

**Watertown Soccer Club
Board Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2009**

Attendees: Bill Oswald, Greg Foltz, Cindy Schmidt, Jim Schmidt, Greg Schroeder, Dave Weisbecker, Jamie Gwidt, Sam Galaviz, Todd Rohrer, Kris Travis, Katie Schroeder, Mohamed Yafai, Brenda Bischoff, Gary Fisk

Absent: Dawn Learned

Called to order: 6:36 pm

Dave Weisbecker:

Reported that 33 high school age children have registered and there should be one more giving a total of 34 kids.

The games for the high school aged children are scheduled and ready to go.

Previous meeting minutes: The minutes from February 16, 2009 were reviewed; a motion was made by Greg Schroeder and seconded by Jim Schmidt to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was approved unanimously by the board members.

Treasurer: Greg Schroeder

- Bill Oswald had sent an e-mail earlier for the board members to consider. It dealt with issues of paying bills that are due before meetings are held. The goal is that there is a procedure in place so the treasurer knows when they can pay the bills and when the board needs to be contacted and approval for payment is authorized by their approval. Highlights of the e-mail:
 - The Treasurer must get approval from the President and/or Vice President to make any payments that have not been previously approved by the full board.
 - Approval for smaller expenditures, items less than \$200.00, may be made by the President and/or Vice President without full board approval.
 - Larger expenditures, more than \$200.00 that cannot wait for the next board meeting must have board approval via e-mail and be documented in board minutes.
 - All expenditures and credits passing through the club's checking account should be a part of the club's budget.
 - Although the President and Vice President are authorized signers of the checking account, the Treasurer should typically have exclusive responsibility for making and reporting all deposits and credits to the board.
- A brief discussion on the issue followed. After discussion a motion was made by Bill Oswald that: any expenditure which the Watertown Soccer Club is required to pay, but has not had prior approval by the WSC Board, may be paid by the Treasurer only with the approval of the President and/or Vice President up to a maximum of \$200.00. Any required expenditures, which have not received prior

board approval and exceed \$200.00, may be paid by the Treasurer only after approval (by simple majority, 5/9) has been received via e-mail and later documented in the Board's minutes. The motion was seconded by Greg Foltz. The motion was approved unanimously by the board members.

- **Treasurer's Report:**

LAST STMT BALANCE: 8,299.36

Cleared checks:

2-20-09 200.00 1135 CHECK Steakfire: for
refreshments at the Coach Appreciation

3-12-09 375.00 1136 CHECK AIA Corp: for coach
Chairs

3-13-09 405.00 1138 CHECK ReddanSoccerPark:
for U16 boys

Checks outstanding:

450.00 1137 CHECK FCGB Spring Invitational: for U17
boys

CURR BALANCE: 7,519.36

- Asked about reimbursing the individuals from the Watertown Soccer Club who attended the training offered by Jeff Pill. The coaches must make the request of the Treasurer and he can check with Dave Weisbecker if they were registered for the class.

President: Bill Oswald

- Talked about the website, pictures were taken of the participating teams and adult and youth names we listed. It was mentioned that the youth should not have their last name included. Bill will talk to the webmaster to resolve the issue. A suggestion was made that the club should also use a release that gives the club permission to use the player's image.
- Preliminary schedules for the MAYSA season are on their website. Any conflicts at this point should be worked out with the coaches. Jim Schmidt reported that there are only two games that need to be changed concerning the referees.
- Bill let Jim Schmidt know that he may have two children who would like to referee.

Secretary: Gary Fisk

- Reported that he is compiling the new and previous minutes in a folder so the club has a record of past and current actions. He also asked if they should be stored someplace where they can be accessed. The board members felt at the present time they should stay with the secretary.

Registration: Bill Oswald

- Bill reported that three additional players have signed up for the spring season.

