

December 5, 2017, NYSA Board Meeting

Attendees: Christy Fuentes, Geo Claros, Don Rother, Toby Hammer, Anne Lundquist, Chad Thomas, Steve Gillis, Michelle Coffman, Mark Whitman, Brad Shipman.

Christy read the mission statement.

Geo in attendance to discuss updates on new league and the coach mentoring process.

Mentoring process:

- Geo – Michael
- Don – Benito
 - They currently communicate weekly. Discuss problems with teams. Feels like they are doing a good job communicating but not so good a job with follow through. The goal is to help coaches feel vested in the club.
- Toby – What can the board do to help create people that care?
 - Geo – More salaried employees.
- Toby – Can structure be overhauled to create something better?
 - Geo – I’m sure there are opportunities.
- Anne – Would coaches want to be full time soccer people?
 - Geo – There are about 10 coaches that currently do soccer full time.
- Toby – Biggest pain point?
 - Geo – U11 funneling into competitive is behind. Not enough quality coaching at younger ages both in academy and rec.
- Anne – Do we have curriculum of what they should know?
 - Geo – We do for U11 and up but it also comes to execution. Winning isn’t everything. Technical level counts, too.
- Toby – Is there a difference between boys and girls?
 - Geo – Numbers make a big difference for the girls. Historically there have been more girls. Edmond has more numbers but when we have a talented team they usually catch up in competitive level by U14/15.

New league

- Christy – what are your thoughts on the new league?
 - Geo – has been much better than working with OSA

Did not review minutes from October.

Norman Forward – no updates

Fire in storage building – On November 27, 2017, at approximately 3am there was a fire in the storage building. It appears to be electrical but they just received the

release to go in. Steve thinks it started in the north end and moved south. They will be rebuilding the storage area over the next few months.

Chad met with Susie Simcox at First Fidelity. She was very complimentary of Toby and excited to be involved with NYSA.

Question raised as to how we would handle OPC fee increase. Don said possibly reduce field fees.

Classic cup and golf tournament wrap up – Good numbers. Up from last year.

Don sent out summary.

Steve – Tournament officiating was great. Team numbers were good even though we left OSA.

Christy – Most on time we've ever been.

Chad – would like to see better medals. Some trophy ceremonies didn't have staff.

Christmas party - The Gillis House

Steve very honored to be hosting. Feels it is a great way to build camaraderie among board members.

Don – requested to hold meeting for new position to discuss action steps and ideas. Tentatively set for the following Tuesday at Louie's.

Christy motioned to adjourn. Mark 2nd. Meeting adjourned.