



Shakopee Soccer Association
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General Board Meeting Minutes August 19, 2007

1. The general board meeting of the Shakopee Soccer Association was called to order at approximately 6:38 p.m. at the Shakopee Police Station's community training room by Mark Teslow.

Present: Mark Teslow, Darla Teslow, Tom Temple, Dan Meehan, Steve Curren, Tim Root, Michele Monroe, Mickey Willard, Cheryl Besær

Not Present: Peggy Dokka-Thorson

2. **Approval of agenda:**
Motion to approve the agenda by Tim Root, second by Michele, motion passed.
3. **Approval of minutes:**
Minutes from July 15, 2007 were reviewed, moved to accept the minutes by Dan Meehan, second by Mickey Willard, motion passed.
Minutes from August 5, 2007 were reviewed, moved to accept the minutes by Dan Meehan, second by Mickey Willard, motion passed.

4. **Director reports:**

Treasurer:

No report, other than a question raised by Mickey as to whether the volunteer refund checks had been issued. Checks were issued using the list of recorded volunteer hours provided by Mickey and based on whether the volunteer fee had actually been paid. Mickey raised concerns as to whether the board may know of other volunteers who were not on the list and Peggy had found others not listed and issued checks to those as well.

Registrar:

Rec is just short of 100 registered.

Fall travel has seven teams registered.

On-Line registration is real close to being done where you can pay online using Visa, Mastercard or Discover. The delay is due to communications between the company processing the transactions and the company hosting the site. The form is up, everything is in place, but currently it is still in the testing and validation phase to verify a successful transaction.

Referee Coordinator:

Schedules will be coming out for fall travel on 8/23/07. Once the schedule is available, the online referee site will be updated with the game information and referees notified.

Communication Director:

Mark suggests that flyers regarding summer travel should be handed out to the Rec program participants prior to the travel try-out dates.

Mickey questions whether mass mailing to all who have ever registered is an option and Dan says that it has been looked at previously in the past; however, cost has been a prohibitive factor. Dan says the tryout information is in the paper, but Tom suggests that it should be separate from the fall travel information to help it stand out. Dan will be removing the fall travel information and the tryout information will be more noticeable.



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Mark suggests that an ad regarding the travel tryouts should also be placed in the Prior Lake paper.

Equipment Coordinator:

Dan will be able to order more jerseys for Fall Rec. He needs to find out if there are any more players that need jerseys.

Dan brings up issues he has been having with the jersey vendor (Acacia). The rep for the vendor says they only accommodate bulk orders. Dan tried to place an order for 20 jersey sets (2 jerseys, 1 short each set) and they wanted to charge an extra \$5.00 per jersey. Question raised by board on whether we can continue with vendor. Mark suggests that since we need to use these jerseys for two years as promised before switching to another jersey, we should continue to put pressure on Acacia rep to accommodate our orders and explain that we only need jerseys for new players.

Darla asks when equipment can be dropped off and Dan states it can be dropped off at his home evenings after 8:30 PM.

Field Coordinator:

Tim reports that fields A, B and C have been painted and Field 5 is back. Fields 1 and 2 are being rested, goals have been removed and the fields have not been painted.

The completion of the building at the complex is still up in the air. The punch list is extremely long and there is no estimate on time. The city said it could not even guarantee that the building would be completed in time for next year's soccer season. Mickey is going to talk to someone she knows on city council to see if they know about the delay and what the issue is.

Tim reports that all fall teams have been scheduled except one and Tim will hear back from the city on that team shortly.

Volunteer Coordinator:

Mickey asks whether the board has decided to assess a volunteer fee next year. There will be no fee assessed. Discussion held on how to encourage volunteers. Mickey feels the festival should be the number one event for volunteers. She says she has learned a lot this year and has ideas for improvement next year based on how basketball, hockey clubs, etc., handle their volunteer program. Michele mentions that baseball collects a \$100 check at the beginning of the season, which is not cashed and is given back at the season's end when hours are completed. That they have one big fundraiser and everyone is assigned hours and responsible for finding subs if they have conflicts. Suggestion is made by Mickey that coaches communicate the volunteer need at the beginning of the season and Mark says we will also communicate the need at the AGM.

Mickey will figure out what volunteer positions and hours were needed this year for the festival, districts, etc., and come up with a listing to be communicated to the club. She suggests that the older teams who are not playing in the Festival could handle the volunteer hours for that and the younger teams not involved in districts, i.e., U9, U10, could help with the districts.

