



Shakopee Soccer Association
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General Board Meeting Minutes January 2, 2007

1. The general board meeting of the Shakopee Soccer Association was called to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. at Lion's Park Youth Building by Mark Teslow.

Present: Tom Bailey, Tim Root, Dan Meehan, Tom Temple, Mark Teslow, Darla Teslow, Michele Chase and Steve Curren, Peggy Dokka-Thorson and Mickey Willard

Not Present: Todd Feely

Guest: Phil Carlson

2. **Approval of agenda:**

Motion to approve the agenda by Darla, second by Tom B., motion passed.

3. **Approval of minutes:**

Minutes from December 19, 2006 were reviewed, moved to accept minutes by Tim, second by Dan, motion passed.

4. **Director reports:**

Treasurer:

Peggy reported she has received payment from one of the outstanding balances from fall and the other has set up a payment plan.

Coaching Director:

Peggy reported John Dovolos will coach the U14 Girls team. He has been the assistant coach the past couple of years.

The Boys Commissioner, Tim, would like to send out an email to open up the communication lines with the parents. He would like to let them know if they have any questions or comments to contact him. Tom T. and Mark will discuss how to contact the parents.

Registrar:

Tom T. reported 10 players have registered for winter training. Winter training is open to U8 – U12 boys and girls. The maximum number of participants is 25 because of gym space.

No new information on summer travel.

Referee Coordinator:

Darla reported we will be hosting the referee certification class on February 10, 2007 and February 24, 2007 at the Shakopee Library. This class is intended for new referees. We will also host the recertification class on February 24, 2007 at the Shakopee Jr. High School cafeteria. You can register for one of these classes on MYSA website. SSA will not be taking any registrations. Tom T. will provide a link on SSA website to register.

Fundraising Director & Communication Director:

Dan reported he will be contacting Culver's in Shakopee for a fundraiser beginning of February. Tom T. will send out a mass email regarding the Schwan's fundraising.

The board expressed an interest to have SSA spirit wear available at registration nights. Dan will contact Ann Meyer with Hensley Design to see if she will be available on registration nights.



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Equipment Coordinator:

Dan reported Tom B. and himself met with George Shawtell from Select Gear. Select can offer some things that other providers can't. They make their own jerseys and they will never be discontinued. Unlike Nike or Adidas if they have a jersey and it doesn't sell well they would discontinue the jersey. Select can give us a 15% discount on our orders. They can setup a stocking agreement with us where they will make up a number of jerseys and warehouse them. When we need a uniform we just call them and they can send it to us typically 3-6 business days. There is no fee with this service and we don't pay for a uniform until they send it. They can setup an online store that can be linked to our website where we could sell SSA spirit wear, soccer balls, warm up suits, etc. These purchases would also receive a 15% discount but the money saved would go back to SSA not the client. SSA could use this money to purchase jerseys, equipment, etc. for the club.

Dan received a quote of \$46.50 from Select. The quote included 1 Jacobsen jersey, 1 cotton (t-shirt) jersey, shorts, pair of socks, number and embroidered logo. The lead time on receiving the jerseys is approximately 8 weeks. The Jacobsen jersey is comparable to "climacool" fabric used by Adidas. It feels silky, it's light weight and people might feel this is less strong of a fabric. George indicated most uniforms will be switching to this type of fabric. The board felt the cotton (t-shirt) jersey will not work and the amount is over our budget of \$40.00. We must find something within our budget.

Dan called Sportsphere, the uniform provider we have used for a number of years, and was told as of January 1, 2007 Sportsphere would not be able to sell their uniforms inside the United States. Their license to sell was revoked. Score Sports is currently buying them out. Our concern is whether or not there would be a delay in ordering jerseys from Score Sports giving the current situation. It may be best to work with a local vendor.

Dan received three quotes from Soccer Express. The lowest quote was \$37.50 for the High Five soccer jersey. Dan still needs to contact Soccer USA and Valley Sports. We need to know what we are doing by next meeting. Since we will be purchasing equipment shortly maybe we can get a better deal by purchasing the equipment and uniforms together. Need to get samples of the jerseys by in person registration. We may need to schedule a fitting date.

