

Strykers Board meeting
December 6, 2015
Thrivent Office in Iowa Falls, IA
6:00 pm

1. Mike Truesdell called meeting to order
2. Jen Dodd will post meeting minutes to website.
3. Present: Matt McNeal, Jordan Bishop, Jeni Hansen, Kenzie Schoby, Doug Dodd, Kirk Beaubien, Mike Truesdell, Sara Truesdell, Jenny Anderson

Absent: Jill Vierkandt, Amy Ites, Erin Andrews, Kara Wagner, Johnny Schipper, Jen Dodd

4. Agenda review. No updates or changes to it.

5. League update:

Sara reported that she has been communicating with the Central Iowa Soccer League (CISL). CISL members are currently polling their preference on our participation. The CISL director had a family emergency, so there is no formal CISL response on our involvement yet (we should hear confirmation around Christmas). Should we be approved for CISL play, the first year we anticipate no games here in Iowa Falls. We will plan to offer our fields if needed. CISL has noted, they will potentially be willing to work with us to independently schedule some U12/14 games. Once we are approved for league plays CISL will send out a preliminary schedule and it must be approved by all league members. CISL has also offered the possibility of playing four weeks of double-headers, to allow Strykers to host a few homes games/end of season tourney in the spring with other area teams.

Discussion was held about various options should we be denied league play in CISL. Upon approval of league acceptance, we will move forward with U6 play at home (potentially local communities), CISL play for U8-U10, U 12/14 games independently scheduled with CISL teams and other central Iowa soccer teams.

Soccer contacts of Eldora (Kane) and Hubbard (Raska).

Pending CISL league plays, U6 games will all be held in Iowa Falls at the fields, and will likely be parent representative led each Saturday. We will plan to have parents/high school players ref games.

The board will look into scheduling U6 spring games with Eldora and Hubbard at our fields.

Mike will contact Chris Kuhnle, City Rec, in an effort to form a partnership between Strykers and City Rec soccer. Should parents choose to forego Strykers, we would like to encourage them to still participate in soccer with the City. Mike will seek options for how Strykers can assist city league. Mike will update board members via email.

Sara will let us know about the CISL decision pending Craig's return (around Christmas).

Matt motioned & Kenzi seconded.

"Effective immediately, U6 Strykers will remain local with inter-squad scrimmages. Strykers U8 & U10 will join the Central Iowa Soccer League (CISL). Strykers U12/14 will schedule independent league games (with CISL participants, as well as other central Iowa teams). We will partner with the City of Iowa Falls Recreation department to help provide additional soccer options."

Motion unanimously passed.

6. Webpage

Sara reviewed the Nevada Soccer club webpage and guidelines. We hope to implement additional items on the website such as: coach guides/practice schedules, age appropriate expectations/skills, board member information, etc. We also reviewed our soccer webpage. We can give suggestions for website to Jen to put on it.

7. Finances

Treasurer update--Kenzie:

Balance: \$5,910.31

We have not received an invoice from Iowa Soccer for our League One participation. That yearly fee is usually over \$1,000. We reviewed current fees charged.

All future expenditures will be approved by the board. Two signatures will be needed for all checks effective immediately.

Cost for field rental (Dr. Pisney) is \$250.00 per season. High school soccer booster club has offered to help pay for some rent. High school students often do play on our fields. Doug will contact Lori Watts about asking soccer boosters to help financially. Matt McNeal will also discuss the Cadet Booster Club's relationship with the soccer booster. Matt and Doug will work on this together.

Wish List items/donors/club status: Kirk

Kirk: Dan Stockdale is currently helping with the 501c3 status. Kirk will talk to Aaron Bernard, past board member, about more of our club guidelines.

8. Soccer Skills/Leadership

Introduction of Jordan Bishop. The board would like to get Jordan involved in leading skills sessions/coaches clinic, tournaments, etc. Jordan has a wealth of information as a former collegiate player, and we will continue to look for ways to get her involved.

Strykers would like to offer skills sessions in the winter led by Jordan and other former collegiate players/coaches. Looking to offer dates in January/February/March. Possibly \$15 per hour session on Sunday afternoons. Doug will contact Hardin County Tire about the donation of soccer balls. Sara will communicate with Jordan about skills camps and then notify the Board. Doug will check on dates with school gym availability.

9. General league questions:

What are our best ways to communicate our events to people? Twitter? Scrolling signs?

Can we do dual online registration?

Can we call it a club league vs. traveling league?

10. Parent reps are invited next time (Kara Wagoner and Johnny Schipper). Sara will ask Jen to add the parent reps to the e-mail list.

11. Next meeting: December 20th at 6:00 pm. Jenny cannot attend so Sara will take minutes.

12. Mike made motion to adjourn. Kenzie seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.