

## **FCCI Board Meeting Minutes**

**5-2-22**

Tim, Matt, Jeremy, Kirt, John, and Matko were in attendance. Chris Downing was absent. Brenden, Natalie, and Sarah joined the call.

Tim called the meeting to order at 8:49 pm.

### **PCSL Update:**

- The season is just about to end. There have been no cancellations due to weather and all has gone well for the year.
- Hats off to Jason Willey for the excellent work he has done to train and obtain refs for the games.
- Otherwise there were no major issues so far this year.

### **FCCI Tourney:**

- There were 121 teams registered for the tournament heading into the tourney but a few withdrew for various reasons.
- We had a couple of U8 boys teams from Midstate that did not realize it was 7 v 7 and they arrived with players for 4 v 4. There was another team that withdraw because the bracket was not able to be filled out with competitive teams.
- There were a handful of referee issues but the crew handled them professionally overall.
- The weather was a challenge on the last day but overall the tournament team handled the changes well. The team talked about the need to have a clearer weather plan for future years and discussed how to deal with cancellations, finals, refunds, etc.
- We had one competitive situation in which a FCCI coach played a kid from a different team on their team to try to win. Brenden has dealt with the situation, the board has made it clear that this behavior is not consistent with our club philosophy, and Brenden and Natalee reached out with different potential solutions to try to make things right for the opposing team who was wronged. The situation has been dealt with to the satisfaction of everyone as best as it can be.

- Without final numbers, we are already on track for more profit this tournament than during the spring tournament last year.
- Overall the entire group was very thankful for Sarah, her hard work, and very complimentary of the job she did leading her second tournament.

### **GTG:**

- We have had to lean on staff for closing the gym down multiple nights.
- We have been able to bring in roughly \$105,000 in rental revenue through the year with two months left to go.
- Matt has a meeting with Larry and Mindy to talk through concerns with the facility. Items mentioned include fixing the seams in the turf, having more working lights in the parking light by the entrance, having hand dryers in the bathroom, and keeping the common areas cleaned more often.

### **FCCI Update:**

- We have tryouts coming up with the club this year. We will re-start the U8 program this year on the travel side.
- The group discussed ways to better market between the PCSL and travel sides of the club, especially at the younger ages that are moving into travel eligible ages.
- Brenden is going to reinforce the coaching and training at the younger ages for the Fall now that we have been through the first full year of the new systems, the integration with ECNL and CIU, and the new team and coaching make ups.
- Brenden feels like we are still behind in the second and third teams and wants to have an increased focus on basic skill development on those teams to help create depth in each age group. The board agrees this is a concern and there was additional conversation around this item.
- The CIYSA league will have some slight changes next year in order to give better consistency for league games. One of the items discussed is how to ensure that all kids are carded to the right team and not playing on multiple teams or gaming the systems. We anticipate there will be increased participation in the league this coming year instead of having so many teams playing in SLYSA leagues and having to travel each week to St. Louis.

- The tip sheets have been set and all coaches are now aware they are able to add optional tournaments to their schedule if they would like. Some of the coaches were unaware they could add tournaments this year if they wanted, but that will be addressed for next year. The goal will be that every team will be able to play one week, rest one week, repeat for the season.

### **Social Media:**

- Matt has been highlighting the tournament over the last few weeks. He is currently very focused on the tryouts push. He will continue to highlight juggle tags and set up other campaigns on camps and items in the summer.
- Matt will focus on the upcoming announcements around Eclipse and CIU tryouts.

### **Eclipse:**

- Tryouts for Eclipse start in the next few weeks.
- Pre Academy tryouts numbers are already fairly strong. The main team tryout numbers are lower than they were last year, but that is likely due to the fact most girls now understand where their likely team placement is.

### **Fundraising:**

- Chris and Kirt have met to establish a fundraiser schedule. There will be some smaller fundraisers to start with the goal of having larger ones in the offseasons.
- Overall we need to raise money in order to close the potential financial gaps for our new fields, programming, staffing, etc.

### **Financial:**

- Matt is working through the audit with the CPA and working through the financial consolidation between the multiple accounts. This is taking longer than expected due to the complexity and the various years being included.

### **Sale Barn Fields:**

- The city council meeting will be on 5-9-22. Jeremy and Tim will represent the club and do a short presentation outlining the requested annexation, field build out plans, and ask for formal council approval of everything that was passed through the planning commission. If approved as expected, this will formally allow the club to start the bidding processes, applying for permits, and starting the building process.
- Due to the pushed back dates, the turf contractor has relayed its increased skepticism of being able to install artificial turf fields on the original schedule. The board discussed the prioritization needs of the club along with the current financials in order to determine potential alternative paths. If we are not able to get dirt the permits to begin digging by the end of the month, it is unlikely that the artificial turf contractor will be able to do the earthwork for the fields. Jeremy, Dale, and Andy are working with other contractors to see what price estimates would be to shift this work in order to try to keep us on pace.
- Jeremy expressed thanks to Dale, Andy, and David Brown for their extra work to redesign various aspects of the project in order to cut costs and save money through more efficient work while breaking the project into phases. Jeremy expressed increased concern around timelines and our financials, even with the phasing efforts. It appears the most efficient way to build will be to do all the in ground work (dirt, irrigation, electrical, stormwater, etc.) first regardless of when that phase will come online. Unless we are able to raise more money, this may put us into a position of needing to delay the artificial turf and building until later.
- We continue to pay for both facilities. While we have delayed some of the Sale Barn costs as much as we can (especially around mowing), we will not be able to delay forever. There could be potential volunteer options here.
- Jeremy stressed that we may need help from those in our club to help raise money or reduce costs via services. Kirt provided a potential contact for dirt work. Anyone who wants to help should be directed to Jeremy.

**The Meeting was adjourned at 10:22 pm.**