

**Monthly meeting of
Danvers Youth Soccer Association
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
December 2, 2009**

Members in Attendance

Present	President	Jeff Chambers
Present	Executive Vice president	Janet Gargan
Present	Secretary	Rosa Kowalski
Present	Treasurer	Maureen Merritt
Present	Registrar	Sharon Clement
Present	Compliance Officer	Charlie Martins
	DIT Director	
Present	Director of Publicity	Bob Gilmore
Present	Vice President of Operations	Greg Unczar
Present	Fields and Equipment Director	Rich Sterchle
Not present	Safety Officer	Chris George
Present	President of Travel	Loren Rocker
Excused	Player Development Travel	John Barrows
Excused	Boys Travel Program Director	Frank Missett
Not present	Girls Travel Program Director	Al Gianetta
Present	U16-U19 Travel Program Director	Dave Kamens
Present	Vice President of Intramurals	Tracy Smith
Present	Player Development Intranural	Many Lopes
Present	Intramural Tournament Director	John O'Connor
Present	U10 Boys Director	Brian Jordan
Present	U10 Girls Director	Mike Blanch
Not present	U8 Boys Director	Frank Rossito
Not present	U8 Girls Director	Dave Thomson
Not present	U7 Boys Director	Kevin Wood
Not present	U7 Girls Director	Kerry Enos
	Special Events Director	Open
		Diane MacInnis
		Bob Gabel
		Brian Harrison
		Brian Lejevne
		Brian Jordan
		Pam Crum
		Mike Pelletier

Call to order

- Meeting called to order at 7:35 by Jeff Chambers

President's introduction

- Thanks for coming tonight. We have a new board and this is our first meeting. We have a lot of challenges ahead of us. We will miss Jeff MacInnis, Neal Hovey, Diane MacInnis, Brian Harrison, and Tom McNulty. A lot of people will have to step up to fill their shoes. I am very excited about this “new” board. Our focus is to make the DYS program for the kids.
- Terms of communication – we have to work together. We need a lot of planning and setting goals. All intramurals need a standard player evaluation (U7-U10) format and we need to base it on Dave Kamen's form.
- Intramurals – need to work on how to instruct coaches, make sure the due date of ratings are enforced and they should be validated out of the age group.
- U10-U12's ITC ratings are very important. Few coaches take it seriously.
- Travel – a lot has been improved, the major component was coach's ratings. We need to look at who is evaluating. Do we need outside evaluators? Maybe we shouldn't go with one single vendor, open it up.
- We need to operate under a VP of umbrellas, instead of working by ourselves.
- Budgets
 - Finance committee need to be approved
 - committee heads
 - 1 week by-laws change, New Year's Eve is the dead line.
 - Long term committee, not a by-law committee but it's very important, it needs to be activated. We still have some long time planning to do.
- Fields
 - Storage at Gates issue has to be resolved
- Brian Harrison asked about the past president's gift? Maureen replied that she wanted to speak to Diane MacInnis first to get some ideas and she has. Jeff MacInnis will be getting something soon.
- By laws proposals need to be done with a 7 days notice.
 - Charlie Martins wants to add something to the by-laws about self dealings. There have been some financially have benefited being with DYS that are on the board. There are no provisions on our by-laws to discourage that. Article IX must go to X. We need to be careful of cross pollination within

the organizations. Charlie said that we should always have this. We are not in violation, but we should have a conflict of interest in our bylaws.

- Jeff Chambers said that we should be open about things.
- Charlie adds that we do not want to discourage people in helping us. We just need to know.

Secretary's Report

- Previous meetings minutes tabled to next meeting

Treasurer's Report

- Maureen gave the finance report for the month of November.
- Dave Kamens asked if we should allocate some money to the pennies that were lost at the Gates fire. The cost is \$3/per penny and we need at least 200. This amount should not exceed \$600
 - Jeff Chambers makes a motion to approve the cost, Loren Rocker seconds the motion. Mike Blanch and John O'Connor abstained from the motion.
Everyone accepts the motion
- Sharon Clement makes a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, Manny Lopes 2nds it. No oppositions.

Travel

- Loren Rocker needs all rosters and ID's @ 16 Barbara Rd. Process is starting; the numbers at the moment are minimal change.
- January 1st is the discount deadline.

