

Lake Country Soccer Board Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2006

Meeting called to order at 5:58

Board Members Present: Jan Stahle, Mike Pyles, Larry Krauck, Angela Fiester, Dan Wichmer, Don Christenson.

Board Members Absent: Tal Kroll and Jerry Carroll.

Visitors Present: Kim Reser and Jeremy Alumbaugh.

A motion was made by Dan and 2nd by Larry to approve the minutes from November. Motion passed.

President's Report

Jan discussed the need for a new furnace/AC in the concessions area. Dan made a motion and it was 2nd by Angela to get 3 quotes and have Kelly purchase a new system. Motion passed.

Jan discussed that he would like to see the dome painted and redo the bathroom with new toilets, etc. Jan will work to get the plumbing donated. Jan also proposed having a strategic planning session for the future in late August of 2007.

Don talked with Kelly regarding sponsorships. Kelly plans to approach people approved through Kim who are not also clients of the Park Board. Suggestions of business to call on include Prime and Oasis, as many of the board members know the owner. A motion was made by Larry and 2nd by Dan for Kelly to earn a 25% commission on all new advertising he secures for LCS and a 5% earning on all existing accounts on a yearly basis. Motion passed.

Executive Director's Report

NETWORK & WEB SITE ISSUES

Our network server went down over the weekend of the ice/snow storms. This caused us an inability to save our information on our server. This was probably due to a power spike in the building's electrical systems, which caused the server connectivity to deactivate to our three primary desktops in the administrative offices. The problem was quickly solved by resetting the server connectivity to our port network box.

The web site domain name registration was set to renew over the Nov. 30th weekend. However, the person who initially registered the domain name failed to fully complete the renewal process. I immediately contacted Hammerhead Communications for any assistance. However, the only solution rested with the person who initially registered the domain name. After four furious days of trying to contact that person directly, the issue was finally resolved on Friday, December the 8th. The domain name has been renewed for an additional 12 months. We will be transferring the domain name registration to Network Solutions next week which will give us an additional registration of 24 months.

2007 TOURNAMENTS (Spring)

Our applications to host our spring 2007 tournaments were received by the Missouri Youth Soccer Association office on November 15th of this year. The registrar, Deb Eisen, from what I understand, is solely responsible for approving applications to host tournaments, and to date, have not reviewed our applications. Through round about information, I was strongly encouraged today, to remove all references to our 2007 tournaments until we receive notification that our events have been officially sanctioned. This

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was executed earlier this morning. Promoting tournament events before receiving sanctioning approval usually results in a fine assessed against the member association.

2006 FALL BOYS CLASSIC

The chapter on the Fall Boys Classic involving the non-registered team (TEAM EURO) from St. Louis has been closed. The MYSA State Board assessed a \$250 fine against Lake Country and required us to offer 1 of 2 options to two of the affected teams; a full refund of the entry fee OR free entry into any one 2007 tournament event. Both teams opted for the full refund. Additionally, Lake Country Soccer has been placed on probation through November 2007.

SPRINGFIELD/GREENE COUNTY HEALTH DEPT

September of 2006, the Springfield/Greene County Health Department issued a city wide memo to all food vendors regarding the status of a Mr. Deb. Rose and the matter of the definition of a "service animal."

"Due to numerous complaints and recent discussions of the definition of service animals with the U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, this department has made the decision not to allow Ms. Debby Rose to enter a Food Establishment with her monkey. According to the U.S. Department of Justice definition of service animals, such an animal must be able to perform a specific task for people with disabilities. It has become apparent that this monkey does not qualify as a service animal.

Please be advised that should Ms. Rose be allowed to enter your Food Establishment with her monkey, you will be in violation of the 1999 Missouri Food Code Section 6-501.115 which is a critical violation. Should this person or another person accompanying her with a monkey, refuse to leave the premises with the animal, you are directed to call this Department at (tel #) for assistance or after hours, the Police Dept. (Tel #)"

Ms. Rose was in the building on Monday the 4th and was, shortly thereafter, asked to leave the premises with the animal in hand. No further issues on this matter to report.

NOV 30TH / DEC 1 CLOSURES

Due to the ice and snow storms and the day after fall out, the SoccerDome was closed and all events scheduled for Nov. 30th and Dec. 1st were canceled. All affected games have been rescheduled and all teams were notified via direct telephone call to the team contact/captain.

USSF AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

I am still deftly interested in switching affiliations for our recreational youth programs to another USSF affiliate member. I have reviewed the websites of the United States Sports Specialty Association (www.ussssa.com) and the Soccer Association for Youth (www.saysoccer.org). My primary concern regarding MYSA / USYS affiliation is value added membership and delivery of services. I am confident that, by switching our recreational membership to another USSF affiliate will save Lake Country Soccer approximately \$1500 - \$3000 per registration year. I am in the process of drafting a comparative document showing the pros and cons of all possible affiliations and their direct or indirect impact on existing programs and activities.

