

## General Meeting March 19, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 7:30pm. A Sign- in sheet was passed around.

### **Treasurer's Report: Ken Smith**

- Ken gave a financial update of the club's assets and expenses and provided a report.
- Dennis Dunlap spoke to the IRS. We are in category 2 as far as approval because they are missing a few items. Dunlap and Associates will quote us a price to handle that. Tony will discuss the need for holding a retainer for his services, but it is not expected to cost that much.

### **1st Vice President – Intramurals: Andrea Ayala**

- We have the 29<sup>th</sup> of March and 12<sup>th</sup> of April for walk-in registration. 68 registered so far online.
- Received some emails regarding travel tryouts.
- EPYSA not yet responded about coach trainings.
- Voted to have part of game time be for practice for intramurals. Peewees and U-8 15 minute practice, followed by 20 minute halves and a 5 minute half-time. Andrea issued the motion. Charlie seconded. The Board Members voted unanimously.
- Andrea motioned to have curriculum established for intramural coaches with specified drills to run during the practice time. Tony seconded it. The Board voted unanimously.

### **2nd Vice President – Travel: Greg Banis**

- Tony shared information for Greg who was unable to make the meeting.
- Discussed Travel Tryout conflicts and pre-registration for tryouts to keep interested people updated at each level.
- Covered Bridge Field will be rented for the spring for all teams.
- We need to rent Port-a-bole potty for that field.
- Fields will not be rented during the summer. We have behind North Middle School Thursday thru Sunday. We can use the other fields if they are available.
- Is there any chance of getting indoor times at the middle school or high school gyms?
- Discussed getting access to practicing on the football fields at Markey Park under the lights. Tony will have Rosemarie Banis look into that tomorrow.
- Look into field in front of airport and West Rockhill.
- U11 Boys' team starting with Dave Martin as the coach.
- U10 Girls' team has a coach.
- U9 Boys' team would have a coach.
- Possibility of 2 U-14 girls' teams.

- Coaches will send travel tryout conflicts to Greg and Tony to post changes online. Greg should contact Andrea for fields for rescheduled dates.

**Head Coach/Referee: Charlie Bratchford**

- Contacted all refs from last year and we have 4 new this year.
- Twitter account is live and posts are being made with updates.
- Have intramural curriculum 5 & 6 and 7 & 8 from EPYSA but need additional age groups.
- All interested in reffing should contact Charlie.

**Sponsorship Coordinator: Juan Ayala**

- All sponsor letters went out.
- Pizza place offered to do a pizza fundraiser night.
- Discussed having more of those fundraisers.

**Equipment Manager: Dan Brown**

- Paint needs to be ordered right away for the fields. Ken will take care of that.

**Registrar: Bill Thorrington**

- Notified by Group Net Solutions that the accounts for teams are open now for 2014-15 season so we can start to establish teams.
- EPYSA strongly recommends everyone doing their yearly risk management assessment.

**Secretary: Megan Banis-Clemens**

- .No Report

**President's Report: Tony Romeo**

- Bill Rossman has volunteered to help with communication. Discussed proposing to have a Communications Director in the future once we can add a new position via the by-laws.
- EPYSA has many by-law changes which were turned down for the third year in a row. Not popular to take the vote away from district representatives. It is holding the better ideas back because they are lumped together in one vote. There were some cost saving measures that would have been beneficial.
- Theme was to keep clubs small so cost stay low for more opportunities for low-incomes.
- Be sure to leave opportunity for players to play all different sports in order to prevent injury of stressing the same muscles.
- Supplied some concussion awareness information.
- Wants to appoint an audit committee and a committee of folks to revamp the by-laws. Juan and Megan will be on the by-law committee and the audit committee is set by the by-laws. Bill Cossman volunteered to be the non-board member on that committee.

- Concussion Awareness Tournament- We will be setting up meeting times to organize the tournament.

### **Old Business**

- The board approved the minutes from last meeting.

### **New Business**

- Justin Suchoski presented information on partnerships available with the Philadelphia Union. He handed out 4 levels of partnership opportunities. The lowest is level 4 which is focused around 4 season tickets. He can sell tickets we have trouble selling. There are 18 home games. Price for each level is based on tickets exclusively. It also is dependent on quality of the seat. Also, MMT: inflatables, a player comes out, great for a tournament. Discussed sending the information out to coaches to discuss with their teams and gauge interest. \$30 per ticket for the East Sideline. Need 15 or more for group tickets. Includes same 4 seats every game. Charlie Bratchford motions to purchase level 4 package including 4 East sideline season tickets for the purposes of resale, 1 free season long parking pass, the club name recognized as a Youth Soccer Partner, first opportunity for any available game experience, one appearance at an event of choice by a Union player, and one Mobile Marketing Tour appearance with inflatables at a cost of \$2,149 pro-rated to our starting point for the Philadelphia Union Partnership. Tony seconded it. The Board voted unanimously. We will start April 12<sup>th</sup>. Chalk talk twice a year before the game for coaches who come with the 4 season tickets to sit in with Union coaches.
- Charlie's team is in division 4 and wants it moved to division 5. Bill will look into possibility of travel being extended with the drop. Should be able to apply to move down because they were in the bottom two and team is getting discouraged.

## Sign-In Sheet

### Executive Committee

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> President                                 | Tony Romeo          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President-Intramural | Andrea Ayala        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President-Travel Team           | Greg Banis          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Secretary                                 | Megan Banis-Clemens |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Treasurer                                 | Ken Smith           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Head Coach/Referee                        | Charlie Bratchford  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment Manager                                    | Dan Brown           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registrar                                 | Bill Thorrington    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsorship Coordinator                              | Juan Ayala          |

Team	Coach	Representative
U10 Girls	Dan Brown	
U11 Girls	Rob Padfield	
U12 Girls	Mike Tirjan	Mike Tirjan
U13 Girls	Greg Banis	
U8 Boys	Dann De Meester	Michael Older
U9 Boys	Juan Ayala	
U11 Boys	Frank DeMas	
U13 Boys	Harvey Smith	Bill Rossman

### Members

Print Name	Team
Joe Duder	U-12 Girls
Matt Curry	U-11 Boys

Meeting was adjourned at 10:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Megan Banis-Clemens