Registration

- Sharon Clement attended a 30 minute course for sports pilot. She will sit with Diane MacInnis to set up for the new registrations.
- Jeff Chambers got his 1st call as a president from a Newburyport family that just moved into Danvers and wants to enroll their son in the spring. Is there a late fee? No late fee for those circumstances.
- Maureen Merritt is still trying to collect some uncollected fees from families.
 - Letters have gone out by US mail
 - Calls have been made
 - There are some special circumstances that she is looking into
 - Payment plans have been initiated
 - Hardship case vs. change of heart
- Diane MacInnis stated that it's always a case by case situation.

Festival

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- The festival raised \$6,700 for Operation Troop Support. They tried new things, Champions provided food for the event and it was very good.

Intramurals

- Tracy Smith stated that there are new tryout forms for U10 have been done.
- Manny wants to put in an indoor training for U8 & U10 at the Armory. This is what he is proposing. He has 19 kids interested in the program.
- Manny also has asked a U7 mixed of girls and boys, but these numbers are low.
- Jeff Chambers asked if this was a DYS program. Manny replied that it was strictly funded thru parents, no cost to DYS.
- Brian Harrison made a point that we include all age groups and the days are equal. Manny Lopes said that he has.
- Jeff Chambers made a point to say that this should be across the board for all ages. No exceptions.
- Manny Lopes said at this moment they are proposing this idea and it's not mandatory.
- Jeff Chambers wants the winter proposal to come back to us at the next meeting.

Publicity

- Bob Gilmore has a deadline
 - Touch line – using it more?
 - He wants to use flyers to help with the numbers
 - He wants to take a survey on how the league is doing. Take some input.

Goals and objectives.

- Please think what the goals are and the connection in the budget process.

Old Business

- Special events – dances. Jeff Chambers it's okay to run an event and break even.
- Bob Gilmore nominates Mike Pelletier to be the special event coordinator, Mike Blanch 2nds it. All in favor, no oppositions.
- Please e-mail ideas before meeting
- Breakers Season Ticket Renewal
 - Should we do it? The cost is \$814.50 for 4 tickets
 - Loren Rocker asked if we used them. Janet Gargan said that were always used and the tickets also included parking pass.
 - Diane MacInnis wanted to know if games were posted on the website. Janet Gargan said that the tickets would always go so quick that they wouldn't

make it to the website. Bob Gilmore would do an email out to the DYS families and the response was quick.

- Diane MacInnis asked if the same families used them. Janet Gargan replied that there were no doubles.
- Loren Rocker makes a motion to approve buying Breakers tickets. Sharon Clement 2nds it. Bob Gilmore Abstained. 13 were in favor.
- Jeff Chambers got an e-mail from the Lacrosse coach about giving our e-mail list to them because the numbers are real low. Jeff got responses as follows:
 - People were concerned if this would be reciprocated
 - Is there an age group conflict?
- Jeff Chambers commented that this is difficult request because the individual who wants it is a DYS coach and he is also on the Lacrosse board
- Charlie Martins and Frank Rossito talked directly about the situation and said that we should not do it. The information is private and not public.
- Manny Lopes makes a motion to tell the coach why not we are doing this, Maureen 2nds the motion. Bob Gilmore and Sturchill oppose, all others agree.

- Jeff Chambers wants to table in town referee program.

- DIT appointment
 - Jeff Chambers nominate Janet Gargan to be the DIT director

- Kerry Eon wants to be active in the DYS, Jeff Chambers appoints her as U6 coordinator.
 - Loren Rocker makes a motion to approve and Sharon Clements 2nds it.

- Committee formation
 - ITC/travel chairs, members of travel

- Finance committee
 - Treasure can not chair
 - Restricted only by board members
 - Chair? Loren Rocker wants to chair? No conflicts?

- Long term planning.
 - Maureen Merritt agrees to roll into the finance committee

- Intramural Committee
- Fields Committee
- DIT Committee
- Scholarship Committee

- Website Committee
 - On going maintenance
 - Options update, interactive
 - Review contents

- Policy statement
 - Sharon Clement to Chair, Loren Rucker, Rosa Kowalski and Bob Gilmore to be the review committee
- Budget Prep
 - All money requests due to Loren Rucker by 12/15

Adjourn

9:55

Respectively submitted,

Rosa Kowalski, Secretary, DYS

Minutes prepared by Rosa Kowalski, Secretary, DYS

Next meeting: January 6, 2009