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## **General Board Meeting Minutes July 1, 2007**

1. The general board meeting of the Shakopee Soccer Association was called to order at approximately 6:34 p.m. at Lion's Park by Mark Teslow.

Present: Mark Teslow, Darla Teslow, Tom Temple, Todd Feely, Dan Meehan, Tom Bailey, Michele Monroe, Steve Curren, Tim Root, Cheryl Bessner, Peggy Dokka-Thorson @ 6:40

Not Present: Mickey Willard

Guests: Tim Kratzke

2. **Approval of agenda:**  
Motion to approve the amended agenda by Tom Temple, second by Dan, motion passed.
  - Add Budget and Appreciation
3. **Approval of minutes:**  
Minutes from June 3, 2007 were reviewed, moved to accept the minutes by Dan, second by Todd, motion passed.

4. **Director reports:**

**Treasurer:**

Peggy sent out income statements to all board members.

She sent letters of explanation to the families of the two boys who were requesting a refund for registration fees, which they had not actually paid.

SSA has paid for storage through August. Hopefully, the building at the complex will be completed by then.

**Coaching Director :**

Todd has reserved Soccer Blast training for Monday nights from 6 to 10 PM starting 1/9/2008 through 4/15/2008.

Todd talked with Kevin regarding the tryouts. Kevin needs to know which age groups, which days, & approximate number of players in order to hire evaluators. Board discussed that there will be roughly 200 players U11 through U18. Todd is to ask Kevin whether he prefers breaking it into two shorter days or one longer day each weekend.

Todd brings a proposal for a stipend of \$10,000.00 to be paid to the coaching director. He presents a handout of duties this individual would be responsible for, in addition to current responsibilities, relating how some of these responsibilities would absorb current monies being paid out for player training/strength training as the coaching director would be responsible for those duties. Peggy states that \$13,000.00 was paid this year for player training. The proposal is for the coaching director to be a hired outside individual without children in the program. Mark has questions regarding tax/accounting expenses that could/would be incurred from hiring an employee. Darla points out that since this is a proposal for next year, the club would have a double hit on the budget this year, as tryouts would be handled as planned with paid evaluators. The coaching director would need at least part of his first year to get to know the players through the proposed training in order to be able to replace those tryouts with his own evaluation. Mark's questions how many other clubs are doing this? Todd is not sure if other clubs the same size as SSA are doing this. Board decides to table discussion on this proposal and come back to it later. Coaches from U9 through U12 were contacted regarding fall travel soccer.



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### Registrar:

Fall Rec Soccer - Approximately 40 kids have signed up, numbers are pretty typical for this time of the year.

### Referee Coordinator:

Darla reports everything is going smoothly. We survived our largest night of games where we needed 23 referees. Since Shakopee does not have that many refs, more were called in from other cities.

### Fundraising Director & Communication Director:

Tom Bailey recommends Micro Soccer flyers be created and given to Sherry by the 1<sup>st</sup> week in August. Dan will make up the flyers for that and for fall travel.

Todd raises questions regarding having a "hall of fame" on the web site for teams that are doing well, using team photos.

### Equipment Coordinator:

Dan has inquired about jerseys for fall Rec - will check with Valley Sports.

He will work on blood jerseys for summer teams yet and for fall.

Coaches have been asking what to do if some equipment is lost or damaged. Dan has a list of every team's equipment and although there will be some leniency, equipment that is highly expensive will be expected to be returned.

Equipment pick up will be held on July 21 from 11:00 – 1:00 at the Rotary Room for teams not participating in Districts. Equipment pick up will be held on Aug. 4 from 11:00 – 1:00 at the Rotary Room for teams participating in districts.

### Field Coordinator:

Irrigation seems to be in working order now. There was one goal tipped over recently. Tim asked the city about resting fields 1 and 2, left a voicemail message and it has not been returned yet.

Refs have been notifying Darla that fields were not legally marked with missing center circles, penalty arcs and incorrect placement of goals. Tim will provide the city with MYSA Field Guidelines.

### Volunteer Coordinator:

No Report

### Rec. Coordinator:

Steve will contact Kevin Brown to discuss how the program will run.

### Tournament Director:

Discussion held about increasing Tournament to 2 days next year and adding U13 and U14.

