

Connecticut Junior Soccer Association – Central District
Minutes of Meeting held November 19, 2008

Attendance: Tom Skarbek, Paul Barbagallo, Yves Poulin, Garret Ratcliff, Adam Kievman, John Riley, Cliff Parker, Maggie Girard, Ron Filipek, Dean Rustic.

Tom Skarbek, District Vice-President opened the meeting at 7:40pm.
Minutes accepted for September and October meetings.

Reports

Registration:

Clubs can now sign up and register players on the Blue Sombrero System. This should be done as soon as possible. A number of clubs also need to register the club. This needs to be done ASAP so clubs will be able to register players. There are some difficulties with registering players. Some functionality is not yet in place, for example, clubs cannot currently collect payments online or print rosters and passes. Blue Sombrero is working to get everything set up. Any questions should be sent to Lori at the CJSA Office.

League

All reports for the Fall season are in and standings are finalized. There were not a lot of issues. To address the late trophy issue, the initial order was sent for teams that provided the needed information on time. Deadline of 11/20 set for those without info. If information is not in by then, the team will not get trophies.

Referees

Referee recertification is in full swing. Club referee assignors should encourage referees to recertify as the numbers are down. See CTReferee.org for information on recertification clinics.

Premier

Clubs have been billed for \$35 per team referee assignment fee for the Spring and Fall. This should be paid to the CJSA Office.

Registration

There are special requirements for registering players without U.S. birth certificates. Ron Filipek will send information to club registrars. It is important to keep these requirements in mind and start early to make sure foreign born players can be registered and rostered on time.

Treasurer

The current bank balance is approximately \$46,000.00; Any outstanding bills have been paid. This amount will grow as soon as fall registrations are paid and distributed. The suggestion was made to put some of the funds in CDs in order to create a scholarship

fund as well as to earn some interest. There was general agreement that this should be pursued.

District Web Site

The District is entitled to a website on the Blue Sombrero system. The cost would be \$199 to set up and \$55/mos hosting fee. The group discussed that this is substantially more than clubs with sites are currently paying, for example – Berlin, which houses the league site and the state referee site. It was decided that Paul Barbagallo will talk with Jim Brown and have him talk to Ron. Ron will then make a recommendation to the District. A special meeting will be held in January to review recommendations for a District website and determine the content.

District Scholarship

The Application form distributed with the meeting reminder was reviewed and approved with one change: add accredited post high school institution. There was agreement that the CJSA Office will review the application essays and the District would need to provide instructions to the Office on weighting of the criteria. Also, the information would need to be verified and, if necessary to make selections, the District could require an interview. Primary objective for first year is to generate applications.

Meeting Schedule

After discussion, the consensus was that the regular meetings for next year will continue to be scheduled for the 3rd Wednesday at 7:30pm at Pitkin Community Center, Wethersfield in February, March, June (2nd Wednesday), August (2nd Wednesday), October, and November.

State Report

District VP Meeting Re: Recreation

The District VPs met with Marc Glass. They discussed need to do more for recreation players. Possible activities are a tournament and a recreation plus league.

State and Connecticut Cup

State Cup finals for the Spring will be May 31st; CT Cup finals will be June 13th.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Girard, District Secretary