



CONGDON PARK SOCCER CLUB

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Board Meeting Minutes, May 8, 2014, 7:30 PM Dunn Brothers Coffee, 2401 London Road, Duluth, MN 55812

Board Members Present: Doug Marshak, Katie Voller-Berdan, Scot Zentz, Jenni Carlson

Board Members Absent: Kristy McGiffert, Mike Fowler

Meeting called to order 7:30 PM

Agenda Items

- Registration update: We currently have 177 players registered for 2014. U6– 29, U8– 56, U10B– 34, U10G– 25, U12B– 16, U12G– 17, U13B– 3, U13G– 0. Last year we had 299 players for the season, but we will have the entire month of May for registration, plus we will continue to accept players into and through June until our teams fill.
- Online payment system: Doug Marshak managed to resolve the EIN issue just before tonight's board meeting and will have it back online and working by tomorrow morning.
- Incorporation/Tax-Exempt Status Update: CPSC is now incorporated with the State of Minnesota (cost was \$90) as a non-profit and we have acquired an EIN from the IRS. Doug Marshak will now be working towards applying for tax-exempt status with the IRS. There is an \$800 on-time filing fee for this status. This was not part of our original budget for this year, but the consensus of the board members present was that for both legal and financial purposes it is worth the expense to obtain this status.
- Bylaws/Articles of Incorporation: Doug Marshak provided copies of both for review. There were no issues with either document. These will be posted on the Organization page on the website (formerly the "Board" page)
- Update on Congdon Park School Facility: The school roof will be undergoing refinishing this summer, and the field will be closed during the project. At this time the district has not provided any kind of expected time frame for completion. If not finished prior to the end of July, this will affect our ability to hold practices and games at the site. Doug has an email into Kerry Leider explaining CPSC's predicament so that we can relay to AYSA the date that we can commence using the field.

Doug is still working with Kathy Kusch-Marshall (the principal at Congdon School) to find a location for a storage shed that the club can use for offseason equipment storage. At this time we're still not certain if we will have to provide a shed purchased from a commercial facility or if the East HS industrial arts class would be able to construct one for us in the fall, prior to the end of our season. No change in the estimate from our budget, but we discuss the possible need for pursuing a slab if the shed is to be placed on the Congdon School field. This would affect the project cost significantly.

- Uniforms for 2014: The board members present were in consensus to use High Five uniforms for U6-U10, purchased from Planet Soccer in the Twin Cities. Cost to the club is about \$15 per uniform for the jersey, a number on the back, and club logo on the front.

New Business

- U13 Registration: We had an extensive discussion regarding the difficulties that U13 parents might have choosing between CPSC soccer and HS C teams or JV teams. Some parents may hesitate to sign their kids up for rec soccer knowing their child will try out for HS soccer and knowing the drain of playing on two teams could be too much. As the only high schools where this is typically an issue with 7th graders are East High School, Esko High School (girls), and Marshall, SPSC is one of a small number of clubs uniquely affected by this issue to a greater extent.

Resolved that Scot Zentz will contact the Gitch Gummi club director to discuss the progression towards a fall MYSA competitive U12/13 team, while Doug Marshak will contact the HS coaches to get their feedback on the matter. We may discuss this with Dave Geary to develop some sort of progressive registration system allowing for the uncertainty associated with school soccer in the fall.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.