

Saratoga Wilton Soccer Club Board Meeting Minutes

July 16th, 2024 @ 8:00pm

Attending: Sarah Schenone, Kiersten Owen, Richard Snyder, Kyle Quinn, Kasey Lemos, Rachel Uccellini, Mike Mangini, Ed Cubanski

- Approval of [SWSC Board Meeting Minutes - June 2024.docx](#)
 - Richie motions, Rachel seconds
- Member Business
 - [Call for Leadership Saratoga Project Submissions for the Next Class](#)
 - Adding to APM agenda (see below)
 - Annual Planning Session [Draft Agenda](#)
 - Nechtman Family
 - SWSC will be contributing to the family fund after their loss.
 - Dedication on their behalf (uniform patch or May Day nod)
 - Donate to their fund page or provide meals
 - Training session with proceeds to the family
 - ACTION ITEM: Sarah to pend for further discussion and determination.
 - EDP Inquiry
 - Kyle has been approached by members of other regional teams (Greenbush, Latham, Bspa, Plattsburgh, Calcio, Kraj and Coliseum) to create an upstate bracket with them. Their concerns:
 - Attrition and retention concerns
 - Trying to be mindful of fair competition w/ the opponents.
 - Dissatisfaction with CDYSL management
 - They have been meeting w/ an EDP representative to determine how the logistics would work.
 - Would be Spring 2025, but move to Fall and Spring after that.
 - This would be Club-based (invite only and committing a min # of teams) vs. Team-based
 - First year, we'd need to commit to (2) U10 and U12 divisions, (1) U14, U16 and U18 (each boys and girls)
 - Those teams would effectively be leaving CDYSL and how would that adversely affect things whether we join or not (and would there be any concern for us in doing so too)?
 - Could potentially be a springboard for national league participation
 - ACTION ITEM: Sarah and Kyle to collate high level summary into Slack for review.
- Registrar's Report – Rachel
 - Numbers below
 - Program registration work being done by Rachel and Sarah in prep for season registration opening in coming weeks.

Travel Program Registrations														
2024-2025: 508														
2022-2023: 485														
Division	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	2022-2023 Total Year Registrants	2023-2024 Total Year Registrants
U8 COED	20	24	3	2	2	0	0	1	2	2	0	0	46	56
U10 BOYS	25	25	2	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	53	56
U10 GIRLS	21	10	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	32
U12 BOYS	28	35	4	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	69	72
U12 GIRLS	18	20	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	45	44
U14 BOYS	30	23	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	62	58
U14 GIRLS	16	10	4	4	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	37	36
U16 BOYS	24	18	2	4	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	46	52
U16 GIRLS	12	10	5	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	29	29
U18 BOYS	14	17	5	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	30	41
U18 GIRLS	15	4	2	2	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	28
U19 BOYS	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	3
U19 GIRLS	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	1
Total	223	196	33	19	16	1	2	5	7	6	0	0	485	508
Team Placements														
2024-2025: 561														
2023-2024: 548														

○ Referee Fees

U8 Celtic	\$100
U8 Boca Juniors	\$50
SWSC U8 Dynamo	\$30
SWSC GU10 Chelsea	\$90
SWSC GU9 Valencia	N/A
SWSC GU10 Arsenal	\$30
SWSC GU11 Blue Storm	N/A
SWSC GU12 Lightning	N/A
SWSC GU12 Reign	\$37.50
SWSC GU14 Inter Milan	\$362.50
SWSC GU14 FC Barcelona	\$80
SWSC GU16 CF Monterrey Blue	N/A
SWSC GU16 CF Monterrey White	N/A
SWSC GU17 FC Barcelona	N/A
SWSC GU19 Blue	\$540
SWSC BU9 Roma	\$30
SWSC BU9 Juventus	N/A
SWSC BU10 AC Milan	N/A
SWSC BU10 Rangers	N/A
SWSC BU10 Celtic	N/A
SWSC BU11 Manchester City	N/A
SWSC BU11 Madrid	N/A
SWSC BU12 Rangers	N/A
SWSC BU12 Celtic	N/A
SWSC BU12 Dynamo	N/A
SWSC BU13 Young Stars	N/A
SWSC BU14/13 Santos	\$320
SWSC BU14/13 Galatasaray	\$160
SWSC BU15 Cruz Azul	N/A
SWSC BU15/16 United FC	N/A
SWSC BU16 Palace	\$95
SWSC BU19 Villa	
	TOTAL: \$1,925

- Coaching - Kyle/Adam
 - Rec

- Short on #s compared to other years. Partially related to conversion (230+ in Spring season where we're normally around 300).
 - Kyle's looking at the way Rec is structured in the Fall.
 - Coleman's leaving Bspa to join us.
 - Coaches is a major hurdle, so Kyle and Coleman will be structuring training and then providing mentorship to the volunteer Coaches. Developing the Coaches will be like harvesting the player development.
 - Looking at more of an academy structure, which will also help their transition as they convert to travel.
 - Richie could do some video compilations to help draw some buzz.
 - Possible recruitment with older players too
- Travel
 - Lots of teams and more Coaches than ever (6 net new: Boston, Skidmore, ex pro from Colombia)
 - Proactively ensuring each team has at the least an associate Coach to prevent over extension.
 - Kyle and Robb are meeting w/ all coaches in each age group to break down the structure of the season with them.
 - Effort to right size rosters to ensure that there's proper numbers to field teams throughout the year.

ACTION ITEM: Rachel will connect w/ Kyle to determine which grassroots trainings are needed.
- Tournaments and Events – Sarah
 - Nothing to report
 - Kyle floated the idea of reviving Jingle Bell Cup or something to fill Jan-Feb time slot. More as opportunity for our teams vs. a money maker.
- Scheduling and Facilities - Kyle/Adam
 - Adam continues to work on securing gym time, without much success.
 - Another hurdle is the number of Zone 1 teams that impact the ability for Zone 2 teams to have space.
- Fundraising and Sponsorship – Richie
 - A couple new sponsors (Spectrum, law firm).
 - Still summarizing May Day financial impact here.
 - Mary Querbes offered to write grants for us as needed. Lots of low hanging fruit we could get here, so this should be a real asset.
- Social Media– Richie
 - Last round of May Day and Paul Brock Scholarship posts.
 - Rallying around soccer.
 - Coaching profiles would be great as fall approaches.
 - Suggestion to use Veo clips.
- Communications and WWW - Sarah
 - Nothing to report
- Manager's Report –Steve
 - Season prep in the works for the next crew.
- Treasurer's Report – Brandon
 - Slack update
- Subcommittees
- New Business
 - Need more Veos and someone to manage them.

Next Board Meeting: August 13th, 2024 at 8:00 pm via Google Meet.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 10:10pm