodd, Matt McNeal, Jordan Bishop

Absent: Kirk Beaubien, Jill Vierkandt, Amy Ites

Matt McNeal made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Doug Dodd. Agenda approved.

### **Spring Soccer Registration/Season**

1. The board held discussion again in regards to rostering players for spring/fall season. Per summer discussion/decision, the board will work to keep players rostered together that commit to both spring/fall season. Although the board acknowledges there will be exceptions, we will work to first re-roster those that play both season together first, then roster based on skill appropriate levels and safety.
2. A decision was made that U6 season/games will begin Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup> and conclude Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> with an end of season tournament. First week of practice for U6 may begin the week of April 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
U7-U14 seasons and schedules will be released by the leagues at a later date. Practices for U7-U14 may begin practice the week of Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>.
3. Jordan will host the final winter skills clinic on Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. She will also host Preseason Skills Session on Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. The second date will include coaching equipment pick-up and all coaches/parents will be encouraged to attend to learn various skills and game scenarios. The board will also host a meeting Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> (following skills) to elect new board members. We seek to elect two new members and any Stryker parent is welcome to run for a board seat.
4. Sara shared that the ISL Central deadline for rosters is February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Our online registration closes February 1<sup>st</sup>, so we will work to roster our U12-U14 for that deadline, and then roster the remaining players on Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>.
5. Once spring season begins, Jordan will continue to work weekly with teams on individualized skills. Those dates will be announced as the season draws closer.
6. Times Citizen article – Justin Ites will be contacting Sara and Jordan to run an article in the paper about the growth of soccer and Strykers soccer in our community. Sara will be submitting photos for the article.
7. Sara inquired about Strykers Soccer Night at a spring soccer game. Jen is going to check with the spring schedule and work to select a night that would work best for players.
8. Indoor soccer – The Stryker board seeks to have a conversation about indoor/outdoor. Sara will reach out to Kara Wagoner and Jarah Ackerman to next meeting to discuss partnership.

### **Board Members**

1. Discussion was held about new board members. The board will identify potential new members and prepare to replace outgoing members.

Dodds – Doug will be stepping away from the board as he was hired as the new IFA Cadet varsity track coach. Jen would like to step away from all field maintenance, but will remain on the board as a voting member and as the website designer.

Vierkandt – Although Jill was absent from the meeting, she communicated that she would like to step away as registrar. Kenzie and Jordan have volunteered for that position, and will find time to sit down with Jill/Sara to learn the registration process, as well as League One procedures. The board also discussed moving Jill into more of a liaison role between the high school program and the youth program.

2. The board reviewed the voting process and current board positions. With the turn of the new year, Sara is now past-president/secretary, Matt McNeal is the new president, Club Admin/Director of Coaching – Jordan Bishop (now a voting board member), Registrar – Kenzie Schoby (Jordan), Treasurer – Kirk Beaubien, President Elect – open, remaining board members – Mike, Amy, Jill (liaison to the high school program/youth program).

3. Field Maintenance - The board decided that we will designate practice and game fields for the spring in an effort to reduce the field maintenance for the season. These field identifications will be shared with the coaches, players and the high school. Doug suggested a spring maintenance day to prep fields and prepare goals.

4. Jordan discussed the possibility of each team having a parent manager that would be in charge of travel, color of jerseys, snacks, emailing parents about field maintenance, referee, etc. The board will continue to discuss this possibility at our next meeting.

### **New Uniforms**

1. The board will be finalizing plans for new club uniforms for the fall 2017 season. New uniforms will be presented in a packaged manner – 2 jerseys, 2 shorts and socks. We hope to have a uniform preview and cost for families by late spring so families may prepare for the purchase.

### **Sponsorship and Financials**

1. The board reviewed the emails that Kirk sent regarding current and potential sponsorships. Kirk will be mailing renewal sponsorship letters to 2016 sponsors, as well as prospective 2017 sponsors.
2. 2016 financials ended well, and 2017 projected financials appears solid. Kirk will prepare update financials for the March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.
3. The board may potentially need to purchase some additional equipment to replace any worn equipment from 2016. Jordan will be ordering what is needed for the season.

Next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at the Thrivent office.

Motion was made by Kenzie Schoby to end meeting, seconded by Jen Dodd. Meeting concluded.

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