

**Connecticut Junior Soccer Association**

**Board of Directors' Meeting**

**October 13, 2009**

The following were in attendance: Al Bell, Tim Blake, Dave Brouillette, Tony Carvalho, Dick Cavanaugh, Joe Conte, Michael Dahlem, Andrea Duffy, Maggie Girard, Marc Glass, Brett Jones, Milan Keser, Tom Mattera, Paul Ormiston, Chafik Rebai, Robbie Rickert, John Riley, Tom Skarbek, Joe Zizik, Kathy Zolad, Sue Schultz and Austin Daniels.

The following were absent: Jim Brown and Joe Filippetti.

Minutes:

The minutes of September 14, 2009 were approved.

**Monthly Financial Statement:**

John Riley reviewed the financial report as of September 30, 2009. He noted that on the income side, both recreation and adults were significantly below income, which means we are not getting everyone registered. He then reviewed the statement for the first month of 2010 – there were no questions by the Board.

**Cup:**

Kathy noted that the increase in protest fees to \$300 seemed to be working – there were no protests. Sue advised that the all went well on the whole and managed to get most games in.

**Tournaments:**

The following tournaments were sanctioned and approved:

Clinton Invitational Tournament	May 22-23, 2010
Oakwood Premier Invitational	May 29-31, 2010

**Life Member:**

Milan advised that he has received names for proposed Life Members and the Committee will meet to review and make recommendations to the Board. It was noted that there is a criteria for Life Member approval – the Committee makes its recommendations and the Board makes its decision.

**Recreation:**

The patch contest deadline is November 1<sup>st</sup>. To date there are three entries. Marc asks that the District VP's promote it in their districts. Sales of the patches have gone down, so this may be the last year to offer it.

**Risk Management:**

The issue of background checks for indoor facilities personnel was discussed.

**Motion was made by Dave Brouillette, seconded by Joe Conte, to add to the Risk Management Policy that any commercial indoor facility requesting to be sanctioned by CJSA must first have background checks completed by all owners and management staff. (The CJSA Office will be responsible for monitoring that these are accomplished). Vote: Yes;16 No;0 Abstentions: 2 Motion passed.**

**SYRA:**

Jim Brown was not in attendance. He did request that all districts get the word out to their districts regarding goalpost safety.

**Administrator's Report:**

U.S. Youth has announced that 2010 grants are available. Information is posted on the website. Andrea noted that there is now a grant for recreation programs.

**DOC:**

Austin handed out the current licensing course schedule. He also advised that he had been invited to meet with the Technical Committee of U.S. Soccer Federation in Washington, DC. This is a follow-up meeting to one held in San Jose, CA earlier this year.

**ODP:**

Austin spoke of the new ODP staff (resumes were presented to the Board). He noted that there were two women in the group. He suggested that we should look at our districts to see potential women candidates for coach positions and be sure they are taking the proper license courses. Tom Mattera suggested that districts consider holding a D license course which would give Austin a chance to view potential candidates.

**Motion was made by Rebai Chafik, seconded by Tom Skarbek, to approve the list of new ODP staff as presented. Vote: Yes;18 No;0 Abstentions; none Motion passed.**

### **TopSoccer:**

U.S. Youth Soccer has added a new award – “**Buddy of the Year**” Award. Criteria for nomination is –

(1) nominee has demonstrated patience, understanding, dependability, flexibility and ability to adjust to ever-changing on-field situations;

(2) nominee has proven to be an invaluable volunteer who facilitates the Program by filling many roles, including being a coach, a cheerleader, a role model and assisting when needed with administrative responsibilities;

(3) nominee has provided support, engaged players one-on-one, and modeled desired behavior in group play or off to the side of group play; and

(4) nominee is cognizant of player safety while assisting, guiding, directing, teaching the game of soccer and its skills, and creating a fun and learning experience.

The deadline for submission of nominations is November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Motion by Andrea Duffy, seconded by Tom Skarbek, to add the “ TopSoccer Buddy of the Year Award” to awards given by CJSA. *Vote: Yes;18 No;0 Abstentions;None Motion passed.***

### **SoccerHaven:**

Austin spoke of the success of the SoccerHaven program which has been held in conjunction with the City of New Haven and the New Haven Soccer Club in New Haven at the John Daniels School for the last few years. Participation in the program is tied into school grades and conduct. Usually 50 to 60 children sign up, with 40 to 50 actually attending.

**Motion by Tom Mattera, seconded by Dave Brouillette, to contribute \$2,500 to the SoccerHaven program (these funds to be taken from the Recreation budget). *Vote: Yes;18 No;0 Abstentions;none Motion passed.***

It was also noted that if there are other districts interested in having a program, they should contact Austin.

### **Financial Report (Kostin, Rufkess & Co.):**

John Riley reviewed the report from Kostin, Rufkess regarding their audit of financial statements for the year ending 8/31/2008. He noted that there were significant deficiencies regarding internal controls, some of which have already been addressed. There were material weaknesses in controls, primarily having to do with the districts (i.e. payment of bills, etc.) He advised that if the districts were to produce budgets, it would be easier to track where the funds go. He also advised that the onus was on the districts to get their financial information to the State office timely. Tony suggested that we may want to consider hiring qualified staff to serve all the districts’ finances. Kathy suggested that the Finance

Committee look into that possibility, as well as meet with the Northwest representatives to go over their financial issues.

**AGM/Elections:**

Kathy advised that the current First V.P. and Secretary have announced their intentions to run again. Other candidates must submit their names by November 15<sup>th</sup>. Proposed changes to rules must be submitted by November 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Sanction of Indoor Facility:**

United Athletic Centers (UAC) has requested sanctioning of its facility located in Fairfield, CT. It is an indoor/outdoor facility, which Kathy has inspected.

**Motion made by Tom Skarbek, seconded by Joe Conte, to sanction the United Athletic Centers (UAC), pending background check approval of owners and management staff. Vote: Yes;17 No;0 Abstentions;1 Motion passed.**

**Select Physical Therapy Agreement:**

Kathy reviewed the proposed trade partnership agreement with Select Physical Therapy. Select will provide trainers for Cup and ODP events, use of 24 hr. injury hotline for CJSA players/parents/referees, etc. and CJSA will provide a link for Select on its website, as well as allow attendance by Select representatives at the AGM. A question arose whether this partnership could be extended to tournaments.

**Motion by Tom Skarbek, seconded by Milan Keser, to approve the agreement with Select Physical Therapy. Vote: Yes;18 No;0 Abstentions; none Motion passed.**

**President's Remarks:**

Kathy advised of a letter she received from Larry Monaco regarding registration numbers and the Adidas contract, and the need to show growth. She explained to him the difficulties we have had with Blue Sombrero as far as our registrations. How we are doing as compared to US Club and AYSO is something we need to look into and should be able to receive the information from the Federation. Kathy also advised that we have 3 more years under the Score contract and that the uniforms have been working out very well.

**Good of the Game:**

Paul Ormiston mentioned a meeting he had with the Portuguese Athletic Club in Danbury and their willingness to help our young players.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Robbie Rickert, Secretary

