

Eugene Metro Fútbol Club

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: June 4, 2007
Location: Smith Family
Start Time: 6:00 pm
End Time: 8:40 pm

Attendees: Evon Smith, Kurt Engle, Guy Arbogast, Steve Cooney, David Davini, Flo Delaney, Parker Nehl, Jurgen Ruckaberle

Minutes:

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer was unable to attend, thus financials were not officially presented, although Evon and Mac reviewed preliminary figures. Flo reported that OYSA should soon be returning the deposit of \$3,000 that guaranteed EMFC teams participation in 2007 State & President's Cups.

Flo sent out financials this afternoon but board members have not had a chance to review. Financials continue to look very good. All statements for Winter/Spring leagues have been sent out and most payments have been received. We are beginning to send statements out for Fall league.

Director of Coaching Report

Youth Program

We have 9 existing youth teams and are trying to form a second U13 boys team. Tomorrow is the deadline for formation. Mac does not feel like this is going to happen. Mac will e-mail Evon, Flo and Lee with the decision.

Mac is very happy with the new coaches and the way that training has been going so far. Not all of the teams are going to Diadora Cup but most teams are. The U13 Real Metro are the only youth team that is not going.

High School Program

The Fire and the Dynamo are playing in tournaments already but the Fury are pretty much done due to lack of commitment. We will continue to train some of the players during the summer.

High School tryouts take place in August this year. Mac is thinking that we will do tryouts in August and a secondary tryout in November. This will help with fundraising for High School participants and to form teams for tournaments in November and February. The tryouts will happen the week before daily doubles. We will need to get information our early in preparation for tryouts.

Mac will be conservative with High School teams and assigning coaches for potential teams. Mac will work to form a High School coaching staff. Realistically, Mac would like to do 4 HS teams.

Mac is still thinking about having a HS Head Coach. This will be decided in the next month or so.

Other Programs

Summer Skills Academy is going well. The Little Metros is going very well and we are still adding kids to the program with two weeks to go. Some of the LM's will be doing our 7v7 tournament as well as the Salem Waterfront Tournament.

OYSA sent an e-mail to our club stating that another club in town had complained about EMFC recruiting players off the other club. The complaint named Jurgen specifically. Evon talked to OYSA and they identified OUSA as the club that accused EMFC. Jurgen and Evon confronted the OUSA coach about the accusations during the 3v3 tournament. The coach somewhat apologized for the letter and said that he would call OYSA and remove the complaint. Jurgen is concerned that his reputation and EMFC's reputation could be easily damaged by a simple letter to OYSA. We will continue to work with OYSA to get the complaint removed. Evon has also sent a letter to OUSA expressing her concern about the complaint and a willingness to work within the soccer community to solve differences.

We have the Summer Day Camp coming up July 16-19. Mostly for kids that are not in the club. Jurgen is asking if it makes sense to also do a High School camp during the summer to help attract HS players to the club. Mac is concerned that there are plenty of HS camps happening during the summer and that there may not be enough interest in the community.

Administrative Update – will be discussed at a later meeting.

Scholarships

Fundraising

Manager's Meeting

Discussion and Action Items -

AC Milan Friendly Update and Plans

Hotel Contracts

Steve Cooney advised of underbooked rooms at one of the hotels for the Diadora Cup; EMFC contracted for rooms with an unusual pre-pay arrangement. In depth problem-solving ensued and Steve will attempt some of the proffered solutions. Board will evaluate use of hotel contracts in the future.

Volunteer Coordinator Proposal

Office/Hiring Proposal

Flo DeLaney reported that there is a new applicant for the bookkeeping position. It was suggested that Judy Boozer, LCC Accounting faculty, help with an interview that would explore the applicant's skill set.

OYSA

Work Session

Evon requested a work session outside of board meeting to discuss possible shifts in workload of managing the club outside of the coaching realm.. While key individuals have pored time and energy into various areas, leadership of those areas must evolve for club sustainability. For example, while the fundraising coordinator is doing a fantastic job, she still needs to touch base with a decision maker often. The board president is the contact for that as well as many other areas. The club has been kick-started by an incredible amount of creative energy on everyone's part; now the next step is needed. Evon and Mac agree that there is a need to review "staffing" and leadership. A July work session was proposed; no date was set.

Since all members will attend the four day Diadora tournament, it was agreed that either the work session or a July board meeting take place there.

Motions:

Minutes from the last board meeting were approved unanimously.