Todd asks whether we want to look at changing the Tournament from a festival to having actual winners in order to be able to draw in older players. The issue of not having enough fields was raised. For now will remain as a Festival.

### 5. Upcoming Events/ Calendar Review:

Nothing discussed.

### 6. Old Business:

Nothing discussed.



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**7. U12 & U17 Boys Districts:**

To be held in Shakopee. Tim to contact city to reserve fields and Darla will get refs coordinated. Tim to get goals moved from Tappa to complex for this event and have a U11 size field painted on Field 4.

Volunteers will be required for field marshals. Mickey to coordinate this.

There are 5 days available for Districts 7/21 through 7/24 with Wednesday 7/25 being a rain day. Darla will contact teams to determine if they are not in the USA World Cup as then play can start earlier on Saturday 7/21 for those teams.

Darla asks if we should have a medical trainer on site for emergencies. Michele will be checking with Allina.

**8. Fall Rec Program:**

Covered with Steve under Rec (above).

**9. Fall Travel:**

Discussion was held on how to build fall teams without leaving potential players out. Tim brings example of B team players who may want to play on A team and if not all A team players willing to play fall travel, pulling those players up may leave B team unable to have enough to play fall. In addition, players who were in the tryouts last fall for spring travel, yet chose to play another sport in the spring, may be interested in fall travel. Should those players be placed on the same roster they would have been on had they played spring travel or should existing players be looked at first. Todd proposes existing players to be given first consideration with regards to placement on higher level teams. Others disagreed, leaning towards where those players may have placed in last fall's tryouts. Tom Bailey mentions that other clubs have their tryouts in the fall prior to fall travel, then the rosters are set and carried through that fall and the following spring. Discussion held on whether tryouts should be moved up next year to accommodate this problem.

Tom Bailey mentions that the U11 girls coach will not coach fall and that a coach will need to be found if there is a fall team.

Decision made to move up registration for fall travel to July 15 with a required \$50.00 down payment in order to get firm numbers and be able to determine rosters before fall. Tom Temple will send out registration forms and Todd will follow up with the coaches. Tim Root will discuss with his team and the other U11 team to finalize who is actually interested in fall travel.

**10. Review Evaluation/Tryout Policy:**

Discussion held on whether to change the current policy which requires players to place in the top 75% in order to qualify to play-up and make it be the top 90%. Also discussed whether to have try-outs only for new players while existing players are placed based on coach evaluations and coaching director recommendations. This is per the proposal submitted by Todd. Opinions voiced for and against. Decision made to re-evaluate later when Todd's proposal was reviewed again since this is a proposal for next year.



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No changes made to the current try-out policy or for this year's try-outs.

Todd is to let Kevin know to be sure to include tech skills (per our policy) in the tryouts this year as Tim Root raised the concern that only small-sided game and large game evaluations were conducted last year.

**11. 2008 Spring/Summer Rec:**

Proposal placed to make have this only be through age 9 in order to not adversely affect numbers for the spring travel program.

Peggy makes suggestion on having the name be In-House soccer versus Rec.

Tim will look at field inventory to see if we can accommodate.

**12. Budget:**

Mark hands out budget worksheets and asks everyone to figure in their numbers for their areas, figuring for 25% growth. This is the money to be allocated for each area. Budget will be from August through July. Mark hopes to have this budget approved at the August meeting.

**13. Appreciation:**

Our policy recognizes board members when they leave. A gift certificate for \$100.00 will be purchased for Tom Bailey who has left.

**14. Other Items:**

Homework for next meeting is the budget proposals for 3-year plans.

Terms expiring and due to be voted on at the next AGM were Peggy, Steve, & Tim. In addition, Tom Bailey's departure leaves his position open. ***Nominations are due August 31<sup>st</sup> - to be mailed into the secretary.***

Peggy makes a request that teams should be notified about Derby Days well in advance.

Mark introduced Cheryl Besser, a volunteer (non-voting, non-member), who will be filling in due to Tom Bailey's departure, taking notes for the meeting minutes until the next AGM.

**15. Adjourn meeting:**

Motion made by Michele, second by Todd to adjourn at 8:50 p.m., motion passed.

**Phone message pick-up duty for June 30 – July 17: Peggy  
July 17 – August 7: Darla**

Minutes submitted by:  
Cheryl Besser  
Substitute Secretary