

Minutes/Draft
Eclipse Board Meeting 9-26-2011 3:00-4:45 pm
Morris Thompson Center

Meeting Started at: 3:05 pm

Members Present: Amy Geiger, Sue Signor, Anita Simpson, Lisa Bishop, Paula Everts, John Mayer, Greg Gibson, Michelle Steel, Steve Steel, Eric Nace, James Moore, Ernesta Moore, Dennette Marks, Deb Triplehorn, Bev Luoma, Eric Court, Emmy Marshall, Justin Racette

Review and Approval of Minutes: John Mayer moved to approve the 8-28-11 minutes. Steve Steel seconded. Minutes approved.

- Financial Update (Sue) –Sue gave a financial update to the board. Currently we have \$24,069.74 in checking and \$15,705.83 in savings of which \$3,708.14 is earmarked for soccerships. A year-end financial update will be provided at the AGM 10-16-11.
- Goal Keeper Trainer Update (Eric) - Eric said there is not much new until we get inside. Our next goalie session is on October 9th, 1 hr for youngers and 1 hour olders. Gym time is scheduled. Eric said a lot of younger kids are coming to training. Eric would like to see serious goalie candidates only to training sessions.
- Update on FYSA Activities - No FYSA representative available at the board meeting. FYSA is working on risk management and going through all of their by laws at the next couple of meetings.

Old Business:

- Play up policy - A committee has been formed to evaluate the playup policy. Kip Harmon is leading the committee and Eric Court, Michelle Steel, Howard Maxwell, Dennette Marks, and Paula Everts are also on the committee. Eric Court gave a brief update on the status of the committee and they will have their first meeting October 3rd. The committee is compiling opinions via e-mails. Eric Court said the committee needs to keep in mind the relativity of our club vs other clubs and locations in the country and be realistic and look at the same size. Amy echoed Eric's sentiments. In addition she shared that there have been concerns brought forward on the inconsistency in how the club applied the policy this year and would like to see it cleaned up. Amy also said the policy should be rather simple which includes a skill based evaluation component on play-ups and added that only the highly skilled should ever be considered for play up, and should be extremely rare. Amy would like to provide an update on the committee at the AGM.
- Bhutan Donations - Dennette Marks will be collecting any outdoor cleats, balls, etc at the AGM to send to Bhutan refugees. Dennette is very excited to be getting soccer gear sent to them who are in great need.
- Mentors for 02 Coaches –Bruce Gard is going to be Eric Nace's mentor and Alan McGinty is Justin Racette's.
- Continuing Coaches Education/Individual Skills Clinics – Amy shared that all coaches will be participating in Coach Development and Individual Skills development sessions on scheduled Sundays throughout the season to learn from our own coaches and to also run their own sessions. All coaches have strong points in different areas and it is a great way to share with other coaches, along with being economical for our club. The Coaching Coordinator will be working with coaches on these coaching sessions where the first hour coaches run a session,

then coaches are players. The Coaching Coordinator will be communicating with coaches on these future sessions and expectations.

- Gym Time – Lisa Bishop has been scheduling the club gym times at Lathrop and Tanana on Sundays. Lisa has sent the schedule out to coaches and coaches were able to ask for their gym time they wanted. Lisa added that between scrimmaging and flexible schedules that there still is time at Lathrop. Gym time is getting very busy toward spring so get your requests in! So far it is a great improvement from last year with goalie and academies gym times already set. Sue added to keep in mind that there has been an increase in gym fees from the FNSB. We are finalizing what those numbers look like.
- **2011 AGM will be Sunday, October 16th, 4:30-6:30 pm at Randy Smith.** Teams can bring team items to sell. Each team to donate an item for door prizes which will be given out as door prizes to those attending. Coaches/Managers please e-mail Amy Geiger the item you will be donating so that the executive board can put a list together. The item can be brought to the AGM that day. All families need to see the potluck food assignments by last name. The team with the highest participation gets a pizza party!!!

New Business:

- Club Contact List Update – Lisa Bishop asked all Coaches and Board reps for the board distribution list to be updated with the addition of 02 teams for the Club Registrar and the website. The contact list was sent around at the board meeting and Lisa has e-mailed teams for updates. Please get this important information to Lisa ASAP.
- Strong 2011 Tryouts – Amy shared that we had over 230 players come to tryouts. Through advertising and word of mouth it was a very successful tryout.
- Website– Bill Mitchell, the new Eclipse Club Webmaster, has redesigned the club website for the club and Amy circulated a sample of his changes and attempt to making it user friendly. It was agreed that the website changes are positive. Amy would like to see the background changed from white and add additional links such as Coaches coordinator/coach education and Jennifer Templeton Tournament. Thank you Bill for your time in providing this great resource for the club, and Howard for his many years dedicated in the past maintaining our website.
- Coaching Coordinator/Goalie Coordinator – Sue talked about the increase in fees to help fund the coaching coordinator and goalie coordinator positions and how we will be collecting the team fee. Sue will suggest at the AGM that each player contribute \$10 per player for each team. With 18 players a team will pay \$180, 14 players \$140; This will become a per player fee. In the past it was a flat \$100 per team, but Sue added that it is more logical to charge each player the fee, especially when we are looking at 18 player rosters. All attending the board meeting agreed this is a valid way to do it. This is a separate charge to players and is not included into the club dues, which cover player tournament fees and coaches per diem and gas.
- Raffle Coordinator - The Club is looking for a Club Raffle Coordinator to run the raffle for the 2011-2012 season. This is a vital part of the club and provides club revenue between \$6,000 - \$7,000 yearly. The Raffle Coordinator needs to take the State of Alaska Gaming License Test. Beckie Crawford and Tammy Kosa did an amazing job organizing and coordinating and organizing this past year's raffle. The board thanks them for their time and energy making it a success. Amy will follow up with Beckie and Tammy on their involvement for the 2011-12 raffle. Let your teams know that we are in great need of volunteers to step up for this important position.
- Increased funding for Coaches Continued Education: Amy talked about recent requests for reimbursement for coaches that have received higher licensing, i.e. C license or plan to attain higher licensing. The board is looking for a formal process on how coaches will request reimbursement for licensing. In addition, AYSA will look with their grant system whether they

