

SWYSC – BOARD MEETING – April 9, 2008

Members Present: Pete MacDonald, Juergen Klingenberg, Melody Holiday, Ray Bobbitt, Debbie Lehane, Jeff Geller, Kathy Bobbitt, Woody Pendergast,

Members Absent: Joe Powers, Pete Loyola

Members arrived late: Skip Parry, Steve Dorsey, Rob Blunt

Motion made to begin meeting at 7:16 by Melody, Pete MacDonald seconded.

May Day – going good. 98 teams so far.

Miguel – Saturday – opening of Art Show. Went very well. Very overwhelmed. Over 150 club people on Saturday, over 100 on Sunday, not as many from club. Miguel feels that soccer is an art of some sort. Show open for 1 ½ months at Artworx.

Approval of minutes – Ken made a motion to approve minutes, Ray seconded.

Player decision – Player from the U12 boys to be released. The Club needs to get policies ASAP in place that parents sign and are aware of at the time of registration. Pete Loyola as the coach of the said player agreed to release the player.

John Jayco contract – most in favor – Dan explained the concept of how the contract with John started. John had two kids in club at the time. He maintained fields when the contract the Club had with King ended. King was only responsible to mow. No area mowing, no garbage picked up. John agreed to take contract over. He developed the back fields 4-5 yrs ago and John was instrumental in getting this done. John picks up garbage, lines fields, “baby sits” fields. Price has not changed over the past years a whole lot. John expenses are not the only expenses there. Chips Landscaping is now doing the sprinklers. Dan feels we can take competitive bids in the fall. Not now when things need to be done. Spend money on weed and feed and takes special license. Jim Collins give us good discount on doing this. Jim does weed control, pest control. That is also an independent contract. Dan will not line fields for under 10 games. John will decrease his fee if we take on lining fields as a club for the 2008 season which usually runs April 1<sup>st</sup>. and ends with first snow, October, early November. As long as fields are usable. Don’t have to worry about Spa Catholic this fall. Daniels Road is the first place to become available to play on. The back fields are playable.

Dan agrees the Club can set up bids, but this really need to be done in the fall. Ray asked how much of total budget is the Daniels Road field. Motion to approve by Pete MacDonald to accept John’s contract for \$11,673, Ken seconded. John recommended Collins Turf Services. John suggested to just seek approval for application 1 & 2. Melody made motions to accept first two steps of Collins Turf, Skip seconded. Dan will talk with John and Collins regarding the other items in Collins Turf bid.

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Dan wanted to make a statement as to the importance of Daniels Road. We cannot play on Gavin Park until they let us. Daniels Road was very important to the club. With the development of Gavin Park, field we paid to develop are now being used by baseball. Kathy stated that Shenentaha now has Gavin Park for their home field. Can we state as a club that we need so many hours every year, Kathy asked? Last year there were many problems with practice times. Pete will check with Steve Porto regarding the first right of refusal. Make sure people are at the Wilton town meetings, if Ken cannot be there. Dan feels that it is necessary and budget it and make it a top class facility. We need to raise money off Daniels Road. We need small group of people to look at Daniels contract.

May Day – Woody trying to see if we can incorporate something in the shootout or some other aspect. Ray feels that we should do the shootout for the U10's and possibly the older group for speed gun. Woody and Dan meet. Dan starting next Monday to line the fields, April 14<sup>th</sup>. He wants to start getting fields in 2 weeks before tournament at Gavin. Dan is doing Daniels Friday 4:30 – 5:00pm. Monday night at Gavin with layout and grand plan. I will send out Email to ALL. Fields in week of April 14<sup>th</sup>. One coat spray paint down. Dan stated that someone needs to step forward and take painting job on. Paint twice at first, then twice before the May Day. Joe Drosky has done this in the past. Brendan will help if he is notified by Rick to line fields. Dan does not come back after 1st time to paint fields. Dan does layout and paint crew starts that day painting fields. Dan ordered new machine. Initially with spray cans, then put real paint on field. April 14,15,16th finish coat on fields. Before the tournament, Dan does the modified fields in orange. These will need to be painted Saturday after May Day for the modified games on Sunday. They are inside the large fields. One white modified, 4 orange fields. Another crew Thursday before the tournament to put the goals in position. 4 sand bags per goal. Steve has inventory of Daniels and Gavin – 21 x 7 goals at Gavin. (modified) goals. How many sets from Daniels are needed to move. Mel to check with Steve Scheidt regarding painting at Gavin.

Kathy – Golf Carts for May Day. No body without drivers license will be driving the golf carts. Kathy will be pulling player cards if a player is found driving one.

Need portopotty at Daniels Road. Dan just ordered today and will be delivered Friday. Dan got waiver on them at the cost of \$8 month for SWYSC will not be responsible for any damage while they are at Daniels Road.

