

Central District Minutes
3/18/2009

Those in attendance: Cliff Parker (Cromwell), Garret Ratcliff (Farmington), Autumn Zank (Glastonbury), Robbie Rickert (Manchester), Dean Rustik (Plainville), Joe Balskus (Portland), Sylvie Poulin & Anissa Aglieco (Rocky Hill), Tom Skarbek (District VP), Ron Filipek (Berlin) and Artur Kapuscinski (Newington).

Score:

Malcolm Kersey attended to give a presentation on the SCORE uniform line.

Tom advised that he had received the Revolution tickets and would be passing them out to those attending tonight's meeting. He also noted that only one parking pass was forwarded with the tickets (instead of a parking pass for each game), which means that it will need to be passed on to each club as they make plans to attend their chosen game. Tom will send out a list of the games with the contact for each game.

Boston Breakers:

Tom has received the information from the Breakers for ticket purchase. Discussion was had as to the support of the Central District for this team. After much discussion, it was decided to purchase 210 tickets @ \$14.00 each for the July 12th game (which game will be televised on FOX Sports) and each Club in the district will be offered 10 tickets. Each Club will be advised of the date and asked to respond by May 1st if they are interested in the tickets.

League:

Ron advised that **March 27th** was the last day for team entries. He noted that one-half of the teams in both districts (Central/North Central) had submitted their entries. He also advised that the scheduling meeting was set for **Tuesday, April 7th** (girls teams-6:00 p.m. and boys teams at 7:15 p.m.), to be held at the Crowne Plaza hotel in Cromwell (on Route 372). There will be one room for coaches and two smaller rooms set up for field coordinators. It is requested that **NO** food or drink of any kind be brought into the hotel. He advised that the cost to hold this meeting will be approx. \$2,000 and that we will need to decide how we are going to raise the funds to pay (possible fee increase/charging U/9 & U/10's).

Central District Scholarships:

Tom advised that four (4) applications had been received for the scholarships, and reminded everyone that the deadline is April 1st.

TopSoccer:

Tom advised that Cromwell was starting a TopSoccer program. The district approved a \$500 donation towards the funding of said program.

Finance:

Tom advised that the balance on hand is \$77,400.00. He also advised that CJSA has not taken the amount owed as of yet, and also advised that not all clubs had paid. Ron advised that a number of towns owed for all their registrations and that a few had made partial payments, but balances were due. Those owing in full are Newington, Portland, Htfd Youth, East Hartford, Burlington, New Britain and Bristol. Those owing partial amounts are Harwinton, Middletown and Plainville. After much discussion, it was decided to give a March 27th deadline for payment or said clubs will not participate in league play. Tom will advise these Clubs of the deadline.

Risk Management:

Robbie advised that CJSA had picked Choicepoint as its background check vendor and that CJSA would be covering the cost of background checks for volunteers. She also advised that each club should be diligently checking to be sure that ALL volunteers register. She stated that once she is actually shown how the process works, she will be going to all districts to speak about the procedure.

Referees:

Tom advised that there is a referee assignors meeting scheduled for April 6th at the Rocky Hill Community Center at 6:30 p.m.

Coaches/Licensing:

Tom advised that there is a clinic being held at Southern CT State University on March 29th. Also a National License course is being held at St. Joseph's College and that young players (U/6-U/8) on March 28th and March 29th.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robbie Rickert