

Eugene Metro Fútbol Club

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: November 19, 2007

Location: EMFC Office

Start Time: 6:15 pm

End Time: 7:40 pm

Attendees: Evon Smith, David Davini, Kurt Engle, Flo Delaney, Jurgen Ruckaberle, Mac Wilson, Guy Arbogast

Minutes:

Treasurer's Report

Tax Filings - we have filed our 2006 990. The filing was on-time with our granted extension.

The new HS teams that have just been formed will have all of their revenue pushed into 2008. We want to make sure that the fees and the major expenses are shown in the same year. David and Flo will work through all of that before and as we close our books for 2007.

All of the revenue from the AC-Milan game will be moved into the Scholarship Fund before the end of the year. The event was promoted as a scholarship fundraiser and will be reflected in the books as such.

Flo and Evon still need to take a look at youth accounts to identify players that still owe the club money. Most of the families that still owe EMFC money have made arrangements to pay. Mac, Evon and Flo will continue to look into these issues.

Director of Coaching Report

Little Metros

We ended up with 6 U10 teams. Rick Virgin is picking up this winter by doing U10 practices out at 32nd and Main and will continue to do this throughout the winter.

Rick Virgin also took some kids to Kalamath Falls and won an indoor tournament.

Mac will be doing U10 Futsol and will also be doing footskills. Bear and Mac did an electronic evaluation form. Most feedback was positive with one negative regarding the dismissal of Shane Dasher.

Youth Program

The U11 Azzurri won the President's Cup. Mac is getting a lot of contact from the OUSA U11 boys team. Mac is thinking of doing a tryout and adding to the Azzurri. Most of the Youth teams were competitive in the State Cup but none went through to the quarter finals. Phoenix made the semi finals of the President's Cup but did not make it further.

Coaching Update - Mac will offer the Spirit a coach for the Spring and into the Summer Tournament. Mac will announce in the next couple of weeks a coaching staff for the Spirit. Mac and Jurgen are looking for a commitment from the Fusion and the Spirit for the Spring season.

David is reiterating the fact that we asked the Spirit and the Fusion for a year round commitment at the U14 age group.

High School Program

U16B Fire, U16G Edge and both U18 boys will be attending the Portland Showcase tournament in January. The U18 Black has also applied to the Las Vegas Showcase Tournament in March. They will hear if they will be accepted before Thanksgiving.

The Fire and the Edge are looking at the President's Day weekend tournament in Las Vegas. Looks like the Fire are a go but the Edge is looking to add a few more players in order to go.

Jurgen will do a Fitness test on Dec 2nd and training begins on Dec 3rd.

Allie Johnston has been hired to Assist Dean Smith with the U16 Girls . U15 Boys will have Rick Virgin as the Head Coach of the 'B' Team and Ryan Vilhauer will assist Rick with this team. Nick Leonard will be the assistant for the U18 Black with Joe Beeler.

Mac has asked Jurgen to take on a lot of the organizational tasks for the HS program and has been doing a fantastic job and has helped Mac to be more effective as a DOC. Mac wanted to recognize Jurgen for all of his work.

There will be a supplemental tryout on Nov 27th . There are a number of U15 Girls that are looking for a place to play. Mac is considering forming a U15 girls team depending on the number of girls that come to the supplemental tryout. We'll see what happens at the tryout.

TOP Soccer

Top Soccer begins in 2 weeks. There was an ad in the paper and Mac has sent out flyers. Mac has asked for volunteers from the Youth Program to help with the program. Kick City has donated the field space. Steve and Mac has been trying to obtain a grant from the Oregon Foundation. Steve is helping with the tax information needed to get the donation.

Winter Programs

Foot Skills clinic begins in early December and will be separated by age. There will be 15 total sessions. Coaches will be paid to conduct the clinics. Mac is looking to organize Futsol. We have the Village School Gym on the weekend for Futsol. Mac will be asking for a donation of \$2.00 for club members and \$5.00 for non-club members to help cover the costs of the gym and for a coach to monitor the games.

The board is encouraging Mac and the other coaches to promote the FootSkills clinics to their teams. It is also suggested that we mention the winter clinics in the player evaluations.

DOC Position Update

Steve and Evon met with Mac last Friday, the 16th, to propose a full-time paid DOC position to Mac. Mac will let us know by the first of January.

Fundraising Review

There is general discussion regarding the fundraising that is being done at the U of O. There are questions about how these funds are allocated within the club.

Kim Wriggle has been doing an exceptional job with our Fundraising at the U of O. Kim has been taking a real interest in the HS kids that have been working win the booths. She has worked hard to give the HS kids a mature introduction to the work place and has served as a reference for some seeking jobs.

The Fundraising issue will be put back onto the agenda when Steve Cooney can participate.

Scholarship Review

There have been some questions about granting scholarships for tournaments. Jurgen is asking the board whether we can think about funding tournament fees. Evon is pointing out that we have partially funded regular season fees and that we would consider fully funding seasonal fees before we would consider funding tournament fees for players.

An EMFC family has made an offer to match funds that a certain player has been making in the U of O fundraising. Very creative way to help fund player scholarships, etc...

Evon wanted to remind the board that we are charging all members the full \$300 Spring Fee. There initially were no scholarships for the Spring Fee but Evon has been asked by a number of families about scholarships for the Spring season. The board is hesitant to award any scholarships until we have a firm commitment of the number of players that will participate in the Spring season. Flo is suggesting that we work closely with players to come up with very flexible payment plans for the Spring season.

With regards to the Spring Season, Jurgen is strongly suggesting that we communicate to all youth team players that the Spring Season is a VERY important part of the development of a youth soccer player. The Board is encouraging Mac to stress the importance of the Spring Season. Players will be asked to decide by December 15th whether they are playing or not. If they do not let us know, we will be billing the players for the Spring Season.

Tournament Fees and Policies

We are allowing EMFC teams to deposit money for travel related funds into the EMFC bank account. Team managers did not want to open accounts in their own names and SSN's for certain reasons. Evon is working with Flo and the managers to make this situation work for the teams.

The team managers are asking when tournament fees will be calculated and billed. We will be using our existing format of billing for 15 players at a tournament. There is general discussion regarding the explanation of our fee model to the managers and teams and addressing the concerns of calculating the fees based on actual costs as opposed to calculating the fees based on 15 players. Every team will pay the same for the same tournament.

Board of Directors Election

Flo sent out a list of potential candidates for upcoming board positions. Evon is hoping to slate candidates in December and vote in January. David Davini will contact a potential treasurer and we are looking to bring in a parent of a younger parent.

OYSA Annual Meeting

We need to get our registration in by December 14th for the OYSA General Meeting. The meeting is in Portland at the Lloyd Center Double Tree. Evon feels that it is very important for EMFC to attend this meeting and represent our club. Especially with all the proposed changes in the OYSA organization.

EMFC Annual Meeting

Evon is asking the board to consider a time and a place for the EMFC Annual Meeting. We have out grown the SEHS Cafeteria. We are looking at possibly the Fair Grounds or the SEHS gymnasium. We will look to include the kids and the parents in the meeting. It will be more of a celebration than a meeting.

Next Board Meeting will tentatively be Dec 11th.