Rec. Coordinator :

Fall Rec has begun. Steve reports that there are some coaching needs yet. One coach whose child decided to do something different pulled out, and a couple of the coaches are requesting some help. Of the 10 coaches, 3 are asking for some help. Mickey says she can help with one of the coaches, Michele and Tom will help with the other two.

Steve says most coaches have a fair amount of experience. Michele asks if the parent coaches are attending Kevin's training sessions and watching. Discussion held and decision made to put together some coaching material for the coaches. Michele will pull together some drills the coaches can do and Steve will put together a rules book. Steve will also send an email to Ian Barker to see about getting some coaches.

Steve has completed a Recreation Player Manual and asks Tom to put it on the web site.



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Boys Director:

Tim talked with Kevin Brown about the tryout times and that we need to be more proactive on times in the future. This year Kevin was not able to commit to times early enough. Mark received an email forwarded by Todd from Chris Gilbert who has some questions regarding fall fees, summer fees, etc. Mark will forward to Tom for the registrar questions and to Tim R and Michele for the questions pertaining to their area.

Girls Director:

Michele will continue to coach the U11 Girls, but her assistant will cover when she has a conflict.

5. Upcoming Events/ Calendar Review:

Nothing discussed.

6. Old Business:

Nothing discussed.

7. Budget:

Tom, Peggy, Darla and Mark sat down and wrote checks for the volunteer hours. Mark presents the next year's budget breakdown. Estimate is for 20 teams, roughly 264 players which is 48 @ U9/U10 and 148 @ U11 and above. Growth is estimated at roughly 15%. Changes include no August Kicks camp, new line for scholarships, new line for Soccer fun night, addition of Spring Rec, awards for festival at \$3.00 an award, and addition of a paid coaching director. Discussion held on the coaching director position. Amount budgeted equates to what was being paid for trainers and coaching director will assume those responsibilities. This is in line with what other clubs are doing. Mark would talk with MYSA for help in drawing up job description and coaching director would be an independent contractor to save the club the cost and hassle of a paid employee. Mark has spoken with Jon Poppen for some names.

Mark asks the board to review the budget, submit any comments or questions and then the board will need to be vote on the budget at the next meeting.

Discussion held on Spring Rec program and how to get it organized. Mark mentions that other clubs, like Rochester, have the older players coach the Rec program and those players are able to do so even with summer travel as it does not conflict. MYSA will also give help.

8. Tryouts:

August 18 and August 19 tryouts were cancelled due to poor weather and field conditions. Kevin's comment on rescheduling was to only reschedule the Saturday (8/18) tryouts. He believes the older kids are easier to determine from one tryout. The 8/18 tryouts will be rescheduled for Saturday 9/15.

Tim brings up the 1 v 1 individual component of the tryouts and has discussed with Kevin. He states that Kevin is concerned about time and we need to keep the tryouts at 1 hour 30 mins. Tim makes suggestions for how the 1 v 1 component can be fit into the 30 minutes and Mark will call Kevin with the recommendation.

9. Calendar:

Skipped due to time constraints

10. Annual General Meeting:

Scheduled for 9/16 at the old high school. Board nominations are up for election, and names of nominees need to be sent to the secretary by August 31, 2007. An ad will be placed in the



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paper regarding the AGM. Mark will work out how to word the information pertaining to the open board positions and what is expected of board members. Ask board members to submit names of anyone they feel might be interested in making a positive contribution to the club and has a passion for Shakopee soccer.

11. **Schedule:**

Board meeting schedule will remain on Sunday evenings as it gave us a consistent meeting location since we were able to obtain the community center through July 2008 and therefore made scheduling easier. Dan requests a change from 6:30 pm to 6:00 pm which would work as we have the community center from 6 PM to 9 PM. The schedule will be the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. The next 3 meetings are 9/9, 9/16 (AGM) and 9/30.

12. **Adjourn meeting:**

Motion made by Tom Root, second by Michele to adjourn meeting at 9:07 p.m., motion passed.

Phone message pick-up duty for August 7 – August 21 : Dan M.

August 21 – September 4: Dan M.

September 4 - September 18: Mickey W.

Minutes submitted by:

Cheryl Besser

Substitute Secretary