

**A Regular Meeting of  
DANVERS YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION  
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting  
March 3, 2010**

**Members in Attendance**

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✓ President	Jeff Chambers
✓ Executive Vice President	Janet Gargan
✓ Treasurer	Maureen Merritt
✓ Registrar	Sharon Clement
✓ Secretary	Rosa Kowalski
✓ Compliance Officer	Charlie Martins
✓ DIT Director	Janet Gargan
✓ Director of Publicity	Bob Gilmore
✓ Director- Special Events	Mike Pelletier
✓ Vice President of Operations	Greg Unczar
✓ Fields and Equipment Director	Rich Sterchle
Safety Officer	Chris George
✓ Vice President of Travel	Loren Rocker
Player Development Travel	John Barrows
Boys Travel Program Director	Frank Missett
✓ Girls Travel Program Director	Al Gianetta
U16-U19 Travel Program Director	Dave Kamens
Vice President of Intramurals	Tracy Smith
Player Development Intramural	Manny Lopes
Intramural Tournament Director	John O'Connor
✓ U10 Boys Director	Brian Jordan
✓ U10 Girls Director	Mike Blanch
U8 Boys Director	Frank Rossito
U8 Girls Director	Dave Thomson
U7 Boys Director	Kevin Wood
✓ U7 Girls Director	Sue Dirks
U6 Director	Kerry Eon
Member	Bob Gabel
✓ Member	Ellen Chambers
✓ Member	Brian Harrison
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**Call to Order**

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- Meeting called to order at 7:40 PM by Jeff Chambers
- Jeff welcomed Sue Dirks as the U7 girls Director

## **Secretary's Report**

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- March 2010 minutes reviewed. Bob Gilmore makes a motion to approve the minutes and Janet Gargan seconds it. All in favor, no objections.

## **Treasurer's Report**

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- Maureen Merritt presented the treasurer's reports. She then explained that after the 2010 Budget was accepted, she determined that 2009 Sports Pilot fees and Registration income, that were the basis of the 2010 Budget, had both been understated by \$800. She would like to increase both the Sports Pilot fee budget and the Fall Registration budget by \$800 (\$0 effect on net income). She further explained that because we omitted to submit our 2009 Final Fall Submission to MYSA in 2009, our 2010 MYSA fees will be approximately \$2,500 higher than is reflected in our 2010 budget. She would like to increase the MYSA Fall Budget by \$2,500 in anticipation of these expenditures.

### Motion:

Loren Rocker makes a motion to increase both the Sports Pilot fee budget and the Fall Registration budget by \$800 and to increase our MYSA Fall Budget by \$2,500 to be shown separately as - \$1,250 in 2009 Final Fall Late and \$1,250 in 2010 MYSA Fall. The motion is seconded by Bob Gilmore and passes without opposition.

### Motion:

Loren Rocker makes a motion to accept Feb, 2010 Treasurer's reports. The motion is seconded by Bob Gilmore and passes without opposition.

## **DIT Report**

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- Janet Gargan gave a report on the DIT. We have 132 teams registered, 14 more teams than last month. At this moment we have no U16 teams, from Portsmouth we have 27. All the e-mails have been sent out to everyone, permits are done. Beverly is still waiting for permission. Tracy is getting quotes for t-shirts. Mike Blanch is watching for the best prices for the t-shirts. Sharon is taking care of the concessions. Sharon is having Champions to do food. Boosters, none have approached her nor she has approached them. In April, they will have a separate meeting on the food.

Right now we do have 132 teams registered compared to 182 last year. Al and Charlie will help on scheduling, maybe Dave Kamens and Manny Lopes too? DIT is looking for Sponsors for sportsmanship awards. It's approx \$1K. Sue responded that last year, there were businesses very interested but there wasn't time. She is going to look at her last year's notes and see who it was. The cost would cover that each game would have 2 medals per game. Hampton Inn offered discounts for teams that weekend to stay there.

Janet asked: Concessions, are we doing Champions? Is there a fried dough contract at the high school? We need to find that out.

