

Lake Country Soccer Board Meeting Minutes  
January 25, 2007

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

Board Members Absent: Tal Kroll.

Staff Present: Kelly Ross and Katie Ellsworth

Visitor's Present: Kim Reser and David Cheek.

#### President's Report

Jan reported that Kelly will get two more bids for the Heating/Air Conditioning unit. Jan has checked the bids that Kelly has already gotten and asked his employee his opinion. A motion was made by Jerry and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan to purchase the new heating/air conditioning unit if it comes in at \$4200.00 or less. Approved.

There was also a discussion of having board meetings every other month. We would begin in March and begin meeting the last Thursday of every other month. The Treasurer's Report, Executive Director's Report, and Facility Administrator's report would be done on a monthly basis and sent out via e-mail. A motion was made by Don and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan to have an electronic board meeting on the even months and a meeting at LCS on the odd numbered months on the last Thursday of the month. Approved.

#### Executive Director's Report

##### 2007 Spring Tournament Updates

GSASC Champions Challenge: A few inquires via email coming in on a daily basis. 24 teams already registered on-line. Deadline to apply is February 16<sup>th</sup>.

LCS Friendship Invitational: A few inquires received via email. No on-line registrations received to date. New concept is alien to most, if not all teams. Have sent emails to a number of club presidents and/or director's of coaching in Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas, Southwestern Iowa, Southeastern Nebraska and western Tennessee.

President's Day 3v3: No applications received to date. We are considering a 3v3 indoor tournament for spring break week for other age groups; subject to school attendance options currently being reviewed by Springfield Public Schools due to weather related closings. During the meeting it was discovered that school is now in session on President's Day due to the ice storm which results in the tournament's cancellation.

Discussions ensued about the Friendship Invitational. Options were given to get more interest and it was stated that this concept is uncommon to a lot of teams. Don reported that he went to many of these types of tournaments when his daughter played. He stated that he will contact local coaches to participate in this tournament and phone numbers will be given to him.

##### Advertising Update

Signs have been posted on the futsal and indoor boards; giving notice that advertising space is now available. I have spoken with a number of individuals who have expressed interest in purchasing space.

Heating / Cooling Unit Replacement update:

I initially had three quotes for HVAC unit replacement from Springfield area businesses. Each quote was right around the \$5,000 mark for unit purchase and installation. Jan Stahle made a few calls and additional quotes will be received within the next couple of days; which may save us a substantial amount of money. If we purchase a unit ourselves and have a company install, the warranties for installation aren't as strong, as they would be, if the company purchased and installed (mark-ups) including labor, parts, etc.

Tlaquepaque; Sister Cities Update:

The Sister Cities delegation is scheduled to go to Tlaquepaque the weekend of the Champions Challenge tournament, therefore, I won't be able to join this year. However, it is believed that a trip in the future would well serve Lake Country Soccer if the ED were to attend. No additional contact with SSE chair. Will make contact next week for an update.

S.A.Y. Still strongly interested in registering our recreational players with S.A.Y. beginning this fall 2007. S.A.Y. per player registration fees are only \$8.00. We currently pay MYSA between \$9.00 (U10 and younger) and \$11.00 (U11 and up) per player, regardless if they are recreational or competitive. Additionally, we pay MYSA \$10.00 for each coach/administrator registered and (\$9.00 registration and \$1.00 for KIDSAFE.). With S.A.Y. soccer, there is no fee for registering coaches or administrators.

Theoretically, we could save an estimated \$1500 for players and \$1000 for coaches/administrators. I am still drafting the comparison between MYSA and SAY for costs, benefits, etc. A discussion ensued and Kelly will find out the deductible for SAY.

LIGHTING I had six field lights replaced on Tuesday. They had been burned out since session 2. This cost approximately \$800. The west light pole in the parking lot burned out last month, and was repaired on Tuesday. This only cost \$40.

FIRE MARSHAL INSPECTION On Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, we underwent our annual inspection by the City Fire Marshal and Risk Manager. We passed on most items. There are two emergency (egress) lights and two emergency exit lamps which need to be replaced. We will need to have an inspection performed on our emergency systems (i.e. sprinkler, alarms, etc.) These inspections MUST be performed annually. I am seeking bids from companies that perform this service.

ADVERTISING PURCHASE; LCS & KY3: I have spoken with Tully Lale, the account executive with KY3, whom LCS purchased the LCS promo during the World Cup last summer about ad packages for LCS later this year. I will be drafting a proposal for the Board's review with specific details by the next board meeting. I met with Tully on Thursday, January 18.

