



Meeting Minutes for the West Des Moines Soccer Club Board Meeting

August 16th 2023

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

Attendance: Kevin Johnston, Charlie Nothies, Janell Mikels, Jon Kennedy, Ross Moffat

Absent: Adam Schnieders

Meeting started: 6:39 PM

July Minutes Approval

- Jonathan motioned; Charlie seconded. Approved unanimously.

Sporting Program/Rec Report – Ross

- Summary of Summer Activities
 - o Int'l Trips
 - o Summer Tournament Successes
 - o Summer Nominations and Selections
 - o Successes with camps
- Grimes Updates
 - o Stitching third pad; two pads (four fields) complete
 - o GrimesPlex KICKOFF event on August 3rd was a success with great attendance and engagement
- WDM Fall Registrations
 - o 733 players registered (695 at this time last year) as of today
 - o Still working on getting volunteer coaches signed up
 - o August 26th is the anticipated coach meeting and coach clinic day
 - Will have two weeks beyond that before first games
- Financial Assistance Applications
 - o JUSC just approved an update to their policies to permit the Recreational Administrators to approve if they requests are met by the applicant; if not, then would go to board committee. Request is for WDMSC to do the same to make it more expedient.
 - o Jonathan motioned to adopt the following as updated language for WDMSC's financial aid policy document; motion seconded Janell Mikel. Passed unanimously.
 - Award Approval: Individual awards for recreational and academy players may be authorized by the Recreational Program Administrator. Applicants may appeal award decisions made by the Recreational Program Administrator to the Board of Directors.
- Ref Status
 - o Seth W. was previous assignor; he decided to step away and left us without a ref assignor.
 - o Sporting met with an assignor for JUSC to inquire about doing both; she declined.
 - o Ross met with a ref assignor and is meeting with another. We have another option who has offered to help, but that assignor does not use Arbitrator.
- Academy Weekend
 - o September 16-17 will be hosting academy weekend.

- Learned that we need 5 fields for academy. WDM only has goals for 4 fields. Need to source a one set of goals.
- Ross will ask JUSC if one set can be borrowed. Kevin will use WDMSC's trailer to pick them up.
- Plan will be to run concessions that weekend.
- Plan for Hybrid Approach to U10s
 - Where three to five U10 players would be identified and optioned for a fee to have one practice per week and opportunity to play in one or two games with U11 Select.
 - This would replace some of the previous players playing up and limit it for their development to a controlled move up.
 - There is a plan in place to address uniforming.

President's Report – Kevin

- Approval for purchasing grey shirts with WDMSC logo for 4/5/6s this season
- Open Board Positions
 - Janell is going to step down at end of tenure (October will be last meeting).
 - We can continue to elect Janell and she would be willing to stay on Sporting Board.
 - This will leave open:
 - Secretary,
 - Director of Recreational Programs, and
 - Director of Communications
- Policy Updates and Reviews
 - Still need to proposed calendar for updates

Director of Fundraising – Charlie

- Chamber Membership Update
 - Our membership is official
 - Charlie has some ideas we can use there and is going to send an email with ideas and how we can leverage it
- Sponsorships
 - Charlie in communication with Billy regarding sponsorship from Scott Insurance

Director of Communications – Janell

- No updates at this time

Secretary/Treasurer Report – Jonathan

- Financial Report
 - Update on transition
 - Update on Two Rivers account
- TruXposure Update
 - Nick is working on draft
- Template for Soliciting bids for turf management

Director of Properties Report – Kevin on behalf of Adam

- Bridge Project Update
 - Drainage issues by Field 5 and gravel road recently. Adam is working with the city and MidAmerican to resolve.
- Academy Matchup Weekend
 - Touched on in Sporting Report

- Mini Goals
 - o 5/6s need to move some of the goals before first set of games back to Raccoon River.
 - o Adam is coordinating time to move the goals
- Adult League Rental
 - o Rented the Hidden Valley fields for international league for three weekends.
 - o Adult Coed league was considering renting lights but decided not to

Adjourned at 7:44 PM.

- Next meeting 9/20/23