

Connecticut Junior Soccer Association

Board of Directors' Meeting

June 14, 2010

The following were in attendance:

Al Bell, Joe Berlenbach, Dave Brouillette, Jim Brown, Dick Cavanaugh, Joe Conte, Michael Dahlem, Joe Filippetti, Maggie Girard, Marc Glass, Brett Jones, Chafik Rebai, Robbie Rickert, Tom Skarbek, Joe Zizik, Kathy Zolad and Sue Schultz.

The following were absent:

Tim Blake, Tony Carvalho, Andrea Duffy, Milan Keser, Tom Mattera and John Riley.

The minutes of the May 10, 2010 meeting were approved.

Request for Club Sanctioning:

Valley Premier Soccer, represented by Bob Buswell, requesting sanctioning by CJSA. They will have four teams and will use the athletic fields at Oxford High School. It was noted that to avoid confusion, their official name will be Naugatuck Valley Premier.

Upon motion by Joe Conte, seconded by Jim Brown, Naugatuck Valley Premier was sanctioned as a club by CJSA. Vote: Yes: 13; No: 0; Abstentions: 0.

Revolution United FC, represented by Mark Christo, requesting sanctioning by CJSA. Their focus will be on inner-city male players, ages U/11-U/14. Scholarships will be made available. They will use the athletic fields at St. Joseph High School in Trumbull, CT.

Upon motion by Dick Cavanaugh, seconded by Chafik Rebai, Revolution United FC was sanctioned as a club by CJSA. Vote: Yes: 11; No: 1; Abstentions: 2.

Northwest United Soccer Club requesting sanctioning by CJSA. This was formerly the Berkshire United Soccer Club, which filed for dissolution as a corporation with the Secretary of State. The Northwest Club will represent the same towns as Berkshire United – Canaan, Cornwall, Falls Village, Kent, Salisbury and Sharon and will use the athletic fields in Cornwall, CT.

Upon motion by Marc Glass, seconded by Joe Conte, Northwest United Soccer Club was sanctioned as a club by CJSA. Vote: Yes: 14; No: 0; Abstentions: 0.

CFC Gunners, requesting sanctioning by CJSA. They will use the fields at Post University in Waterbury, CT.

Upon motion by Chafik Rebai, seconded by Joe Filippetti, CFC Gunners was sanctioned as a club by CJSA. Vote: Yes: 13; No: 1; Abstentions: 0.

The Board then went into Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. until 8:35 p.m.

Financial Statements:

As presented.

Marc Glass passed out a report from Tim Blake outlining the recommendations of the Finance Committee as to Districts and their budget processes for review.

Cup – Regionals:

Kathy advised that an issue had arisen involving a U/17 Girls Cup Champion team who declined to go to Regionals. They were fined \$1,860 - \$1,500 which goes to the Region. The runner-up team was asked to attend instead, as were three other teams, all of which declined, so we were forced to turn the spot back. She also advised that the CT Cup finals would be held this Saturday, June 19th, at Curtiss Park in Simsbury.

Tournaments:

The following tournaments were approved:

Fairfield United Fall Annual Tournament	September 4 & 5, 2010
Lebanon Fun Day Tournament	October 2 & 3, 2010

Registration:

Joe advised that there still a handful of clubs who had not provided their data. He suggested that we might consider changing the date that data is to be uploaded sooner than November. He also advised that clubs should be made aware that it is a rolling registration – that all data should be provided as it is received by the Clubs – that they should not wait until the November date to send it along.

SYRA:

Jim Brown advised of the 9:00 a.m. start time for the CT Cup finals on Saturday. He also advised that the Region I referee team had been formed.

Administrator's Report:

Sue advised that Club affiliation forms were due and handed out a summary of those outstanding to the District VP's.

President's Remarks:

Kathy spoke about the ODP Tournament in New Jersey and advised that the Boys U/16 and U/17, as well as Girls U/17, advanced to the semi-finals.

She advised of her attendance at the President's Meeting, at which they were given the US Youth proposed budget, which has an approximate \$2.5 million deficit. There was talk that US Youth will ask for a \$1.00 increase at the next meeting, but no one was supporting it. At this point she is not sure how it will directly affect us. Could see pay-as-you-go increases. ODP scholarships might be eliminated, which would hurt the smaller states.

Also, next month we will speak of the cup draw with regard to multiple teams.

Good of the Game:

Kathy noted the US Women's match at Rentschler Field on July 17th and the USA vs Brazil match in NY on August 10th.

Marc stated that he had been contacted by Chris Palmer regarding the Hartford Colonials (semi-pro football team) playing at Rentschler and that they are looking to tie-in with youth organizations (such as the RockCats do).

Joe Berlenbach noted that four new premier clubs had been approved at the meeting and his opinion that we need to look at premier in Connecticut as there are Clubs struggling to field teams.

Joe Conte advised of the South Central District recreation tournament being held on June 26 & 27th, with 62 teams participating.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robbie Rickert, Secretary