SISTER CITIES CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM

On Wednesday, December 12th, I met with Araceli Hanks who serves as the Committee Chair for the Tlaquepaque, Mexico Sister Cities Cultural Exchange program. This was an information session to gain insight into how the program was developed, the objectives of the program and the anticipated 2007 timelines.

Although we can begin some initial planning for our 2007 event, there won't be any definitive decisions made until late March. This is greatly due to recent elections which have occurred in Tlaquepaque and the changing and/or shifting of municipal council members. Arturo Morones (sp?) who was heading up the Sports Initiatives Committee in Tlaquepaque has been elected to the City Council. Based on information Mrs. Hanks shared, it is hoped that Morones continues to oversee the Exchange program or appoints a replacement who will oversee the program.

The City of Springfield and the Chamber of Commerce will be sending a delegation to Tlaquepaque March 14-18 for commerce information exchange. This delegation is geared more toward the business end for Springfield. The Sister Cities Cultural Exchange Program will be sending a delegation the following week (March 21-27) regarding cultural initiatives. Mrs. Hanks believes, this would be an excellent opportunity

to include a member of the Park Board and/or Lake Country Soccer, to speak directly with municipal leaders on the Soccer Exchange and to finalize details of the 2007 and 2008 exchange programs. It is anticipated to bring in four additional American teams to compete with the Mexico team. Five teams total where each team plays a total of four games in the event. 1 game played per day. The event is to be mixed with other Springfield cultural activities. There will be no fee or a very small entry fee to teams to help offset hosting expenses.

The event, based on prior conversations is slated to be hosted June 28th – July 5th. 2007.

ADVERTISING (Facility)

Signs. Now a national franchise sign manufacturing business; a local franchise owned by Rusty and Leslie Skinner, will be producing some signage for us to post in the interior of the SoccerDome to aid us in promoting that we do have advertising space available for lease. The Skinners are providing us this service at no cost to us; in exchange for the ability to post signage for their business in the facility. They have children who play in our leagues here. We should have the promotional signs up by the end of the year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

President's Day 3v3 Tournament: We have been tinkering with the idea of hosting a one (1) day indoor, 3v3 tournament on President's Day. This event will be open to high school aged boys teams only and limited to 16 teams in order to complete group play in an eight hour time frame.

Spring Break 3v3 Tournament: We are also considering doing the same for different age groups over spring break staying within the one day – 8 hour concept and limited to 16 teams per event. After calculated expenses, each one day tournament could net approximately \$700-\$1000 per day.

We are looking into purchasing additional small galvanized steel goals and costs associated with temporary lines to be placed on the field turf.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TIME OUT OF OFFICE

Monday, December 18th – will be in around 12:00p noon – returning from Chicago/Kansas City due to an MISL game

Friday, December 29th – out of office; travel to Milwaukee due to MISL game

Friday, January 12th – out of office; travel to Kansas City for USSF Referee Instruction course ITIP

Friday, January 19th – out of the office travel to Baltimore/Philadelphia due to MISL games

Friday, February 16th – out of office; travel to Kansas City for National Futsal Symposium and Tournament

Facility Administrator's Report

November 13 we began our Indoor Session 1 with 2 classes of mini kickers and 2 classes of junior kickers for our Youth Development Program. That number is typical due to some kids being gone playing basketball in the winter. We have 148 teams total this session and the 2nd session in January is always a lot larger. Last years statistics for indoor were 112 for the first session and 144 for second session. As you can see, the numbers for this year are a great deal higher than last year at this time. Our only problem continues to be a lack of available practice time for teams. We have decided that next year we will not be able to schedule any practices before our schedules for each session are complete because we need more time on the futsal field for games.

This month I have invoiced all of the hotels for rebates from our 2 Fall Classic Tournaments in October, many of which are already coming back in. I have also invoiced the club, high school, and college teams that used our outdoor fields in the fall. The students from SBU are still working on our on-line program for field rentals that should be complete in April. Advertising for the October tournaments has also been invoiced, so there should be a good deal of funds coming within the next month.

Our deadline for the 2nd session of indoor is December 20 and play will begin on January 22nd. Again, we are planning for a larger session and we already know of 8-10 teams coming from out of the area, such as West Plains, Green Forest, AR, Mountain View,

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Waynesville, etc. Those teams require weekend only, and sometimes Saturday only games which makes scheduling interesting. For the mini and junior kickers we have changed our days of the week for classes. This session we will offer a separate mini and junior class on Saturdays, as a way to catch those kids that are too busy in the evenings. We hope to have a good turnout.

Treasurer's Report

Tal was unable to come to the meeting and will present the November and December at the next meeting.

Old Business

Jan discussed getting the Nominating Committee together regarding the 9th position on the board. Kim reported she has ideas for nominees and Larry will send out an e-mail to get a meeting together.

Don made a motion and it was 2nd by Dan to get out the new bylaws out and reset the board terms to meet the new bylaws.

Dan discussed the idea of clubs to partner with us to build a 3rd indoor field. Much discussion then in sued.

Meeting adjourned at 7 pm.