Juergen – 5 confirmed sponsors for May Day. Waiting on Adirondack Trust, Saratoga Honda. Need to get banners ordered by April 15<sup>th</sup>. Did anyone ask Allerdice? A count on trophies is needed to be ordered, plaques, Sue Charbonneau. T-shirts U12 and up, U10's get participation trophies. Goalie boys and girls/ shooter/ Shooting gun – 8 trophies for boys and girls. – Juergen to call Mary Anne at CDYSL to see number of t-shirts they ordered for Empire Cup.

Afrims/Soccer Unlimited. We would charge a Vendor fee of \$500. Melody to call Luigi Anaconda , Deb will check with them. Pete to talk with Steve.

Miguel introduced Allison and her husband. Both are soccer players coaching younger kids. They are very anxious to work with the Club next year. Allison has studied the manual cover to cover.

Treasurer's report. – Debbie is trying to do budget for next year. Cash flow type program. She would like to break up into monthly cash flow. See where total amount is. Form finance committee and combing through it. Skip to demonstrate cash flow. Debbie likes that she can put out reports from Quick books. Deb can give figures, Ken will help with Budget. Finance committee to go forward. Vote on June meeting to go forward with Budget.

Daniels scheduling go through Jeff? Most of the older teams are at Gavin. U10's at Daniels. Put out email to all coaches and managers to put up reserve times at Daniels Road. MUST be on calendar for practice at Daniels or you are not allowed to play at Daniels Road. Daniels Road main front field has 2 halves, 4 practice spaces in back. There are no goals, no set fields. Dan stated there are 4 modified fields. 2 full are 4 modified. U10's have priority at Daniels Road. 4 young teams at max can practice at one time. 4 half fields on front. In back 2 maybe. Ray suggested that no more than 4 teams at any one time at Daniels Road. Juergen to play with reservation set up.. Check with Jeff. Pete to check with Steve at Gavin regarding the fields and our usage time. Until the new fields open not enough space at Gavin. Proposal by Steve to purchase set of modified goals for Daniels to use to set up 2 modified fields on back. Have 12 sets of full size goals. Need 14 total. Gavin has 3 modified goals. 2 broken – Daniels has 3 sets. Need one set. Steve motioned to buy set of goals for Daniels – J-pro the best price, quick goal the best goal. Nets are universal. Set of goals for \$1,200 – \$1,400. Not to exceed \$1,600, Rob seconded. John willing to get goals at Gavin and get them welded. Dan stated that John just wants to be appreciated, not really recongnized by club for the work he does at Daniels. New goals will be delivered to Gavin.

Ray figuring out Players selection committee. Quality of coaches are going to determine the quality of the club. Start to go back to current coaches, head coaches, trainers. Need background investigations done before coaches selection. Where they desire to coach. Who is interested where. Pete asks how word is to get out for current coaches. Ray will contact coaches currently. Skip had some contact information from Nisky. The Club to hire Sarah Cooper to pick up team and work with them. Need to tie up some ends. Switching out old blood for new blood. Age group trainer thing does not work. Need a good coach of the A team, but also need good coaches for the B and C teams. This could potentially be a parent. The age group trainer would train all groups in that level. But the Club still needs the coaches.

Ray trying to push talented coaches further down the pyramid. Want best coaches training the younger kids. Dennis can get data dump from the current players and how it plays out for next year. Possibly go single aged teams. Will they work or not? Coaches selections made by mid May. Do it on a staggered basis. Two weeks prior to the tryouts set the coaches. Players and families know who the coaches should be at the time of tryouts.

Registration – Kathy thinking of things wrestled with during registration this year. Will not put child on roster without payment in full. All paper forms on line. NO registration will go through without consent signed by the parents pledging their volunteer time. What does medical release form really need to incorporate? The form currently authorizes coach who is designated to seek medical attention for the child if taken to the hospital. This is just for limited medical treatment. There currently are Name, DOB, signature, allergic to something, insurance information. All medical releases need to be LOOKED at carefully by each coach. No emergency contact information is currently on the Authorization form. This should include emergency number. Generate Club President auto response welcome letter. If Kathy is on line under time constraints to register a player, the parents do not see the consents. Kathy WILL NOT register player on line this year. All players will have to be registered by the parents. The Club needs to get play up policy on line. All policy and procedures need to be up front on web after May Day. Come to tryouts knowing information is easily accessible. Where the May Day Banner currently is can be replaced after May Day with Policy and Procedures – in that spot.

Deb Powers can we make the forms more standardized. Fill in the blanks for each team. What fees are expected. Different from registration and Pre registration online. Mass letter sending out after May Day. Need to have pre reg form at time of tryout. Registered players are covered under the Clubs liability insurance until Aug 2008 for tryouts. How are new players, are we liable? Can we put something on the pre reg form regarding liability and that they are not covered?

Pete MacDonald wants to set up registration to send few extra dollars to club to help others. Sign up form to put in registration as to what other volunteer information can families give us beside May Day.

Special sessions for fitness – Rob a part of that. Proposal Dennis sent out to start next Tuesday, Rob cannot get up and running by Tuesday. Rob would like to get with Miguel and Ray and Dennis. Motion to adjourn made by Juergen, Skip seconded at 9:50pm.

End of Minutes for April 9, 2008

Signed: Melody Holiday, Secretary