Field Coordinator:

No Report

Volunteer Coordinator:

Mickey reported she will be developing a volunteer list for in person registration.

Rec. Coordinator:

No Report

Tournament Director:

Tom T. reported MYSA has not approved our tournament application. Tom T. expressed he would like to enhance our participation awards this year.

5. Old Business:

- **Recruiting:**

Todd will be contacting the gym teacher at Sun Path. We need to post a flyer at the Community Center regarding our upcoming registration.

- **Referee certification and recertification class:**

See Referee Coordinator report.



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- **Indoor team training:**

Tom B. reported he has reserved the following gym time (27 hours per week):

Sweeney Elementary	Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 6:00 – 9:00
Pearson Elementary	Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 6:00 – 9:00
Jr. High Gym #1	Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 6:00 – 9:00

He has reserved the gyms from March 12 through April 19. Depending on the weather we might be able to get outside the week of the April 16th. Tom B. proposed two practice options based on 19 teams. Option 1 – Each team would practice once a week and the remaining gym time would be return to the city. Option 2 – Maximizes the hours we have reserved. Half of the teams would practice twice one week and the other half would practice once. This would alternate every other week giving each team equal practice time. Under this option we would need addition practice time from Soccer Blast. There should be no additional cost to teams since we budgeted \$700.00 for Soccer Blast time. Tim will contact Soccer Blast for availability. If no space is available at Soccer Blast it was suggested the U9 teams could practice once a week. Everyone liked option 2. We will need to send a practice schedule to Judy Techam once teams and coaches are set.

- **Team pictures / photographer**

Dan will get quotes from Sunshine Photo and Varsity Photos.

6. **Registration:**

Volunteers: Monday, January 22, 2007 from 6:00 – 8:00 – All board members present were available.
Tuesday, January 30, 2007 from 6:00 – 8:00 – All Board members present were available.

Key Pickup: Tom B. will pick up the key both days.

Technology: Tom T. will be bringing his laptop.

SSA Equipment Sale: Dan will bring used soccer balls for sale.

Tom T. needs to incorporate the volunteer fee on the registration form. Darla will deliver copies of the registration form to the Community Center.

7. **Upcoming events:**

- Purchase equipment – Dan will be working on this shortly. We will need to have new equipment by the beginning of March.
- Coaches meeting – Todd will be running this meeting. The meeting has been scheduled for February 15, 2007 at the Shakopee Community Center Rotary Room starting at 7:30.
- Team managers meeting – Todd, Tim and Michele are currently working on this. Tom B. will try to schedule this meeting for Monday March 5, 2007
- Overall club team meeting – We will hold an all team meeting again this year. Mark and Tom T. will be running the meeting. Darla will make signs for each team so people will know where to go. Mark will bring a sound system. Tom B. will try to schedule this meeting for Sunday, March 11, 2007 at the Jr. High cafeteria.
- Organize coaches and player training – Todd will be scheduling the training sessions.
- Shakopee Soccer Festival Tournament – May 19, 2007
- SSA Fall Rec. program – information due March 1, 2007
- Summer Kicks Camps – information due March 1, 2007
- Tryouts for 2008 season – information due March 1, 2007
- SSA involvement with Micro Soccer – information due March 1, 2007



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7a. Other Business

Phil Carlson asked if there were going to be any changes to the Shakopee Soccer Festival Tournament. He would like to see the teams play for something. We indicated the format will stay the same this year. We explained it's a festival tournament and that's why the games are shorter. As we have said in the past we like the tournament to expand in the future.

Phil also came to find out if we are looking to field a U13 Boys team. He explained he would like to see this happen. There are not enough U14 boys to create one team so we combined the U14's and U13's to create two U14 teams. It's the boards hope we will have a more U14 boys sign up at registration and create one U14 Boys team and one U13 Boys team.

8. Adjourn meeting:

Motion made by Tom B., second by Michele to adjourn at 8:34p.m., motion passed.

Minutes submitted by:
Tom Bailey
Secretary