## **Registrar's Report**

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- Sharon Clement said that we have 804 players registered. There are a lot of U6 players.
- We got \$1200 for the fall registration and \$1300 for the spring registration.
- To be qualified for travel tryouts, you have to be registered and you have to have paid.
- Jeff said that Sharon should meet with Loren to go over the tryout date.
- The intramurals late fee is the first Saturday of July.

- Sharon said that we should be advertising for registration. She said that we should use banners, blast emails and the Danvers Herald and Salem Evening News. Also, distribute flyers in the elementary schools.
- A hardship waiver was requested. Members of the Executive Board are keeping the name confidential. A more formalized concept will be brought to the board. It will be a 3 person review.
- We will report how many waivers we are going to grant.

### **President's Report**

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- Greg, Tracy and him were at the lacrosse meeting. Lacrosse needs 1 night during the week at Thorpe, exclusive use on Sunday 4/25, which they want to do their own grand opening. There are no issues with the request. Lacrosse wants Tues and John Barrows needs to look perhaps Monday nights?
- Frank and Greg said that the field will be okay to start playing. They were thinking of using JV field at John George? Brian Harrison said that they can't use it because of baseball. Should be able to work out something because it's before 10:00 am.
- Lacrosse and soccer should work together and go to town and ask for field permits together. We share space and need it.
- Bruce Eaton couldn't come because he needs to get permission from the Vets council. He is trying to prevent soccer games on Memorial weekend. He is not empowered to meet with us. Jeff had conversation with him and he is still upset. Jeff stated that we will work with anyone to protect that weekend.
- Operation troop dinner is Saturday, 3/6/10. Anyone interested it's \$20/dinner @ 6:30, three spaces available.
- Regarding the U12 "playing up", a member formally informed him about the policy that MYSA, ECYSA had. There are no rules about playing an age group up. Issue at hand was that these players were "not" registered in DYS and declined to play and only wanted to play if they did move up. DYS has played up and in the future as situations dictates will or will not. There are no restrictions for playing up for each age group. Loren Rocker says that players should have resources to find this information out. It should be stated on our web site some guidelines. The whole player development needs to be defined.

### **Fields and Equipment Director**

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- Greg Unczar read Frank Missett's notes that he had sent prior to the meeting.
  - DYS Fields usually meets with the town prior to spring season to talk about field conditions and any plans DYS has for field improvements for the year.
  - Met with the town Superintendent;
  - In Attendance: Chuck Farrell, Brian Harrison, Rich Sterchele, Frank M., Greg Unczar.
  - **Gates;** Field 2 closed this spring due to the poor condition. Slice Seeding and aeration done in late November should help grass grow back. Goal mouths on Field one seeded late Fall. For spring paint one U12 Field inside goal mouths on Gates Field 1, suggestion from Town to chain up the Full sided goals to the benches, using a gates lock.
  - **Thorpe;** usage same, move goals off the fields when not in use
  - **Smith;** cut back brush on back field; make a porta-pottie pad with stone base by the back field. Fill in holes on front field. Irrigation lines need repairing.
  - The town is planning to repair the holes at **Plains Utility** field which would help field conditions for DIT tournament usage.

- **Aggie** request to fill the holes.
  - Requesting permit for Saturday am fundamentals at JV, and Sunday after noon time.
  - **Town fields open April 15.**
- 4/10 travel starts and intramurals will start on 4/17. Brian H put in permits for 4/10.
  - Jeff Chambers asked if they had any expenditure reports for Thorpe and the storage shed at Gates. Greg did ask for some nets for the full sided at Thorpe and it would cost \$4K. Brian H said that there are some at John George that no one is using and they could be moved to Thorpe. Greg had said the storage issue has not been worked on yet. They are looking at private vendors to help. They have found a Verizon vendor that will reshingle the roof and fix the shed.
  - Jeff Chambers asked Greg and Frank to reach out to lacrosse to see what is happening. We need to get a low profile shed at Thorpe.
  - Brian H would like the long term planning at Gates to be dug up and make it a regulation field, same as Thorpe. The long term planning/finance would refurbish Gates parking lot at Gates, asked Janet. Brian H. responded that the lot is all driven by the historical society.
  - Rich Sterchle did say that they have taken inventory of soccer balls and pumps. They need some authorization to buy some more supplies. DYS always has plenty at the beginning of the season and by the end it's 40% lower than it was. Loren asked about first aid kits. Jeff Chambers said that we need to clean out and get brand new ones. On 4/8 we are going to have coaches meeting at the high school cafeteria and we are going to pass out equipment.
  - Greg Unczar did say that the CPR dates are 4/13 and 4/15 (Tues and Thurs) from 6-9. It's going to be basic CPR.