Fundraising: Jamie Gwidt

- The committee has decided on two fundraisers for the spring season. They are the sales of Berres Brothers Coffee and Emil's Pizza. The committee checked with both businesses to make sure it is okay with them to fundraise at the same time.
- Jamie mentioned that on the Berres Brothers bags of coffee the club can have a plane bag and then place the soccer club logo onto the bag. There is a \$50 fee for doing it but it would also help promote awareness of the club. The coffee comes in a box and can be sold right away; the club does not have to get orders and then wait.
- Cindy Schmidt said she knows Bill Rehn, owner of Emil's; she will talk to him if the club can get a better price than Jamie was quoted.
- Todd Rohrer suggested that fundraising find one parent on each team who would be the contact person for fundraising. That way fundraising can go directly to that person and not through the coach.
- Sam Galaviz is going to have a meeting with all the teams and can give Jamie some time to present at that meeting.
- Greg Foltz made a motion to spend \$50 to put the Watertown Soccer Club logo on the regular bag of Berres Brothers Coffee, Jim Schmidt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- Jamie also asked about the club doing a brat fry at Glenn's and/or Piggly Wiggly. The board members felt Fundraising has enough on the plate at present but if they wanted to investigate to go ahead.

Outreach: Greg Foltz

- Reported that about 35 tickets were sold for the March WAVE game.
- The club sold \$1,522.25 worth of soccer club clothing.
- April 4th is the scheduled start to the park and recreation soccer season. Greg said the committee will be going around during games to promote the Watertown Soccer Club.
- It was reported that the park and rec. has a hard time finding people to referee games, if soccer club players are interested they are encouraged to referee the games.
- The club will hold training during the summer months in conjunction with the park and recreation department. The event begins on Saturday, July 11th at Brandt/Quirk Park and runs from 9:00 am – 11:00 am for four weeks. The training is for children at the 4th – 8th grade levels. The cost for the program is \$10 which is paid to the park and recreation department, the club will receive 80% of the fee.
- Reported the cost for registration is \$140. The club offers a discount for early registration from the current time to May 8 at a cost of \$110, after May 8 the fee goes to the listed \$140. Only U11 will need to purchase uniforms at a cost of \$30.
- MAYSA does offer a discount for individuals who are low income. For classic teams it is \$25, for recreation league it is \$20.
- If we have people who have a financial hardship where they can not pay, the club charges \$110. The individual must make a commitment that they will participate in the soccer season by May 8.

WYSA Meeting: Greg Foltz

- Talked a little about the referee lawsuit, the issue deals with if referees are an independent contractor or not.
- There is a new club registration program. It is done in two levels of service. The first level involves more work and includes fees for people using the service; the second is done at a club level. Dawn will be attending a meeting on this topic to learn what is in the future.

Director of Coaching: Sam Galaviz

- Will be contacting the coaches to hold a meeting, the goal is to get everyone together and everyone organized. Sam is calling it Coaching Fundamentals and should last about 1 hour.
- Has a new coach helping with U-12.

MAYS Meeting: Mohamed Yafai

- Mentioned that MAYSA is raising their registration, this will impact each team by \$10 - \$15.
- Everyone will be on the standard program for registration in the fall season. The expanded program will cost money.
- Policy for high school age children; it limits high school players to 6 per team. If the rule is not followed the players are ineligible for the season.

Referee Coordinator: Jim Schmidt

- Reported that he has 13 referees and potentially 2 more with the ones that Bill Oswald mentioned earlier in the meeting.
- The tentative referee schedule is out.
- Jim let everyone know that he is attending the Referee Assigner class, which is held on March 21. The class helps to cover him if there is ever an issue. Bill Oswald made a motion that was seconded by Sam Galaviz that the club pays the cost associated with Jim attending the class. The motion was approved unanimously by the board members.

Other Business:

- MAYSA Cup and the registration fees were discussed. There have been teams that have participated in the past but the club never paid for the expense. Bill Oswald made a motion and was seconded by Jim Schmidt that the Watertown Soccer Club pays half the cost of any Watertown Soccer Club team that wants to participate in the MAYSA Cup. There is an estimated cost if every team participates of \$1,000.
- There was some discussion on the presentation by the Waunakee Soccer Club, some key points.
 - Watertown Soccer Club needs to integrate with the park and recreation program and Watertown High School.
 - The club needs to accept change, look at the WSC vision, goals philosophy and commitment to players.

- Nice to have the players come back and help with the club after they have graduated.

Adjourned: A motion was made by Greg Foltz and seconded by Bill Oswald to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed, meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm

Respectfully Submitted
Gary Fisk