

Lake Country Soccer - Minutes for Board Meeting: March 31, 2011

In attendance: Dan Wichmer (president), Mike Pyles (vice president), Kelly Ross (executive director), Kim Reser (Parks Superintendent), Bill Garoutte, Scott Henderson, Brenda Turnbull, David Cheek (secretary),

The meeting was called to order by President Wichmer at 5:33pm.

The minutes of the January, 2011, meeting were approved.

The financial report for 2010 was approved.

The financial reports for January – February 2011 were approved.

Treasurer's report accepted and approved:

Executive Director's report highlights:

March tournament had 35 teams.

There will be no March tourney in 2012, reason given that it is too close to the Border Battle held the first weekend in March at the Overland Park Soccer Complex. Our March tournament attendance has dropped from 140 teams in 2008, 105 in 2009, 47 in 2010, to 35 teams in 2011.

Question came up as to what percentage of our total revenues comes from tournaments and the answer was deemed to be approximately 200k/800k.

Question came up about a recreational league tourney (non-competitive) and the idea was dismissed , reason given that recreational teams will not travel, even from as near as Marshfield.

Discussion about Kansas City area turf fields included a projection that there will soon be 36 turf fields in the area: 12 in Overland Park, 12 in Olathe, and 12 more at the Sporting KC facility near the race track. This news causes staff to be concerned about our ability to make budget. General feeling is that more potential fields (in Kansas City) means we have to offer extra special care in our tourneys.

Question by Bill G as to whether our board "is a policy making board or are we really in the conversation". Among others, Kim Reser confirmed we are a policy making board.

April tourney has 116 teams. Above budget.

Kelly is planning a soccer tennis fundraiser to be held on our sister park's tennis courts. We have 6 courts on reserve for Saturday June18.

Kelly says spring leagues team numbers are up, minor league is up. Mini's and juniors not maxed out but in good shape.

Girls' spring middle school league issue: We got more response than ever for middle school soccer, including about 100 kids from Pipkin and Jarrett who wanted to play but had no cleats or shin guards (scholarship players). Kelly and Dan, with some discussion by the board, decided to say yes to the players and try to find money to cover getting them shoes and shin guards. We rallied, with some key community support including a large donation from Play It Again Sports and also \$1,000 from Empire Bank. It is expected this need will arise annually now.

Cooper 1 Scoreboard: It is expected that Lake Country may incur out of pocket expense for this. Timing seems to be before the first Greenwood game this fall. Some discussion of addition donors came up but nothing noteworthy.

Cooper 1 Pressbox: Missouri State Women's Soccer and the Springfield Park Board will bid to host a Missouri Valley women's soccer semi-finals and finals in Springfield (1st weekend in November 2011), and subject to winning the bid, the park board has agreed to upgrade the pressbox with regard to telephone lines, data lines, and TV capability.

Other Meeting highlights:

Chad Jaeger resigned from the board due to a job relocation to Kansas City. A committee was approved to work on filling the position. Committee = Bill Garoutte, Mike Pyles, Brenda Turnbull. Hopes are to find a person who has the following characteristics: professional expertise, contacts in the community, soccer knowledge, youth development knowledge, and ties to Lake Country if at all possible.

Discussion on the memorial scholarship for Robert Pharris was tabled.

We will be shutting down all soccer fields for practice this fall (including 10-under) so as to rest them because they are in bad shape. Included this discussion was to try to develop a long term maintenance strategy using field rotations in order to not have to do a total field shutdown again.

Kelly Ross is president of the Missouri Youth Soccer Association.

And finally, we ended by talking about 3v3 field sizes required for various age groups, thinking about the possibility of running a 3v3 tournament indoors.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54pm.