

Eclipse Club General Board Meeting DRAFT Minutes

Monday December 11, 2023

Carlson Center Northern Lights Room from 6:30 - 7:30pm

1) **Call to Order** at 6:30pm by Melissa Websters, President ESC

2) **Approval of agenda items**

- Comments/Questions
- Matt motioned to approve, Gina Seconded. Meetings Agenda Approved

3) **Review/approval of minutes from last meeting: 8/15/23**

- Comments/Questions
- Dani Gray motioned, Susan Seitz seconded. Meeting Minutes approved.

4) **Treasurer's Report**

- Club Financials
- Monthly reconciliations need to improve. Only 4 teams have consistent submission. Please make this a priority.
- Signer changes need to be reviewed and updated. This is a good time of year to get this done. Please review signers and update/signer changes.

5) **Coaching:**

- Technical Director [\(TD\) Report](#)
 - Jan-March Schedule: In the works. Rec registration is done on 15 DEC. Once that schedule is set then Eclipse gym time will be assigned. Normally 1xweeknight, 1xweekend practice.
 - Eclipse FYSA winter games: FYSA/Eclipse Match Ups: Multiple members from FYSA/Eclipse and Referee organization. Met to talk about how to match teams, ensure positive environment. Talking through ideas on how to match skill level of players from Eclipse to Advanced rec teams. The goal is to get variety with games, mixing players. Eclipse coaches/Rec Coaches to meet before games are scheduled so that the competition and understanding can be positive.
 - Eclipse FYSA summer partnership: 6 or 7 Monday night sessions. Like a 'mastery Monday' type training during the summer. But also build and allow FYSA players to attend. Then there is an avenue and pathway for them to broaden and join Eclipse from Advanced Rec teams.
 - Team Camp: Reached out to John Keating. Excited to get new coaches and returning coaches.
 - March Keeper Training: Goal Keeper training who works with the Mexican National Team. March 12/13th goal keeper training is the proposal. Attempting to figure this proposed training based on projected costs, offsetting costs and how much it could cost for Eclipse/enrollment.

- Player Evaluations: Transitioning Player evaluations into 'Team Genius' player evaluations. This system is used by Alaska ODP and offers tracked, digital feedback options. Included into the fees (just \$7/player) included in fees.
- Summer Tournaments: Moving towards larger groups of teams travelling together. IN 2025, looking at the whole club travelling together to USA Cup. For Summer 2024, this is not possible and is considered the transition year.
 - Alaska Airlines cup is still a possibility if coaches want to attend in 2024. That will be a 'by team' decision.
 - Lake Oswego Cup is a good decision for all teams, in 2024. Mid/Late July, well organized, good competition.
 - In 2025, the Minnesota Trip would span two weekends, two different tournaments and make the most of the trip out of state.
- Coaches Meetings: Extra energy to coaches meetings. Player style and philosophy.
- Coaches Education: Consistent Education is coming and improving. THIS includes general house keeping and education in each meeting. Brian Lutz did the grass roots coaching session course. Many eclipse coaches were at the course and passed, from Eclipse and FYSA that also attended.
 - D course coming to Alaskas later this year, potentially in Anchorage but requesting it be Fairbanks since we may have more coaches available for this training.
- Can older players come out and help the younger players? Coaching and Refereeing could really be benefited. Maybe a minimum standard of volunteering/mentoring for each player? David will follow up next session.

6) AYSA Report

- State Cup- Kenai. Kenai/Soldotna. They will take place between the two schools. First weekend in August.
 - The club is assuming that all teams will attend.
 - AYSA is looking at keeping a certain number of teams in a bracket based off of past issues. More to Follow on if this would be a standard. Fewer games could also help support the current referee pool.
 - REFEREE CONVERSATION:
 - Extreme need for referees at every level.
 - Is there a way to help support the Referee organization when the scheduling for tournaments happens? Carl Tape would be a good person to ask. Allison Long will follow up with Carl to see if there is a way to support.
 - Could we use our older players to ref our younger players, gain experience and see if they like it?
- AYSA Technical director would like to do the C course in Alaska. Need more people.
- Heather Willis is the new president of AYSA.

