



**Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes for January 15, 2024 – 6:30 PM**

Call Meeting to Order/Roll Call – Dathan, Jared, Dana, Rich, Kelsie, Katie, Elizabeth, Traci, Jeff, Tom, Laura

Not present – Jennifer, Stephy

Additions or Corrections to the Agenda/Approval of previous minutes

Visitors: None

Treasurers Report (Dathan):

- Summary of tournament financials provided.
- Jennifer to clarify intention of Schwan's Rec. check (adult league donation vs. tournament donation).

Presidents Report (Jared):

- Thanks to all who helped with the tournament as it was successful.
- By-laws voting process was revised and sent out to BOD a few weeks ago. Discussion on adding language to include how to proceed when voting members of the same household do not agree on their collective vote. Updates will be subject to the electronic voting process by BOD.

Executive Director Report (Dana):

- Last year, ZOOM Meeting held prior to season to answer questions. Discussion on value of going back to in-person meeting. Parent/Coach meetings to occur at the same time. Ideas on locations discussed, potentially Shriner's. Tentatively looking at March 18/19th @ 7pm.
- Competitive registration fee increased to \$189 last season. Rate to remain for Spring and Summer 2024 seasons.
- Rec. registration fee to stay the same for Spring Rec.
- Brooke Wilcox hired to assist with Supervision at Matchbox.

Director of Coaching Report (Jared):

- 13 attendees of first Grassroots Coaching Course. Positive Feedback from attendees. 2nd course to occur at the end of the month. For certification, both courses must be completed.
- Good feedback re: teams being able to practice in the Aberdeen Dome.

Vice President – Competitive (Rich):

- Sioux Falls Jr. DASC, all Aberdeen teams were denied entry
- 3 boys teams heading to Brookings
- 1 boys team and 1 girls team heading to Jamestown

- 1 girls team heading to Mandan
- 5 boys teams heading to Tri-Valley tournament
- 1 girls team heading to Kids n Coins

Vice President – Recreational (Kelsie):

- Nothing

Communications Director Report (Katie):

- Discussed new ideas for resources for rec. coaches as well as the differences in Rec. vs. Competitive.

Referee Report (Tom):

- Scoreboard problems at the Geffdog tournament. Controller seems to be the issue. Watertown has 2 scoreboards in storage that they may be willing to sell.
- Tom's State Board District Representative membership is up for term. If anyone in HCSC is interested please notify Dana. Meetings occur quarterly via Zoom.

Sponsorship Report (Jennifer):

- Not present.

Fundraising Report (Elizabeth):

- Split Pot at the tournament was successful.
- Taco Johns fundraiser is set up for August.
- Raffle ticket fundraiser discussed.
- Discussed options for garnishing volunteers. Potentially increasing opt-out fee and tracking which participants don't complete volunteer hours and billing at the end of the season.

Tournament Report:

- Summer Dacotah Bank Cup
 - Typically held the 3rd weekend of June which would be June 21-23rd this year, however the Tri-City tournament is that weekend. Discussed moving the date to May 24-26th or June 14-16th. More research into other regional tournament dates, events in Aberdeen, etc. needed to make a decision on moving the tournament date.
 - Registration fees are tentatively set at \$350 for U8, \$500 for U9/10, \$550 for U11/12, \$600 for all others. These registration fees are on track with other regional tournaments.

Recording Secretary (Traci):

- Nothing

Equipment Manager (Jeff):

- Nothing

TOPSoccer Advisor (Laura):

- TOPSoccer

- Aberdeen School District approved a flyer to go out in Peach Jar at no charge. Family Support 360 contact as well as Aspire contact have been sent the flyer to share. Emails have gone out to Groton Principal.
 - Website and social media to be updated as well.
- Apparel
 - Data to be gathered from Geffdog re: top sellers for decision on updates to the Team Store.
 - New uniforms to be ordered for Spring season. Majority vote for main colors was blue and white.

Old Business:

- None.

New Business:

- Adults have inquired about time in the Dome and the associated cost as well as how the \$500 Schwan's Rec. donation will be applied in relation to their fees. Clarification needed on the breakdown of fees and time in the Aberdeen Dome.

Next Meeting: February 12, 2024

Meeting Adjourned 8:00 PM