#### **Travel committee**

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- Loren Rocker said that we did get a number of registered players. They are going to do a blast e-mail 3/28 to help. He did go see the U14 player that tried out for Mike B. team and he was good. Loren asked people to come to his meetings and not just the player evaluation ones. Jeff Chambers did request that the meetings be more than 48 hours notice, one week would be good. The big priority right now would be the tryout dates, so they won't conflict with softball. Jeff Chambers asked about the movement of the U14 girl down to a U13 team, what was the result. Loren did say that he has not heard from the parents. Jeff Chambers just said leave it be and let the girl stay where she is.

#### **ITC**

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- Tracy and John O'Connor not present.
- Jeff did ask Sharon Clement what kids are not assigned yet. There are some intramurals not assigned and need to get on a team. Jeff asked Sharon to work with Maureen, Tracy, Manny and Loren to do this.
- Mike B is waiting for Lynnfield to get back to us with how many teams that they registered. Right now Lynnfield has U10 – 73 girls (6 teams), and U10- 45 boys (4 teams). MYSA is always 6 vs 6. Jeff Chambers said go with 11-12 in a roster and play 6vs6. Schedule double headers for Danvers if Lynnfield won't do it.
- Make sure Sunday @ Gates are done by 5:00, that's when our permits end.
- 4/8 is when there are U7 referee training classes begin (6-8 coaches meeting, 7-8 referee class).

## Director of Publicity

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- Bob Gilmore did go to registration. He got a trifold from Vesey photography, banner, and magnets. The banner was a great deal from Blanch and Son. It cost us \$200 and it was a great deal.
- Bob is planning to go to open houses at schools. He is planning to go to the pancake breakfast this Saturday and set up a table.
- 4/6 to 4/13 the banner will go up down town. Printing costs are way up. He's going to go to No Shore tech. He will have on the flyers, president message, what fields we use and fundraising, Breaker's tickets, travel tryout dates, and about the DIT.
- Thanks Mike Blanch for your help!

## Website committee

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- We want to make registration information more clear on the website and add more pictures.
- We have to get the kids in PreK interested. After that, they lose interest. We have to coordinate it to be a small group.
- Do we want to do something for kids under the age of 5? What about the YMCA field? If we get enough interest we will do it.
- Sharon Clement has spoke with Mark Jones on the frame work of the web site. She needed to get a idea of the cost associated with the changes.
  - Cost will go up with an individual team changes.
  - How should we proceed with this?
- Jeff Chambers responded that we should first decide what to do and put a proposal. Have a couple high and low range. We should have league content, team page, without cutting out information. Sharon said that some one should be the gate keeper. Bob Gilmore would like an interactive one

## New Business

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- Special Events
  - Mike Pelletier planning a Revs and Breakers night. There is a silver level in which you can buy 200 tickets for \$4200 for 4/10. They are also giving out some extra's:
    - 30 kids get to go rally
    - 100 merchandise pieces- water bottles, key chain
    - VIP hospitality
    - Ticket rebates - \$2/This all can be e-mail blasted, a player can even come to our town. The face value of these tickets are \$34/each and it would cost \$21/ticket. Jeff said it would be nice to be revenue neutral – to break even. He was looking at 5/15 for a spring game and has not picked one for the fall.
- Jeff Chambers said there is 2 dz kids coming to the referee class. They are going to get a whistle/socks and a t-shirt. They are going to double schedule them and rotate them. The DYS logo will be on the chest.
- Charlie is revising the NEATCO agreement and is in the process of finishing it up.

## Adjourn

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10:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Rosa Kowalski, Secretary, DYSA.  
Minutes prepared by Rosa Kowalski Secretary, DYSA  
Prepared on 4/04/10

**Next Meetings**

April 7, 2010 at the Polish Club