**February 13, 2019**

**Updates for the Board**

**Pres. Rick discusses the agenda for the**

**Coaches Meeting February 27, 2019**

New Uniforms

-Rick and Kevin already chose final design

-Will soon do a Facebook Live show to showcase new uniforms

Rick to call Soccer Village to borrow some new uniforms to model

Will need a couple of players to model

Fundraisers

-Reds Cincinnati West Night

Jodee send e-mail to Tom

-opportunity for parents to work, not families to go together to see game

-Kroger Rewards cards

Donations fund entire club (not individuals nor teams)

Allow teams already utilizing to continue as not to lose their fundraiser

-FC Cincinnati August 17, 2019  (Tom)

Ricks idea:  Dance (like Kolping) or something like, Reverse Raffle

-people (adults only) come for the raffle but eat and drink on location

-have and early bird raffle of some type, perhaps front row parking spot at tournament, after that $500, then $1000, $20,000 drawings etc

Note: Jodee warns better to do percentages instead of hard $ numbers bc we could lose all funds and more

-others have gained $70,000 in funds using these methods (only after it became a tradition, not beginning)

-drawing for baskets of donated goods was suggested (Jodee)

-the venue could be a banquet like Thunder where awards are presented to draw people for example coach of the year, player of the year, most \_\_ player/coach etc awards with beer, food, etc (Kevin)

-We need to start gathering donations for the raffles now (Jodee)

**Tournament Registration**

Bosse:  48 teams registered, 7 or 8 paid (trending low)

If we don’t get more teams in the next two weeks then we’ll drop some brackets

Rick:  Tents, tables, chairs, Golf Carts, etc have been ordered

Golf Carts: Beacon 2, Refs 1...rent $75 each for weekend

Bosse:  we should get 6 then

Kevin notes past issues with not enough golf carts

Rick: Tim brought walkie talkies for past toureys we think they were his (personal)

Rick (in Tony’s absence):  Fun Zone, Dunk Tank, DJs (Jodee)

-DJs paid by donation to school, hopefully reliable

-All activities free this year and if successful then charge next year

-will have vendors: burgers, fries, hot dogs, Kettle Corn, Kona Ice, Skyline, Gyros, etc.

**Kevin DOC discusses the agenda for the Coaches Meeting February 27, 2019**

GCSL making a big push to get teams out of Buckeye and back to GCSL

-working out details for this Fall

-possibly re-branding creating completely different league

-GCSL treated like a rec league, not ranked for State Cup nor Pres. Cup

-there will be a proposal in early March from Ohio South (GCSL)

Goal Keep Trainer pay

-Rod paid $750 last year

-Kevin proposes $650 this year to break even

Less than last year for the same amount of work

-maybe $ dropped bc there were too many things going on this winter:

Coerver, speed and agility clinic, etc.

-last year Dimitri paid $7000, helpers $3000, total $10,000

-this year: Spring: Rod $3000, Helpers $1500

Fall:   Rod $2000, Helpers $1000

GrassRoots Training

August 3, 4, 2019

-Ohio South wants everyone to have at least a D license

-we pay for everyone’s training

-lets do 11v11 and online instead of paying extra to Mt.St.Joe

-Josh to ask Ohio South

-even if you have the A license you should go get the training bc it has changed, so we should have all of our coaches do it

-change is from warm-ups to free play

-Rick warns that coaches may not do their online work

-(Kevin) coaches have August 2, 3 deadline to have it done

Rick: Kevin is responsible for the coaches doing their training

Field Locations

-probably can’t use Cleves this season (Kevin)

Can we use Valley Junction, the corner under the lights?

-Rick to see about Whitewater Crossing Church on 128

Tony is using these fields, they are “meticulous”

-CrossRoads has free fields (Kevin)

Rick is meeting with Josh to get curriculum online

Kevin is sending emails again that the coaches meeting is Mandatory

Rick Kevin to figure out coaches’ training times and manage them, be sure to communicate to the coaches at the meeting that they will be held responsible

Rick would like to know how Kevin plans to manage this before the meeting on the 27th.

Jodee has all financial information that is discussed, I didn’t note it here.  If the board would like me to note it specifically let me know.

Curriculum discussion at meeting Feb. 27

-Rick: we have provided curriculum guidelines to coaches

We are not saying that is exactly what they have to do

-the basic skills listed that they should be comfortable doing by their particular age group should be done, that is most important, and the DOC should manage that they are actually following those guidelines and mastering those skills with their teams

-Kevin notes that 90% of our coaches are on board with this

-communication with what coaches are doing

-DOC could show up at a few practices

-Rick: “They are either going the way our club is going, or they can find another club.”

-Rick  requests from Kevin an outline of what he plans to tell the coaches at the meeting and how he plans to manage them afterwards.

Fees

-Baston and Schoer had not paid Winter training fees

-Jodee to share spreadsheets on who has paid / owes fees, including all teams, even those outside of tournaments

-fees due March 1, 2019

-can use PayPal to pay fees but then must pay convenience fee to make up loss (Rick)

-can use VenMo, free money transfer app

Tryouts

-we like Valley Junction local

-concerns voiced to Rick about # of teams (we are at a record low)

-had 82 teams at time of age-group split, now 50 some teams

-every year our numbers go down

-Rick: healthy numbers of teams:  65 to 75 teams = strong club

-boys teams are lowest numbers

Soccer Shots

-Rick was going to buy the business 3 or 4 years ago

-Bill Datillo and girlfriend had plans for it that went wrong, they broke up

-now Rick wants to buy it, Bill is asking too much, but Rick thinks we might do it

-possible deal March, April, May season

Turfgrass Management

-could buy a mower and pay Tony to do it

-where would we store mower, and where will we practice anyway?

-ultimately better to keep current Voelker relationship

Risk Management

Incident: Mercury coach training CWSC team at West SportsMall

-Rick and Kevin investigated: guy is no longer associated with Mercury

-although his face is still on web page

-associated with Coerver

-Coaches are bringing in trainers not certified by CWSC

-Anyone in direct contact with our children needs a background check

-We need a documented procedure in place to protect the club and its players

-legal waivers?

-Jodee to look into it

-All trainers must be approved through Risk Management and CWSC Board of Directors before they are allowed to train our players

Got Soccer

-requiring us to sign a 1 or 3 year agreement, will not move forward until we sign

-Rick is impressed with Got Soccer branding, and so we should brand our tournament for Got Soccer

-(Jodee) maybe call it Spring Elite Cup or Invitational

-keep Goalrilla Classic/ Jungle Jims for the Fall for younger teams

-(Bosse) We are never going to have top level teams like top Kings Hammer and TFA elite at our tournaments, but it is beneficial to have a more user-friendly website.

-better marketing necessary

We go with 3 year Got Soccer and is there an “Out Clause”?

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