reimburse coaches for fees requested. Greg Gibson added that the Eclipse Club has in the past paid for the C licensing course fee, as they did for Greg upon his completion of the licensing. Sue added that we are trying to find a funding source in order to make a pot of money for additional training for coaches in our club. Sue added that it makes sense for our club to reimburse for the licensing course fee, but not pay for travel and lodging and meals. Sue presented a draft policy but emphasized the fact that we currently do not have money to fund it, but a soccership type of structure of funding could work if we have the sources and energy to dedicate to it. FYSA will reimburse Eric Court for some of his course training in exchange for some goalie training sessions at the beginning of each FYSA session. AYSA does expect coaches to be involved with ODP and other coaching around the state if they considered for reimbursement for training. The general feeling at the meeting was that as a club we should be reimbursing for licensing. In addition it was suggested that we should concentrate on bringing coaches up and working together with Anchorage to work together on coaching education to help alleviate costs. Eric added that it can be difficult to get a minimum of 10 coaches that are needed in a class to be able to offer it. Amy will contact Kay Jones and see about a reasonable pursuit where we could offer possible coaching opportunities with Anchorage, and other clubs in the state.

- Financial Questions– Greg questioned the board why we have almost \$12,000 in our savings, and why we do not move it around and move some of it into coaching education and other areas. Sue emphasized that it is imperative for our club that we are responsible with our finances and always prepare for a rainy day in case we over spent in a year or some larger event or crisis happened where we had to be financially responsible. She added that everything we spend is what we spend from membership dues and the raffle. If we would lose the raffle, we would automatically lose up to \$7,000 in revenues automatically. While the board agreed that we should move some money, perhaps into coaching education, and continue help fund the soccerships, it does not take away the inevitable that both of these programs need a funding source and that the club does need to keep a good portion of our savings safe and be financially responsible.
- Membership Dues - Sue talked about our status on membership dues. Sue broke it down into several different areas. She noted that we definitely want to look at how our gym fees and clinics are being paid. Sue wants to make sure we are able to pay for our gym fees for these. In addition, Sue said our coaches fees were underfunded by \$2,600. The \$100 per team fee did not cover all of our expenses – about \$3000. The Randy Smith port-a-potty rental paid by the club, tryouts cost us about \$1000 for tryouts, advertising and misc. expenses were an addition to what we collected. Tournament fees have gone up on average \$75 per tournament. Since we increased our fees in 2007 to \$175, we have had tournament increases, \$1700, Coach per diem, \$700, fuel allotment for coaches, \$800, raffle profit decreased due to less players in the club this year and the oldest teams not required to sell raffle tickets, due to their short seasons. In addition, with the club support towards coach education, the new Coach league gym time will cost approximately \$1500, along with the individual skills clinic gym times will cost about \$800. The overall increase to our club in spending is about \$6,600 since 2007.

We have not increased our dues in 3 years, If we increase fees by \$20 per player we will raise about \$4000 to help alleviate our expenses.

Sue recommends to the board that the club increase it's membership dues from \$175 - \$195. Dennette Marks made the motion to increase membership dues for the 2011-12 from \$175 - \$195. All in favor. Motion passes.

Eclipse membership dues will be raised from \$175-\$195 for the 2011-2012 season and will be announced at the AGM with a breakdown of club expenses. Sue suggested that we review the membership dues again on a yearly basis. The membership dues are due to the Club Treasurer

by November 30, 2011. Team Treasurers can hand deliver their team check or send it to the Eclipse Club mailbox.

As a follow-up to the earlier discussion on the \$10 player fee to help fund the paid Coordinator positions, Lisa Bishop made the motion to increase team contributions to the coaching coordinator and goalie keeper from \$100 a team to a \$10 per player fee (up to fully rostered teams) . Anita Simpson seconded. All in favor. Motion passes.

Combined Teams / Checking Accounts - We currently have 14 teams in the club; Sue said that teams that have combined age group teams will have to figure out which checking account they will be using for their combined teams.

- 2000 Eclipse B- Team – Anita Simpson shared that a parent has made a request to the executive board about the possibility of the 2000 age group having a B Team, with the large amount of girls at tryouts in this age group. It would be great to keep these players interested in competitive soccer and have additional skills training. If anyone knows of any interested skilled coaches meeting the minimum requirements to coach in the Eclipse Club to contact Amy Geiger or Steph McGinty.
- Coach Coordinator Application Deadline – The application deadline for the Club Coach Coordinator is closing. The executive board will review applications and make a recommendation on the candidate(s) qualified for the position to the general board for approval. The executive board would like to see this position up and running with the many responsibilities required of the position.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Next Eclipse Board Meeting – November 11th, 3:00 - 4:45 at the Morris Thompson Center.

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