Staff Meeting: Held a staff meeting with the part-time staff to review points of emphasis for Session 2. I stressed the importance of keeping the appearance of the facility clean and presentable. This includes greater attention to the bathrooms on a regular rotation. Also stressed the importance of personal appearance and customer service. The staff meeting was held on Tuesday, January 16.

Flag retirement & dedication: Today, January 25<sup>th</sup>, we conducted a flag retirement and dedication ceremony, performed by the R.O.T.C. program of Missouri State University. A new United States flag and a new Missouri state flag were raised. Photos will be posted to our web site. In consideration for the MSU R.O.T.C program conducting this

ceremony for us, we will allow them free use of our indoor facility, for an hour, on a yet to be determined day in February, at 6:00am.

2007 ICE STORM We closed the facility on Sat. the 13<sup>th</sup>, Sun. the 14<sup>th</sup> and Mon. the 15<sup>th</sup> due to issues related to the ice storm. All games were rescheduled to Wed. the 24<sup>th</sup>, Sat. the 27<sup>th</sup>, Sun. the 28<sup>th</sup>. The Session 2 games scheduled on those dates were rolled back to later in the Session. We also opened the facility to OPEN PLAY on Wed. the 17<sup>th</sup>, Thur. the 18<sup>th</sup>, Fri. the 19<sup>th</sup> and Mon. the 22<sup>nd</sup> between 1:00pm and 5:00pm. We had nearly 70 participants on each day ranging in age from 7 years old up through the Missouri State University men's soccer team.

#### Facility Administrator's Report

As we had predicted last month, numbers of participants for our 2<sup>nd</sup> session indoor are at an all time high. As Katie had reported, our total number of teams for the first session this year was 148, with 144 being our highest number ever in the past. For the 2<sup>nd</sup> session we have a total of 170 teams! Our futsal field has over 50 teams which is very good and covers kids from U8 to U12. Although we are thrilled with the participation numbers, it has created some scheduling issues, most notably that one open division and the O30 men and women will not be able to begin play until the beginning of March because we have no open time to fit them in. This is exacerbated by the fact that the High School Girls teams have to complete their indoor season by Feb. 25 in order to obey the rules for their high school spring soccer. The adults have not complained too much, but it is disappointing to wait that long, and because of that we will have no 3<sup>rd</sup> indoor session for those teams because there will be no time to complete the season before summer session begins. We have discussed limiting the number of adult teams for next year, but it is difficult to set a number due to the teams who say they cannot play on particular nights. As discussed at the last meeting, because of the huge increase in need for the futsal field for games, some practices had to be cancelled because it was necessary to use the 7:30 time slot for games during the week. This was after utilizing the field from, 5:30 -8:30 pm on Fridays, 8 am to 9 pm on Saturdays and the 5:30 and 6:30 pm slots weekdays other than the 4 hours during the week used for minis and juniors. Practice time was not used for game times on Sundays as to not interrupt a large practice day for 3 local clubs. To aid the clubs in finding other practice areas to use, Park Board resources were utilized and coaches were given names and numbers of gymnasiums to call to schedule their rentals.

During the weekend of the ice storm LCS cancelled games on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. The dome never lost power and we were able to resume games on Tuesday. The games called that weekend were rescheduled for the weekend of January 27 and 28, same time and same opponent. Kelly also had the great idea to open the dome last week on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Monday from 1-5 pm for open play for all the kids stuck at home for free. It went great and many days we had 60-70 kids playing in the afternoon. Mini and Juniors will be playing Monday and Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Our next task will be to complete outdoor paperwork and run it through the approval board for the public schools. We have already begun discussions regarding different field layouts for league and practices to give the south fields a much needed rest.

### Old Business

The Nominating Committee reported that Bob Florez is not interested in being a board member. Another idea is Rich Kramer of RK Construction.

Kelly reported that Bob Murray was asked to resign from MYSA. Jan reported he will not be able to attend the MYSA AGM on March 4<sup>th</sup> so Dan Wichmer agreed to go with Kelly.

David Cheek spoke to the Board of Directors regarding ideas he had regarding getting new teams and players out of the small towns around Springfield. The idea would include contacting organizations in these outer areas to then contact teams and play “friendlies” here in Springfield. His other idea is a LCS “Fun Day” where families would eat and play carnival like soccer skill games and have a dunk tank. This could be a large fundraiser if a great deal of the products could be donated.

Adjourned 6:46 pm.