

MECHANICSBURG SOCCER CLUB

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Minutes of February, 2007 General Meeting of Membership

ATTENDANCE

Board	Key Volunteers	
X Shane Flemming (President)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annette Moshgat (concessions guru)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
X Neil Fowler (1 st V.P.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jody Kleinert (Rec Registrar)
Layne Lebo (2 nd V.P.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
X Dennis Moshgat (Treasurer)		
X Scott Tochtermann (Secretary)		

Others in Attendance:

Annette Moshgat, Jeff Nye, Chuck Roesner, Dilwyn Knott, Jodi Kleinert

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Club President, Shane Flemming .

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes from January meeting were approved: Dennis motioned to approve, Shane second. Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Dennis reported that a \$15,000 + deficit is being projected for 2007. A large component of the increase in expenses is due to the professional training that has been budgeted for travel and rec – a combined \$31,000. Neil inquired regarding the possibility that the Club may incur other training fees than what has already been budgeted and that the \$31,000 number may be lower than the ultimate cost for training for all of the age groups affected. Shane stated that there are significant equipment needs at the U6 level, including new goals (18' x 6'). The cost for the U7/U8 rec training was discussed in detail.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: N/A

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Neil Fowler provided the following information:

- The Club is actively engaged in the Harrisburg City Islanders Pro Pass ticket promotion. Sam Jones is working on securing sponsors – total cost is \$1,500.
- Field dimensions clarification - a chart was circulated clarifying the appropriate field sizes for small sided and regulation size games.
- CPYSL has reviewed the Club's Code of Conduct following discussions at the CPYSL annual meeting. CPYSL has requested that we add a line our Rules of Conduct to include a statement to cover associated leagues and associations that the soccer club and teams may fall under during play. A revised Code of Conduct was submitted to the board for review/approval.
- Neil attended the CPYSL competition meeting on Feb. 21. Coaches are encouraged to attend this meeting to help that their team is placed at an appropriate competition level. If coaches cannot attend, they should seek assistance from Neil or another board member who can represent the team's interests at this meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Shane stated that the Club needs to seriously consider a fundraiser to address the increase in professional training costs. Professional training fees are relatively new expenses to the Club, therefore the Club needs to new methods for raising revenue. The financial options before the Club are: 1) cut training fees, 2) utilize cash reserve and keep training fees, 3) raise revenue through a fundraising effort in order to sustain professional training and avoid relying on the cash reserve and / or raising registration fees.

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- Shane offered a detailed explanation of the ABC fundraising tool. Scott inquired regarding the up-front costs to the Club – Shane responded that they are very minimal.
- A discussion followed concerning the Club reserving a booth at Jubilee Day in order to introduce the ABC fundraiser. Dennis inquired regarding the possibility that the fundraiser would not be successful – Neil responded that the cash reserve would be able to meet our short-term needs for 2007 if this were the case.
- A discussion followed concerning the best time to initiate the fundraiser on a broader scale – Fall vs. Spring.
- Dilwyn expressed concern regarding the Club's registration fees, the amount of the Club's cash reserve, and the need for training for the younger age groups U6-U8.
- Scott and Neil responded that there is strong justification for professional training at the younger age groups, the cash reserve is not relatively large considering long-term expenses (i.e. maintenance costs of new fields that are in development) and our registration fees are very much in line with other area clubs.
- Neil suggested that the Board form a strategic planning committee to make specific recommendations on the Club's future revenues and expenses.
- Dennis agreed to make modifications to the budget and circulate to the rest of the board. The Club has received a check from C.J. Tires for \$270 and all of their promotional soccer balls were distributed. In addition, the Club received a \$500 check from Angelos for the Player Passes.

COORDINATOR'S REPORTS, OLD BUSINESS AND NEW BUSINESS

- It is important for the soccer club to have a representative attend the Park and Recreation meetings. Decisions are being made that impact our club and we need to have a presence to make sure those decisions help us for the future.
- Spring soccer is scheduled to start on March 18th. There are 186 kids signed up this year, which is a significant increase from the 140 or so from last year.
- Soccer clinic will be held at high school gym on March 17th at 10 AM. This will be an attempt to introduce some basic concepts to newer players. Clinic is open to anyone registered for spring soccer.
- Discussion was held on Fall Soccer Registration. The form produced by Shane was approved with some minor modifications suggested. Debate was held on the exact format of U7 and U8 levels. When do we introduce goalies was a concern. It was decided that the exact format will probably be determined by the number of players signed up for each age group.
- Travel try-out schedule will be finalized by Shane. Try-outs will be schedule for week of April 16th and be held at Friendship Park. Supernova will administer tryouts for the Club.

NEXT MEETING:

Scheduled for March 29, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Tochterman
Secretary, Mechanicsburg Soccer Club