- Member at Large Position: They may move away from the member at large positions because it is so many people to coordinate with. But that position becomes relevant if the voting members aren't available. Peter Beardsley is the current member at large, we are looking for a new one.

7) Old Business:

- Gaming Committee: Having a gaming license is not beneficial to the treasurer position but to the whole club. We must have a minimum of three people who will take the online, state of Alaska test for gaming. This would be helpful for all teams. We would be looking for three people who would be good at record keeping. Example: Alaska Lotto has \$50k opportunities for organizations who have a gaming license.
 - Three potential people who expressed slight interest in the gaming.
 - There is some structure in place to help with the gaming license. This may not be all or helpful at this time but it could be a starting point.
 - One per person? Sarah mentioned another person.
 - Mentioned that it could help to give a fundraising 'kick back' if a team were to take on the responsibility. That way it is less intimidating.
- P and P review: More meetings continue. There are more changes coming. Then the opportunity will be given to the board of directors. Hope to have the final voting done by March (as a current estimate).

8) New Business

- Uniforms— 14s to return or buy, will purchase the same for 16s and new 15s. Next cycle—looking to change to a less expensive option than a full kit (dry fit or reversible and one shorts)
 - Questions about what was told to the team about when they have to return their uniforms.
 - Next round of the youngest 'grass roots' players is to provide some sort of uniform for esprit de corps and camaraderie. Provided but inexpensive.
 - Dialogue about how to process this. Discussing why this is the best option: return or buy.
 - Talked about team 'blood' uniforms and maybe 'Eclipse wide or Academy Blood' uniforms so that players who are swinging up they have a matching uniform.
 - Question about the contract with Adidas: Wayne explained that every two years we work through the contract. Adidas tends to give the best deal to the coaches: This comes through as points to use on Soccer.com and can be used for gear, balls and other discounts. It makes it worth while.
 - Existing contract would end Sep 2024, so will be reviewed next summer.
 - Suggestion is that the uniform committee sets a meeting by March.
- Winter Schedule
- Team Travel for Winter '24: Don't know all the team travel that is planned this winter. 07-Phoenix, 08 to Vegas, 11/12B, 06/07G, 08/09G Phoenix in Feb,
- Team Budgets are due Feb 15: This is to submit a annual budget per team to the treasurer. A written estimate for the team fees, break down of costs, etc.
 - Question on the realistic timeline for Feb 15th. Team fees should be given out on this date so the travel expectation is known and the cost is known.

- That is the goal of identifying Manager/Treasurer/Board Rep in September.
- The Feb 15 date should be met to help parents understand all the costs.
- Communicating Opportunities for Players: TT, MM, guest playing, etc: Importance of parents and kids communicating with your coaches so you know what is available and what options would help achieve your goals.
 - Opportunities are coming forward e.g. technical tuesdays, mastery Mondays, etc
 - Please communicate with your coaches on your individual goals, player goals. They can guest play for other teams.

9) **For the good of the order.**

- FYSA 3v3 tournament. Open online until 15 December.
- Arctic Winter Games was already opened/closed and teams. They didn't reach out to Eclipse but was a website submission if a player was interested. Request to see if it could be followed and/or put out through Eclipse in future years as a growth opportunity for players.

In Attendance:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Team(s) represented</u>
Katrina LeMieux		09B, 11G
Matt Raymond		'11B
Dani Gray	Manager	13 B
Claire Kirby		15B
Jaime Witte		12G
Gena Horine		14B
Sarah Huguet	Club Treasurerer	
Amanda Miller	Club VP	
Charlie Parr	Club Coaches Board Rep	
Melissa Webster	Club President	
Wayne Horine	Registrar	
Keri Gelvin	Manager	14B/12G Manager
Melissa Clemente	Manager	13G
David Powers	Coach Director	

Rob Aitkin		07B, 09G
Allison Long	Club Secretary	
Susan Sitz		07/06G, 10B
Curt Nordin		12 B