



Meeting Minutes for the West Des Moines Soccer Club Board Meeting

July 19th, 2023

Meeting held at Goldfinch Realty (1741 Grand Ave, WDM)

Attendance: Kevin Johnston, Adam Schnieders, John Kennedy, Seth Doup, Rich Bywater

Absent: Charlie Nothies, Janell Mikels, Ross Moffat

Guest: Andy Teas

Meeting started: 6:36 PM

June Minutes Approval

- Seth motioned; Adam seconded. Approved unanimously.

Sporting Program/Rec Report – Rich

- Grimes Updates
 - o Summary of current pod installation timeline
- Rec Registration Status
 - o Fall registrations at 604 for WDMSC
 - 238 in discovery
 - 88 in academy
 - 278 in recreation
 - Last year we were at 462 at this time
- Summary on Colorado National Tournament and ECNL San Diego
- Summer Camp went well
- Select programming is up 40 registrations as a whole for Sporting

Guest: Andy Teas

- U14 CDL2 team and concept concerns
 - o Two kids in Sporting through the WDMSC pipeline
 - o Discussion of combined age teams, impact on younger players on the split team, and variation in skill level for select soccer – experience last year
 - o Combined age team was set up again this year (20 team members)
 - CDL1 team has 17 rostered players
 - Coaches indicated that 17 rostered players is to permit players to move to team during year, not sure when or criteria for the movement or where from
 - o Discussion of practice schedule, including time (all practices at 5 PM) and location (all practices at GrimesPlex)
 - Not clear what benefit GrimesPlex provides to the WDMSC
 - o Questions regarding requirements related to professional licensing and playing experience for coaches.
 - o Considerations regarding makeup of team based on where players are coming from (e.g., current school, other WDM schools)
 - o Proposal for comment: a lower competitive division for WDMSC exclusively that might even take over a WDM CDL team
 - o Want kids to enjoy playing and to be part of community
 - Both appear missing from the setup of the team

- Advocacy role for WDMSC is to Sporting regarding their players within their community
 - Including questions about splitting the skill levels as apart to a skill hierarchy and maintaining some of the community connections
- Further discussion on difficulty in forming community due to variation in schools, compounded by different grades
- Noted the difficulty in ascertaining and understanding the role of Sporting in WDMSC and WDMSC in Sporting.
- Responsive comments from Sporting Rep
 - Discussion of roster (17:20), all teams made at least 18 bids but not all players accepted bids, rather than pushing players up it is easier to move players up than down, permitting movement up during season
 - Discussion occurs between coaches during weekly staff meetings to make these assessments
 - Training schedule
 - Still being adjusted based on field availability and coaching assignments
 - Most of the schedule is based on the coaches availability and location of their other practices
 - Discussion regarding coaching licensing and playing experience
 - Regarding the lower competitive WDMSC team
 - Something like this was previously done and didn't have numbers to support this type of team and feedback from players and parents resulted in current model
 - Open to considering revisiting this proposal now with the growth in player numbers

President's Report – Kevin

- Sporting - HV Field Rental
 - Sporting looking at the formal approval for the rental agreement
 - Discussion regarding the timing of Grimes Plex being substantially complete
- Open Board Positions
 - Director of Rec position is open
 - Janell can renew her position as Director of Communication in fall, or whether she terms out, decision is Janell's.
 - Seth's last meeting is tonight; Jonathan will transition to Treasurer, leaving open Secretary position.
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- Policy Updates and Reviews
 - Recently agreed to set a schedule with Sporting for an annual policy review/update. We need to look at scheduling certain old policies for review, archive, and/or update.

Secretary Report – Jonathan

- TruXposure Update
- Field maintenance contract

Treasurer's Report – Seth

- Financial Report
 - Question regarding when registration payments are made from Playmetrics to WDMSC account

Director of Properties Report – Adam

- Hidden Valley 3v3
 - o Working on finalizing schedule to send out
- Fall Schedule
 - o Sporting is finalizing training and game schedule
 - o Anticipate releasing the training schedule soon
 - o Discussion with Sporting Rep regarding which fields to set up
 - A full size field lined with goals
 - another field with a perimeter for 11 for 11
 - Can utilize for 9 v 9 and 11 v 11
 - a field lined with 2 sets of goals for 2 simultaneous 9 v 9
 - Retain space for goalkeeping at the goalkeeping pad
- Hidden Valley
 - o Signage update
- Raccoon River
 - o Restoration/Tree Perimeter
 - Future Contractor

Transitioning Members

- Seth motioned to replace himself as signer with Jonathan; Adam seconded. Passed unanimously.
- Jonathan motions to close Kayla's credit card and set it up for Kevin; Adam seconded. Passed unanimously.
- Seth motioned for Seth to vacate Treasurer and Jonathan to transition from Secretary to Treasurer effective 19 July 2023; Adam seconds. Passed unanimously.

Jonathan motions to adjourn; Adam seconds. Unanimous.

Adjourned at 9 PM.