

Saratoga Wilton Soccer Club Board Meeting Minutes

October 8th, 2024 @ 8:00pm

Attending: Sarah Schenone, Richard Snyder, Kyle Quinn, Rachel Uccellini, Mike Mangini, Michael Vaillant, Ed Cubanski, Brandon Querbes

- Approval of [SWSC Board Meeting Minutes - September 2024.docx](#)
 - Ed motions, Richie second. All in favor, none opposed.
- Member Business
- Board Business
 - [3 Month Preview](#)
 - Food Drive for Wilton Food Pantry
 - Good time for a new collection of gently used cleats, gear ahead of the Thanksgiving trip to Costa Rica.
ACTION ITEM: Sarah to craft comms and logistical details re: food drive for Wilton Food Pantry
ACTION ITEM: Richie to prep service for December.
ACTION ITEM: Rachel to organize around the collection of items for CR.
 - Financial Aid and Gift of Support
 - Historically has been applied to Club vs. Team costs.
 - Need to be clear in communications on what it includes or doesn't.
 - Also need to consider where Treasurer involvement and maybe even Manager Liaison expertise could be utilized here in place of Managers.
 - Need Manager liaison who is ideally a Board Member to handle sensitive situations.
ACTION ITEM: Sarah to draft more formal process for FA coverage for next year.
 - Kyle still seeking Chicago convention attendees (sooner rather than later to get best rate). Mike may be interested in a few days.
- Registrar's Report – Rachel
 - Rachel's pulled together a new process for building rosters based on tournament deadlines.
 - CDYSL league play has new roster size restrictions that may impact our teams and Rachel's roster builder process.

2023- 2024 Roster Sizes and Limits

At the 2023 AGM, the Board adopt the USYS roster limitations (Rule 205. Roster Limitations) for player/team roster registrations. For CDYSL League play, the previous CDYSL roster size and limits will remain the same.

Age Group	Max/Min Roster Size USYS Player Registration	Max/Min Roster Size CDYSL League Play Game Day	# of Field Players CDYSL League Play
U8	22*	14/6	2 squads – 4v4 (no keeper)
U10	22*	14/5	7 v 7 including keeper
U11 & 12	22*	18/7	9 v 9 including keeper
U13 & 14	22* 8 Club Passes	22/9	11 v 11 including keeper
U15 & 16	22* 8 Club Passes	22/9	11 v 11 including keeper
U17 & 19	22* 8 Club Passes	22/9	11 v 11 including keeper

* Game Day Roster Size is 18 players

Minimum # of Players to Start a CDYSL Game

Age Group	Minimum Number of Players
U8	1 squad – 3 v 3 (See also U08/10 Rules)
U09 & U10	5 players
U11 & U12 (9v9)	7 players
U13-U19 (11 v 11)	9 players

Updated 9/1/2023

ACTION ITEM: Rachel to get w/ Jan to figure out how to align to that properly.

- Safe Sport requirements and those who need to complete them have been passed to Kyle and Robb. Anders is on schedule to cover himself for Technical Training.
- Nordic Hotel blocks were secured for the taking. There will be a spreadsheet circulating soon to have Managers start socializing to their teams.
- Priority for Afrim's Winter 1 is to get unregistered players registered ahead of that.
- Coaching - Kyle and Robb
 - Travel -
 - From Robb: Coaches are starting to meet w/ teams and team meetings. Winter Session 1 starts 11/5.
 - Lots of roster movement, Fall Only kids transitioning over to full year. We're at the point where Coaches get together and look at their rosters to level things out as the seasons progress.
 - Kyle will gather Coaches by age groups to talk about roster moves.
 - SafeSport obligations for the newer Coaches need to be done, only a few remaining.
 - Kyle wants to start a job posting for all levels of Coaching. We could use around 6 new Coaches (to try to keep the saturation at 2 teams per Coach).

ACTION ITEM: Need job description and to determine next steps here. Sarah and Kyle to collaborate.

- Working on getting Contracts signed. Need to ensure we have an Approved version of it.
 - Need to confirm latest version w/ Kiersten and then put to Board for confirmation so Kyle can distribute it.
 - Need to ensure that the language in the Contract includes a clear expectation around the Coach needing to manage all aspects of their team for the season.
ACTION ITEM: Sarah to socialize file in Slack for Board review and signoff and to craft language to set expectations.
- Rec
 - There's a large (skill) gap from Rec to Travel and we're doing the Rec kids coming over a disservice by only offering the giant leap to Travel.
 - Lower level Club teams are more like Rec+
 - We need to find an in between type of product for those who want more than Rec but aren't at the caliber of the higher club teams.
 - People moving from Rec want higher caliber Coaching.
 - Limiting the Club level teams we have and moving those middle kids back to a bigger, more robust rec program?
 - With our shortage of Club coaching, we have a lot of new families and new Coaches at the same time, which isn't optimal.
 - We need to focus in on the overall goals of the club here.
- Tournaments and Events – Sarah
 - May Day planning, meetings on the calendar.
 - Should have Vincek commitment in the next 2-3 weeks.
- Scheduling and Facilities - Adam
 - Charb's Contract and Afrim's Negotiations (Ed provided in Slack).
 - Latest Draft Winter schedule was socialized to the Coaches for review.
 - Draft was reviewed by Kyle and Robb, who sent notes back for some improvements to maximize on the use of space and skill building for larger age groups (9v9 and 11v11).
 - Are all Zone 2 teams getting at least one session at the Dome?
 - Can ages be grouped together?
 - Not oversaturating the teams in a given space (ex: U11)?
 - Next step is a second pass draft (likely taking the above into consideration).
ACTION ITEM: Ed to reach out to Adam to determine if/what Contracts are being negotiated and/or signed at the Dome.
- Fundraising and Sponsorship – Richie
 - Updated our letter in preparation for new year fiscal cycles.
 - Mary Querbes has volunteered to help w/ some grant writing. Binder was handed over and we're here for questions.
 - First aid kits and more.
- Social Media– Richie
 - Richie would be happy to do a Player of the Week.
 - He's prepping for a Coaching spotlight. He'll reach out on Slack.
- Communications and WWW - Sarah
 - Maybe switch to monthly summaries? Focus around season transitions.
 - Team of the week, team of the month?
- Manager's Report – Steve
 - Rachel's working w/ him now.
- Treasurer's Report – Brandon

- Richie, Rachel and Brandon met to update the Account signers (adding Richie, removing Ed). Performed some housekeeping on the accounts.
- Rogue Manager accounts prevent us from being able to close the accounts. He's trying to get an inventory on that and to determine next steps.
- Wired \$ for Veo.
- Tax returns were filed. Reinhart did a nice job.
- Coach payroll (equal installments Sept to June), done in September. Everyone who's provided tax forms has been set up. Brandon provided a list to Kyle to encourage them to get set up so they can get pay scheduled.
- Subcommittees
 - Mentor/Mentee Program
 - Robb running point and will report back.
 - Bylaw Update
 - Kiersten to provide update.
- New Business
 - SWSC Org Structure
 - Fast follow once the bylaw items are ironed out.
 - 2025/2027 Team Uniforms
 - Determination made and reported back to our soccer.com Rep.
 - Possible sponsorship opportunity through Deathwish Coffee.
 - ACTION ITEM: Mike and Richie to connect.
 - TeamSnap Club-wide Subscription
 - Rachel has meeting on 10/9/24.

Next Board Meeting: November 12th, 2024 at 8:00 pm via Google Meet.